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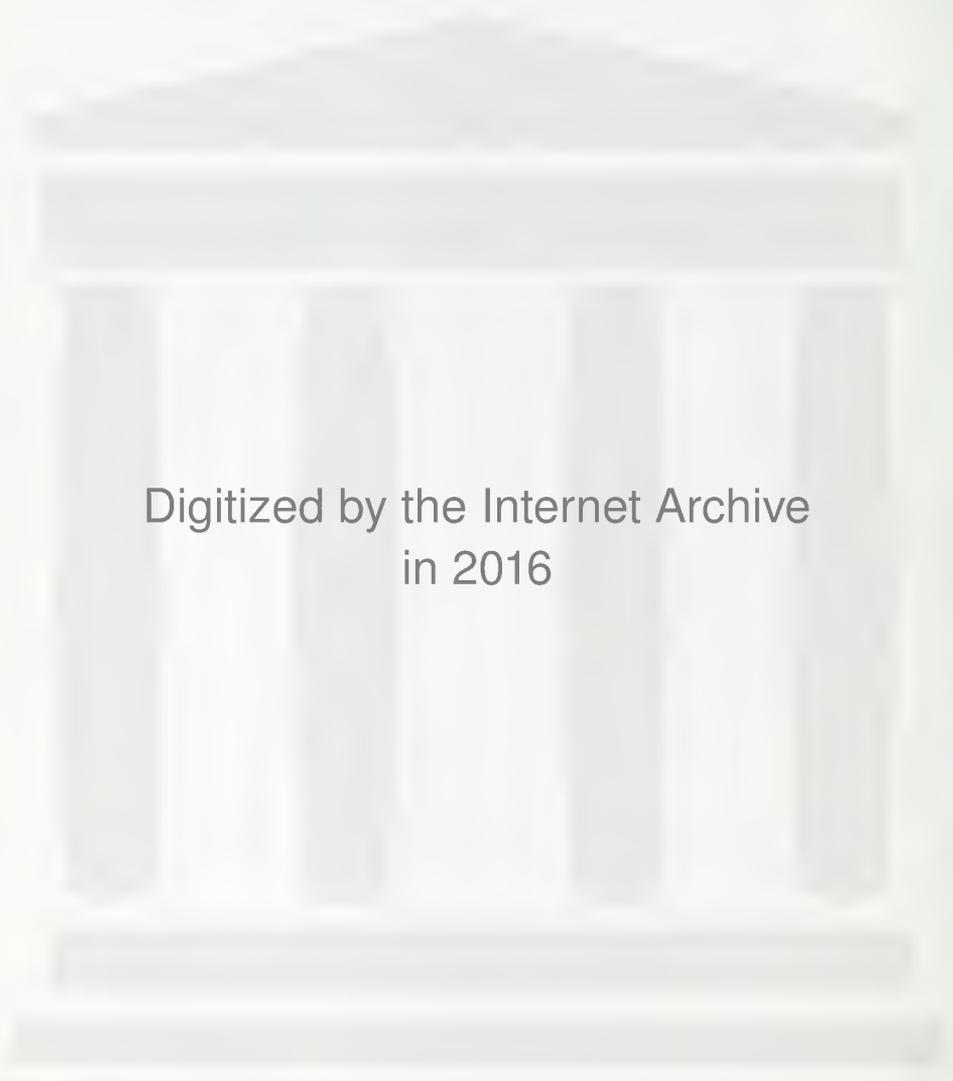
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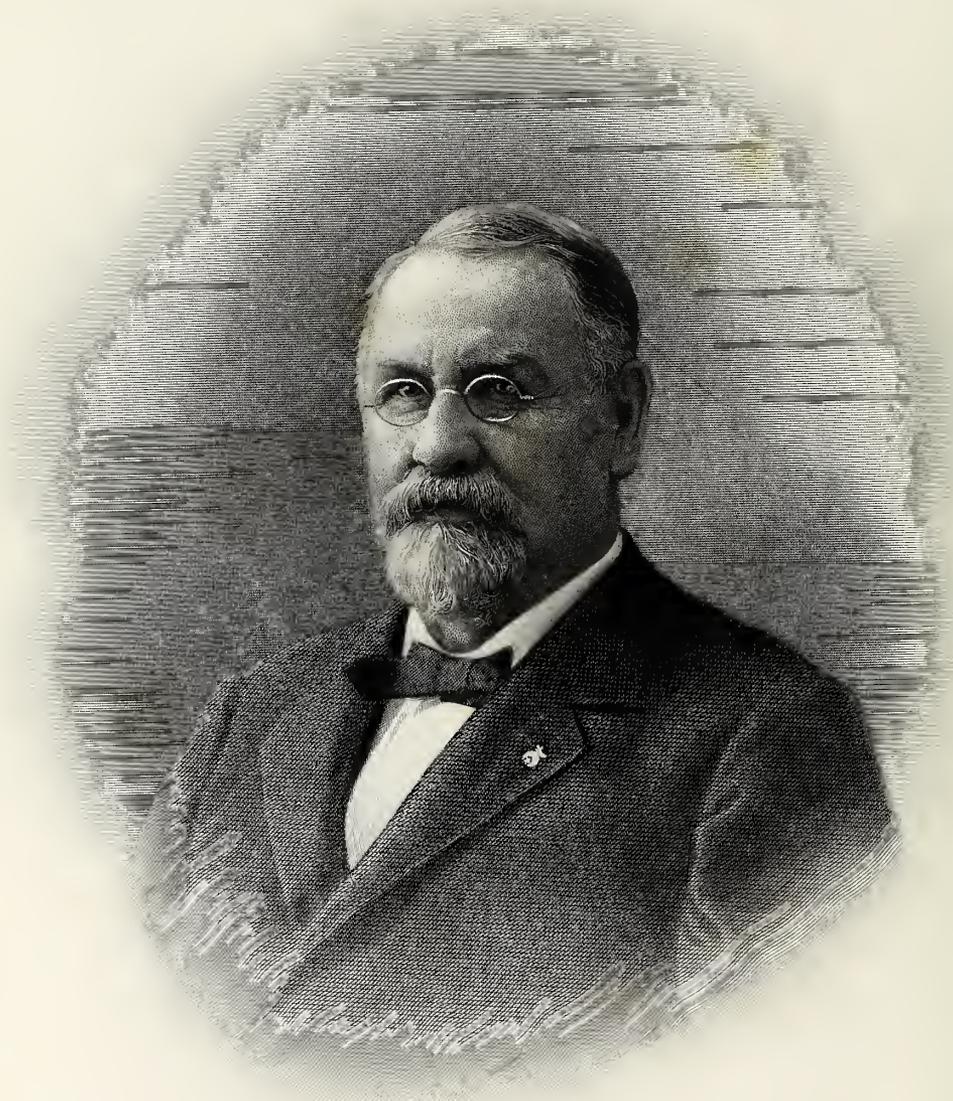


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## PREFACE.

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UT of the depths of his mature wisdom Carlyle wrote, "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." Believing this to be the fact, there is no necessity of advancing any further reason for the compilation of such a work as this, if reliable history is to be the ultimate object.

Eastern Ohio has sustained within its confines men who have been prominent in public affairs and great industrial enterprises for almost a century. The annals teem with the records of strong and noble manhood, and, as Sumner has said, "the true grandeur of nations is in those qualities which constitute the greatness of the individual." The final causes which shape the fortunes of individuals and the destinies of States are often the same. They are usually remote and obscure, and their influence scarcely perceived until manifestly declared by results. That nation is the greatest which produces the greatest and most manly men and faithful women; and the intrinsic safety of a community depends not so much upon methods as upon that normal development from the deep resources of which proceeds all that is precious and permanent in life. But such a result may not consciously be contemplated by the actors in the great social drama. Pursuing each his personal good by exalted means, they work out as a logical result.

The elements of success in life consist in both innate capacity and determination to excel. Where either is wanting, failure is almost certain in the outcome. The study of a successful life, therefore, serves both as a source of information and as a stimulus and encouragement to those who have the capacity. As an important lesson in this connection we may appropriately quote Longfellow, who said: "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while we judge others by what they have already done." A faithful personal history is an illustration of the truth of this observation.

In this biographical history the editorial staff, as well as the publishers, have fully realized the magnitude of the task. In the collection of the material there has been a constant aim to discriminate carefully in regard to the selection of subjects. Those who have been prominent factors in the public,

social and industrial development of this community have been given due recognition as far as it has been possible to secure the requisite data. Names worthy of perpetuation here, it is true, have in several instances been omitted, either on account of the apathy of those concerned or the inability of the compilers to secure the information necessary for a symmetrical sketch; but even more pains have been taken to secure accuracy than were promised in the prospectus. Works of this nature, therefore, are more reliable and complete than are the "standard" histories of a country.

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# GENEALOGICAL AND FAMILY HISTORY

OF

## EASTERN OHIO.

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### GENERAL ASAHEL W. JONES.

General Jones traces his ancestry easily and directly back to the Pilgrims, his first American progenitor having been Thomas Jones, who came over in the third voyage of the Mayflower in 1629. Thomas Jones was born in 1598, and on landing in America settled at Cape Ann, now Gloucester, Massachusetts. The next in succession was Benjamin Jones, who was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, July 31, 1651. He located in the Springfield, Massachusetts, settlement known as Enfield, which subsequently became a part of Connecticut. His son, Lieutenant Thomas Jones, was born in Enfield in 1680.

Enfield was permanently settled by a colony from Massachusetts in 1681, and the territory embraced within its boundaries belonged to Springfield, Massachusetts, for several years. The location was first known as Fresh Water Plantation, afterwards receiving the name of Enfield. Tradition says the settlement being remote from Springfield was called "end-of-the-field," which by contraction became Enfield. The Enfield colony continued under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts until 1749, when, in connection with the towns of Suffield and Woodstock, they severed their connection by a bold act of secession, and joined with Connecticut and there continued. This was done by electing Lieutenant Thomas Jones a member of the Connecticut legislature from these towns. He made application for admission as a member of the Connecticut legislature, and was received as such and sat in the general court of Connecticut for 1750, and since that date, Enfield, Somers and said other towns have been recognized as part of Connecticut, although the boundary line which ceded these towns to Connecticut was not

permanently settled between Connecticut and Massachusetts until 1808. This Lieutenant Thomas Jones was the fifth back of General A. W. Jones.

His son Thomas Jones was a lieutenant in the Cape Breton expedition. The fourth from A. W. Jones was Captain Israel Jones, born in Enfield, March 18, 1716, and who saw hard service in the Indian wars. He was a captain in the state militia and one of his sons, also Israel Jones, was a lieutenant under Washington at Valley Forge. The title of colonel was added after the Revolutionary war, when he was made a colonel in the Connecticut State militia. The elder Israel's son, William Clark Jones, great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born at Barkhamsted, Connecticut, May 9, 1760, and was a corporal in Captain Clark's independent company at Lexington Alarm. He was later in Captain Peter Perrett's company of Colonel Webb's Regiment, Seventh Connecticut Rangers, engaged in ranging about and protecting Boston. His next service was in a company commanded by Captain John Skinner, in Colonel Lattimer's Connecticut Regiment of the State militia. During this service, with his brother Samuel, he was at the battle of Saratoga, at the surrender of Burgoyne. His next service was as a member of Captain John William's company in the regiment commanded by Colonel Obediah Johnson, in which service he completed his war record.

William Clark Jones, with his brother Thomas, removed to Litchfield, Herkimer county, New York, in 1791, where he remained until August of 1802, when he removed to Hartford, Trumbull county, Ohio, where he settled, and died there, November 25, 1841. Subsequent to his settlement at Hartford he was granted a pension by the general government for his Revolutionary service.

Moses Cleveland was also a lieutenant in Captain Peter Perrett's company, above referred to, and was afterwards appointed surveyor general of the Western Reserve by the Connecticut Land Company, and in whose honor the city of Cleveland was named, and in honor of whose memory the citizens of the city of Cleveland erected a monument, which stands upon the public square.

The record of Revolutionary service breaks here in this distinguished line of men, and the next in line, William Jones, born in Barkhamsted, Connecticut, on October 3, 1785, took up the peaceable occupation of farming, in which occupation he was engaged until the time of his death, at Hartford, Ohio, March 21, 1852. However, the patriotic family was destined for more of their country's conflicts, and the next in line, William P. Jones, was born in Hartford, Ohio, July 11, 1814, and served three years as a soldier in

the Civil war. He died at Youngstown, Ohio, April 22, 1891. He was one of the Trumbull Guards, at Gallipolis, in which capacity he served for three years.

We now come to him whose name heads this review, and though the line of warriors and pioneers behind him is long, one to be justly proud of, General Asahel W. Jones' personal career has been full of achievement in whatever work he has undertaken. The mother of General Jones was Mary Jane Bond, born February 25, 1816, at Avon, New York, died at Youngstown, Ohio, February 14, 1882. She was a daughter of Nicholas Bond, formerly of Hebron, Connecticut, later of Sandisfield, Massachusetts, and of Avon, New York, and who settled in Hartford, Ohio, in 1832. She was married to William P. Jones, March 1, 1836, at Hartford, Ohio.

General Jones was born in Johnsonville, Ohio, September 18, 1838, at which place he lived until he was ten years old. His common school education was supplemented by an academic course in the Western Reserve Seminary at Farmington, Ohio. In 1857 he commenced the study of law with Curtis & Smith, of Warren, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar September 27, 1859. For a short time he practiced his chosen profession at Warren, but when oil was discovered at Mecca he removed to that place, continuing there until July 5, 1864, when he permanently located at Youngstown, Ohio. His early practice was principally confined to protecting the rights of individuals, as against large corporations, and he was so successful that within one year in but three cases he recovered judgments aggregating one hundred thousand dollars. His vigorous action gave the corporations, large railroads, and transportation companies an object lesson which, coupled with protective law, taught them the necessity of exercising the utmost care and vigilance in protecting private property and human life.

Disliking criminal practice, he has confined his endeavors to the settling of civil actions, and for the past twenty-five years has been almost constantly employed as a retained attorney and general counsel of the Pittsburg & Western Railroad Company and attorney for the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Companies. Mr. Jones possesses those qualities of mind that make a successful lawyer, and his mental powers are sustained by a physique that is almost colossal. His mind is wonderfully receptive, his memory broad, retentive and tenacious, which places him in a position to almost instantly fathom the merits of a case, a gift which but few possess in so marked a degree.

In 1880 Mr. Jones was a delegate to the national Republican convention at Chicago, Illinois, and aided largely in the nomination of President Gar-

field. For many years he has been a regular attendant of the state conventions of his party, usually as a delegate; and there has been no campaign for many years without his being called upon to take the stump, not only in Ohio, but in other states.

He was one of the organizers of the Ohio State Bar Association in 1880, and became its fifth president, succeeding such great lights in the legal profession as Rufus P. Ranney, Stanley Matthews, Richard Harrison and General Durbin Ward. So interested has he been in that association that he has never missed but one annual meeting, always taking an active and influential part in its deliberations and determinations.

He was one of the committee selected to draft the constitutional amendment, and the bill to establish a circuit court, and secured its passage through the general assembly of the state of Ohio, and a ratification of the constitutional amendment by the people. At the time there was much opposition to the establishment of a court intermediate between the common pleas and supreme courts, but now the wisdom of its adoption is conceded by all. Mr. Jones has for many years maintained a membership in the American Bar Association.

He has never sought or desired office, but in 1895, in the Republican convention at Zanesville, Ohio, he was unanimously chosen for lieutenant governor of the state, and though he protested most emphatically, he was induced by his numerous friends to accept the nomination, and at the polls was elected by a large majority. Two years later he was again nominated and elected, thus serving two full terms. It is probable that one of the most powerful influences that determined him to ultimately accept this position was his great esteem for Senator Foraker, who personally requested him to accept, and for Governor Bushnell, who headed the ticket. Governor Bushnell and Mr. Jones had become warm personal friends while serving on the staff of Governor J. B. Foraker, during which time Mr. Jones was judge advocate general of the state, holding the rank of brigadier general.

He was the principal factor in the organization of the Second National Bank of Youngstown, in which institution he is a director and large stockholder. Another enterprise that was suggested and brought into being by his efforts is the Dollar Savings & Trust Company of Youngstown, in which he is also a director. General Jones is now engaged, as president of the Youngstown & Southern Railroad Company, in constructing a line of railroad from Youngstown, Ohio, to East Liverpool, Ohio.

Outside of law, business and politics, his recreation is a magnificent farm of six hundred acres, within easy distance of the city, which is well





MRS. P. W. JENNETTE (FALMER) JONES

equipped with buildings, implements and stocked with a superb herd of short-horn cattle and high-bred horses, which instead of being an expensive luxury yield a fair profit.

When the Ohio militia was organized, during the dark days of the Civil war, Mr. Jones became a member of Company A, Fourth Regiment (Trumbull County Militia), was elected captain and commissioned as such by Governor David Tod. With his command he was present at Cincinnati with the "Squirrel Hunters" in 1862.

Ann Jennette Palmer was born at Ripley, New York, June 16, 1840. Her parents died while she was quite young, and she went to live with an uncle, Harmon Locy, at Hampden, Geauga county, Ohio. At the old Kingsville Academy, where both she and Mr. A. W. Jones were attending school, they met and afterwards were married, September 24, 1861. On her maternal side she was of English descent, the grandmother being born in London. From her father she inherited the good blood of New England, her paternal grandfather going from Litchfield, Connecticut, to Delaware, Ohio, where he was a recruiting officer during the war of 1812. Her maternal great-grandfather journeyed westward from Fairfield, Connecticut, entered the historic Wyoming Valley, and built the first mill in said valley. Here the grandmother of Jennette Palmer was born, and during the terrible scenes of massacre by Butler and his savages, she saw her brother, who was a lieutenant in the colonial army, and her father, killed. The mother, Jennette Palmer's great-grandmother Williams, took this child, with two other small children, and made a successful escape and journey of three hundred miles through the wilderness to their old home in Fairfield, Connecticut.

The sturdy, vigorous ancestry of Mrs. Jennette (Palmer) Jones revealed itself in her sterling character; unostentatious and with no desire for personal publicity, she was peculiarly a woman of the home, and a friend to the needy. It has been truthfully said of her that "The motto by which she lived, and from which she influenced those with whom she came in contact, was 'whatever you do, do it the very best you can.'" It was in her home, among her books and serving those that needed her, that her life was beautifully passed, and came to its close June 2, 1901.

To General Asahel W. and Jennette Jones were born the following children: Kate Mary, born February 4, 1865, and married Robert A. King, September 1, 1891. He was born at Kinsman, Ohio, September 25, 1862, and is at present professor of modern languages of Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana. William Palmer, born June 30, 1868, died at Youngstown, Ohio, March 17, 1891.

In 1861 General Jones was made a member of Old Erie Lodge, F. & A. M., at Warren, Ohio, subsequently took a demit to Western Star Lodge, at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1864; was there made member of the chapter, the council, and St. John's Commandery No. 20, at Youngstown, Ohio, and of the Al Koran Shrine at Cleveland, Ohio.

General Jones is not the oldest member of the Mahoning county bar, but he has for a long period of years been one of the most able, conscientious and trustworthy lawyers of the commonwealth.

In 1902 General Jones published a volume entitled "History and Genealogy of the Ancestors and Descendants of Captain Israel Jones." This volume of three hundred pages and sixteen hundred names covers a period from 1629-30 to 1902, and upon it much time and money were expended; it is a credit to its author, L. N. Parker, of Wick, Ohio, who compiled it for General Jones, and of much interest to the family therein treated. General Jones has one of the most extensive private law libraries in the country and excelled by no other private law library in Ohio.

#### SOLOMON KLYNE.

Connected with the life of this octogenarian farmer of Berlin township, Mahoning county, is much history of the earliest settlers of this part of Ohio, and in the course of this sketch a number of characters well known to all residents of the county will be mentioned. The first of the name with whom this writing will deal was Phillip Kline (as the name is often spelled), who was the keeper of a famous old tavern in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and his sign of the "Barley Sheaf" was known far and near to all who sought good cheer. He was several generations removed from the original German ancestor.

Abram Kline, the son of the innkeeper, was born in Pennsylvania in 1770, and died in Youngstown at the age of forty-six years. There were six children in his family: Polly, the wife of Conrad Neff, had twelve children, and seven of them reached maturity. Sarah became the wife of Daniel Everett, and they had six children. Betsy married John Neff, a brother of the Neff before mentioned, and they had five children. Jonathan, the eldest of the sons, will be spoken of in the following paragraph. Solomon, who was a wealthy stock-dealer for those times, was born in 1800 and died in 1884, when nearly eighty-five years of age. Peter Kline was also a wealthy farmer and stockman in Liberty township, Trumbull county, and was accustomed to drive large numbers of cattle and horses across the Alleghanies to eastern markets; he owned some very valuable animals, some worth as





*S. R. Lyne*



MRS SOLOMON KLYNE.



much as one thousand dollars; when he died at the age of eighty-eight, he left a large property to his two sons and two daughters.

Jonathan Kline, whose name was mentioned in the above family, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1796, and died at Canfield, Ohio, July 28, 1871. He followed farming and stock-raising, and after his marriage settled near New Buffalo, Canfield township. He began on two hundred and sixty-two acres in the woods, but eventually became the owner of four hundred acres, on which he raised large herds of cattle, but seldom drove them to market, finding ready sale at home. In 1822 Mr. Kline was married to Miss Elizabeth Arner, who was born in Ellsworth township, October 2, 1806, the daughter of Phillip Arner and Susan Broadsword, and as the latter were people of prominence in the county, it will be well to say something of their history.

Phillip Arner was born in Pennsylvania in 1776, and was married in 1801 to Susan Broadsword. In the following year he came out to Ellsworth township, this county, and bought two hundred and sixty acres of land on Meander creek. His small clearing is said to have been the first in that township. After building his log cabin he brought his family in 1804, being compelled to cut a road from Canfield to their place, and for some years they were obliged to keep their live stock well housed to protect them from the prowling wolves. There were eight children in their family: Peter, Eliabeth, Chloe, Lewis, Mary, Caleb, Daniel and Eli T.

Five sons were born to Jonathan Kline and Elizabeth Arner, as follows: Solomon, whose life will be described in the following paragraph; Gabriel, who was born on July 3, 1826, is a retired farmer in Youngstown, and his eighty thousand dollars have been gained by successful farming and operating a large coal bank; he has three daughters and one son. Peter, who was a farmer and stock-raiser, died in Canfield at the age of sixty-seven, leaving a widow and one son. Caleb died at the age of four years. The fifth son was Heman, a farmer and grocer of Buffalo, Ohio, who died in March, 1903; he had four children.

The birth of Solomon Klyne occurred in Canfield township, July 23, 1823. He enjoyed but meagre schooling, but his parents gave him a good start in his chosen vocation of farming, and he has been successful far above the average. He came to Berlin township in 1847 and in the course of time accumulated a large amount of fine property. He made most of his money in raising stock, which seems to have been almost the family vocation, and as he was very judicious in his investments and progressive in his methods he was soon on the way to success. He at one time owned five hundred

acres, but in 1902 he disposed of his principal farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres for the sum of eighty-eight hundred dollars, which was very cheap, as it was one of the finest farms in the county and excellently situated near Berlin Center. But Mr. Klyne was then ready to retire from his long and active career, in which he had won no mediocre success, and he is now enjoying the fruits of a well spent life.

Mr. Klyne was married on August 18, 1847, to Miss Mary Lower, who was his loving companion through fifty-three years of life's journey, and whose bright disposition and ambitious spirit cheered him over the rough spots and no doubt had much to do with his subsequent success. Mrs. Klyne's grandfather brought his two motherless sons, John and Jacob, on horseback to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; there he married a lady by the name of Arner. He came to Columbiana county, leaving his family in Westmoreland, and entered land near Columbiana. The following year he brought his family and put up a log cabin and a log barn. The first court held in Columbiana county was in that log barn. Mrs. Klyne's father, Jacob, settled in Ellsworth township, as one of the early settlers, about eighty years ago; he married Nancy Moore, and they became the parents of two sons and two daughters: David, Mary, Sarah Ann and Henry. There were four children of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Klyne: Caroline, a sketch of whom follows; Lloyd F. Klyne, a farmer of Berlin township, who has one son, Ralph; Clarke J., who is a farmer and has a fine vein of coal under his land; and C. M. Klyne, a physician in Youngstown. Dr. Klyne is a graduate of the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati, and during the eight years of his practice has gained a large patronage. The children were all born and reared on the farm on which Mr. Klyne settled in 1847, and on which their beloved mother passed away, February 20, 1901, when over seventy years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Klyne had joined the Methodist church two years after their marriage, and were always loyal to their faith and willing to help in any good cause. Mr. Klyne is still vigorous for one of his age, and it is to be hoped that he still has some further years of usefulness before him. for his place in the community is one that will not be easily filled.

#### CAROLINE (KLYNE) LEONARD.

Mrs. Leonard is a widow lady, residing on her pleasant farm one mile from Berlin Center, Mahoning county, and is the only daughter of Solomon Klyne, whose life has been given above. She was born and reared on the old homestead and remained there till 1867, when she was married to Lewis S. Leonard. Mr. Leonard was also a native of this part of the country and



FAMILY GROUP, SOLOMON KLYNE.

FIVE GENERATIONS ON BOTH SIDES. TAKEN AUGUST 18, 1897.



was a son of Benjamin and Frances (Foulk) Leonard, who came to this county in pioneer times. Mrs. Leonard's only child, Leonora M., is the wife of R. S. Hawkins, a farmer on the old Benjamin Leonard farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have had five children, but two died in infancy, and those living are Clyde L., a youth of fourteen; Helen L., aged nine; and Earl R. is three years old. Mrs. Leonard is very proud of her daughter and grandchildren, and the entire family is one which enjoys a most respected position in the community. An interesting picture is in the possession of the family which shows the boy Clyde L. Hawkins when nine years old in a group of eight grandmothers. And a souvenir of which Mrs. Leonard is very proud is a linen towel which was spun by her great-grandmother in 1801; it is a beautiful piece of domestic linen, soft and even, notwithstanding its great age.

#### JAMES HILL WEAVER.

Though a minister of the gospel, the gentleman whose life is herein briefly traced has of late years only occupied the pulpit on rare occasions, as his time is principally occupied in educational duties. To this vocation, in fact, most of his adult years have been devoted, though now and then he has taken an "excursion," as it were, into other lines, including a dip or two into politics. To whatever he has undertaken Mr. Weaver has brought that earnestness of purpose and energy of character which are his most notable characteristics, and these traits have been especially noteworthy in connection with his work as instructor or executive head of schools. The Weaver family originated in Germany; its early emigration and long residence have completely Americanized the descendants, so that they are not to be distinguished from those "to the manner born." Conrad Weaver, the emigrant founder of the branch of the family now under consideration, was born in Germany in 1775 and came with his parents when a child to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he died about 1855 near Beallsville. Conrad left a son named Henry Weaver, whose birth occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1814, and his death in Kansas in 1889. He was trained from early boyhood to farm work and followed that occupation during all the years of his adult life. Nancy Hill became his wife, and by her he had seven children, of whom the four survivors are James H., the subject of this memoir; Frank L.; Anna, wife of Eli Wherry; and John F.

James Hill Weaver was born on a farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1840, and experienced the usual vicissitudes, as well as advantages, that attend life in the country. Being naturally of a literary turn, and ambitious

to rise in the world, he early experienced the benefits to be derived from a good education, and made diligent use of the opportunities afforded him.

Equipped with such learning as the common schools could confer, he entered Mt. Union College at Alliance, Ohio, and was given the degree of B. S. by that institution in the class of 1870. Three years later the degree of M. S. was conferred upon him by the same college, and shortly afterward he was appointed superintendent of schools at Hanover, Ohio, which position he retained three years. His next step forward was to the principalship of the grammar department of the schools at Salem, Ohio, whose duties also absorbed his attention for three years, and then he took charge of a farm in Carroll county. For the fifteen subsequent years, Mr. Weaver devoted all his energies to farming during the summer, while his time in winter was occupied in teaching in the neighborhood schools. He has taught, in all, more than fifty terms of school. Having been admitted to the Christian ministry in 1870, it was his custom, during this period, to deliver a sermon at some convenient church almost every Sunday, and in his various lines of employment he managed to make himself both useful and popular. As his residence at this time was in Carroll county, near the dividing line, his educational work embraced schools both in Columbiana and Carroll counties, and his ministerial labors were also divided between the two counties. In 1899 he took a step which has doubtless settled his future life work, by purchasing the proprietary rights of the Ohio Valley Business College, of which he took charge as president, and which he has since conducted with marked skill and ability.

While residing in Carroll county, Mr. Weaver was elected justice of the peace and discharged the duties of that office for three terms. Still higher honors were within his reach when in 1899 he was a candidate before the Republican convention for the Ohio state senate from the eighteenth district, composed of the counties of Stark and Carroll, but of the 2,781 votes cast in Carroll county for the delegates, Mr. Weaver had 2,757 and would undoubtedly have received the nomination but for the fact that the opportunity then presented of buying the business college, of which he is now the president, caused him to change his plans and drop all aspirations for political preferment. There can be little doubt either of his nomination or election, and there is an equal assurance that he would have made an unusually able and faithful legislator.

In 1862 Mr. Weaver was united in marriage with Hannah, daughter of Eli Taylor, of Columbiana county, and the six children resulting from this union are: Rosella, wife of Walter Reeder; Lindley L., supervisor of pen-

manship and drawing for city schools of Alliance and Salem, Ohio; Mary B., teacher in Ohio Valley Business College; Frank T., business manager of Ohio Valley Business College, East Liverpool, Ohio; Howard E., supervisor of penmanship and drawing at Niles, Ohio; and Oattie, teacher in Ohio Valley Business College. Mr. Weaver has lost none of his interest in religious work, though his appearance in the pulpit is not so frequent as in the earlier days of his life. He has also long been connected with the Masonic fraternity and has reached the Royal Arch degree.

### JOEL S. BONSTALL.

Salem, the largest, handsomest and most enterprising of the towns of Columbiana county, has an interesting history extending back to the earliest pioneer period. It owes its name, as well as its settlement, to members of the Society of Friends, who came from Salem, New Jersey, in search of homes in Ohio, during the first decades of the nineteenth century. Among the families who arrived about this time were those of Sharp, Stratton, Davis, Bonsall and others, who became related or closely connected by intermarriages and business ties. Owing to the well known aversion of the Friends to vice in all its forms, their horror of war and love of orderly liberty, the community in and around the new Salem received a distinct impress from these New Jersey colonists. When the slavery agitation became acute in later years, the fleeing slaves found friends among these quiet and unobtrusive people, whose hatred of oppression made them naturally abolitionists. The mysterious "underground railroad" which became so famous during the two decades immediately preceding the Civil war, numbered among its conductors more than one member of the Salem settlement. None were more active in this historic contest, and none fought more valiantly against the infamous institution of slavery than the Bonsalls and their immediate relatives.

The first of this name who came to Ohio was Edward Bonsall, who arrived in Columbiana county about 1810 and was followed a few years later by his son Daniel. The latter, owing to his mother's death, had remained in childhood with his uncle, Daniel Gibbons, at the old home in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. It was about 1820 that Daniel Bonsall came to the Salem community, accompanied by his uncle. While in Pennsylvania, Daniel Gibbons had been active in the anti-slavery cause and trained his nephew from boyhood to fight the slave power in every possible way. After their arrival in Columbiana county, they became conspicuous in their efforts

to assist escaping slaves, thus earning the undying hatred and persecution of the master in the south and their "dough-face" sympathizers in the north.

Daniel Bonsall married Martha, daughter of Joel and Rebecca (Tynell) Sharp, and sister of the brothers who afterward founded the Buckeye Engine Works. The Sharps came from Little Egg Harbor, on the Jersey coast, and were among the first settlers of the Salem community, arriving about 1806 and locating on a farm about two and a half miles from the town site.

Joel Bonsall, son of Daniel and Martha (Sharp) Bonsall, was born on a farm four miles from Salem, Ohio, in 1826, and grew up in the atmosphere of piety, industry and high thinking incident to such a community. In after life he was fond of recalling the exciting events of his boyhood, growing out of the efforts of his neighbors and relatives to help the escaping "Elizas" and "Uncle Toms" who crossed the Ohio in search of freedom. He remembers one night in particular, when as high as thirteen fugitive slaves were hidden in his father's house. One of the most active lieutenants of his father was Dr. Stanton, a pioneer physician, and a student of the latter named Keiser Thomas. They looked out for escaping slaves and when found took them to the hospitable home of Daniel Bonsall, often using as a conveyance the horse and wagon belonging to one William Waterworth. Dr. Thomas died many years ago at Alliance, but at a late date Joel McMillan, James Bonaty, Charles Grizzell,—in fact all the members of the Society of Friends,—took some part in this patriotic movement. When the expected Civil war finally began, the feeling had grown so intense that many of the young Quakers were so worked up that they broke away from the teachings of their religion against fighting and enlisted for the service. Most of them enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which Thomas C. Boone, afterward secretary and treasurer of the Buckeye Engine Company, became lieutenant colonel. On the field of battle, as well as on the trying marches and other hardships of army life, these scions of noble sires made good their former efforts for liberty by their soldierly bearing and uncomplaining fortitude.

Joel S. Bonsall, who had a natural turn for mechanics, left the farm when twenty-two years old, entered the engine works of his uncles and there learned the trade without previous education in that line. He proved an apt scholar, soon became a valuable workman and rose gradually to the highest position in the company. As originally organized in 1871, the officers were: Joel Sharp, president; Milton Davis, vice-president; Thomas C. Boone, secretary; Joel S. Bonsall, superintendent; and Simeon Sharp,

assistant superintendent. On the death of Joel Sharp in 1898, Mr. Bonsall was promoted to the presidency. Colonel Boone was succeeded after death by Stephen B. Richard; D. M. Davis took his father's place as vice-president after the latter's retirement in 1892; and Mr. Bonsall's son, C. S. Bonsall, was given his father's place as superintendent. A. K. Mansfield holds the position of mechanical engineer, and Charles Bonsall, brother of Joel, is the bookkeeper. The company has grown from small beginnings to recognition as one of the most important industries of Salem, employing nearly three hundred hands, and making an engine which as the "Buckeye" has become famous and in large demand all over the country.

Mr. Bonsall was first married to Abbie Sharpnock, of Salem, who died in 1865, leaving one son, Charles Sumner Bonsall, who is, as stated above, the present superintendent of the Buckeye Engine Company. In 1870 Mr. Bonsall married Millie Vaughan, by whom he had one son, named Ward. In addition to his principal employment with the engine works, Mr. Bonsall was at different times connected with other industries at Salem. He was vice-president of the Salem Plow Company for some time, and for twelve years held the same position with the Deming Pump Manufacturing Company. His son Charles S. and himself were partners in Vaughan, Bonsall & Company, manufacturers of pure Salem bone-dust and phosphates, grain, feed and kindred commodities, which were shipped to all parts of the United States, their goods having established a high repute for pureness of quality. Originally an Abolitionist, Mr. Bonsall, like all of his family connections, became a Republican when that organization arose on the ruins of the Whig party.

In all relations of life, whether as mechanic, organizer of useful industries, or as father and friend in the home circle, it would be difficult to find a man who was more deserving of the title of model citizen than Joel S. Bonsall, and as such he was mourned at his death, which occurred on June 2, 1902.

#### CHARLES READER WALLACE.

The ancestry of this prominent physician and surgeon of Struthers, Mahoning county, Ohio, is Scotch-Irish, and grandfather Colonel William R. Wallace was a merchant, owned a good farm, was a justice of peace for many years in his community, and in other ways manifested his public spirit. He was prominent in army affairs and had charge of the drilling of a company of soldiers. He married Isabella McCracken, and their six children are all living and have families, their names being Robert, William, Jacob, John,

George and Mary. In 1896 Grandfather Wallace was accidentally killed by a fast train on the P. & L. E. R. R., near his home, at the age of eighty-four; his widow is still living.

William, the second of these children, was born at Harlansburg, Pennsylvania, in 1841, and in 1861 was one of the first volunteers to enlist in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Pennsylvania. He became a corporal, re-enlisted as a veteran, and served the remainder of the war in the heavy artillery, from which he was honorably discharged at the close of the war, having taken an active part in some of the most severe battles of the rebellion. At present he resides on his farm near Edinburg, Pennsylvania, and is still an active man for his years. In 1864, while he was home on a furlough, he was married to Amanda Wigton, of Pennsylvania. There were three children of this union. The oldest is Charles R.; Wilbert, who has a wife and two children near Edinburg, is foreman of railroad construction work; Anna is a teacher near home.

The birth of Charles Reader Wallace occurred at Edinburg, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1866. He graduated from Volant Academy in 1890 and from Mount Hope College in 1893, taking the degree of Ph. B., and has also attended Grove City College and the State Normal College at Edinboro, Pennsylvania. He was a teacher for six years and holds a life certificate which entitles him to teach anywhere in the state without further examination. He began the study of medicine and entered Cleveland Medical College, from which he received his degree of M. D. in 1897. He then took the hospital training, and he has a diploma from the Huron Street Hospital. He was located in practice in Cleveland until 1899, but has had his office in Struthers for nearly three years. He is a member and medical examiner for two lodges, the Knights of Pythias and the Protective Home Circle, and also is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is a very popular and rising young physician and has a bright future in store for him. He is a devotee of Republican principles, is a member of the Methodist church, and identifies himself with the best interests of the town.

#### JOHN WISHARD NESBITT.

Mr. Nesbitt has lived in Mahoning county for over sixty years and has been one of its most exemplary citizens; he is one of the few survivors of the Civil war, in which he did such faithful service, and has been a carpenter by occupation, until he was appointed to his present position of postmaster, the duties of which he has discharged so satisfactorily that he has been retained for ten years. The Nesbitt family in America goes back to an ancestor.

probably the great-grandfather of this gentleman, who came from the north of Scotland and settled in southern Pennsylvania before the Revolution. James Nesbitt was one of twelve sons born to his father by his two wives, and he married Mary Carver. They had a son by the name of Nathaniel, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1806, and was brought to Ohio by his parents when a small boy. In 1834 Nathaniel married Jane Wishard, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1806, and came to Ohio in 1812, when the country was very sparsely settled; her grandfather was a stonemason. There were six children born of this marriage: James, born in 1836, served four years and three months in Company E, Second Ohio Cavalry, and died in 1883, leaving three sons and three daughters; Mary J. is the widow of Isaac C. Raub; the third in order of birth was John Wishard; Sarah A. died in 1868 at the age of twenty-six; Miranca, the wife of Adam Frankfort, died in Iowa about 1882, aged thirty-six, and left four children; William Henry died at the age of four years. Mr. Nesbitt died in 1868, and his wife passed away in 1882 at the age of seventy-six.

John Wishard Nesbitt was born in Poland township, January 31, 1840. He was a natural mechanic, and, as his father was a carpenter and contractor before him, it was an easy consequence that he followed the same pursuit. He attended the neighborhood school and practiced his trade until the Civil war broke out. In 1862 he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Infantry, and served till the close, being made duty sergeant. In the battle at Kenesaw Mountain, while he was lying down on the firing line, a shell struck his knapsack, tearing it away, and the impetus of the missile was such that he was paralyzed. He was carried off the field by his comrades, but as he soon recovered and served the rest of the time with Sherman in his March to the Sea and taking part in the grand review at Washington at the close of the war, he did not realize that any permanent injury would result. Twenty years later, however, when he became almost a nervous wreck, he consulted his old army surgeon, who informed him that his condition was not caused by hard work but by the shock which the shell had given to his entire nervous system. He had never applied for a pension, but now at the earnest solicitation of his friends he asked for one, and now draws twelve dollars a month, a small compensation for all that he has endured as the result of his service on the march and the field of battle. Returning from the war he took up his trade in earnest and made a good living thereby. He continued in this occupation until 1891, when he was appointed postmaster, which office he has held ever since with the exception

of three years during President Cleveland's second administration. He owns a tract of eight acres in the outskirts of the village, and he and his family reside in the home which he built thirty-two years ago; he has a nice orchard and keeps his own cows, and enjoys himself in his pleasant and comfortable home.

On December 2, 1869, he was married to Miss Rose A. Logan, who was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1845, and was the daughter of D. C. and Harriet (McNabb) Logan, the former of whom came from Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and died August 6, 1868. Miss Carrie, the first born of this union, is now her father's assistant in the postoffice; Frances S. is the wife of Warren Simon, of Boardman; and Jane Mary is a teacher in the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia. All these children are graduates of the Poland high school. Mr. Nesbitt is a Republican and has been a school director for a quarter of a century and a member of the town council; he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and as he was christened in the Presbyterian church his sympathies are with that denomination.

#### MARTIN W. FROLUND.

It will assuredly prove not uninteresting to observe in the series of biographical sketches appearing in these columns the varying nationality, origin and early environment of men who have made their way to positions of prominence and success. In no better way can we gain a conception of the diverse elements which have entered into our social and commercial life, and which will impart to the future American type features which can not be conjectured at the present time. We have had an American type in the past; we shall have a distinctly national character in the future, but for the present, amalgamation of the varied elements is proceeding and the final result is yet remote. The extraction of the subject of this review may be sought for among the sturdy sons of the far Norseland, and he is a worthy representative of that land which has contributed a most valuable element to our complex social fabric, being a native of the fair old city of Stockholm, Sweden, where he was born on the 8th of November, 1854, and where he was reared and educated. In his native land he learned the trade of ship carpenter, and in connection with this vocation he has had a most interesting and eventful career, having visited the most diverse sections of the civilized globe, which he has three times circumnavigated. He is today numbered among the representative and successful contractors and builders of the city



*Mr W. F. Fernalund*



of Youngstown, Mahoning county, and a brief record of his honorable and worthy career most consistently finds place in this volume.

Martin W. Frolund secured his early educational discipline in the excellent schools of his native city and there at an early age entered upon his apprenticeship at the trade of ship carpenter, to which vocation he continued to devote his attention until his emigration to America. He was thus engaged for a period of twelve years, within which time, as before intimated, he made three trips around the world, visiting the most important ports and gaining valuable experience and a comprehensive knowledge of the most varied types of humanity and viewing many historic scenes, while he duly profited by the broadening advantages of so extensive traveling. His father, Peter Frolund, was likewise a carpenter by vocation, and his active business life was devoted to this line of enterprise. He has now attained the age of seventy-three years and is living retired in the city of Youngstown, where he commands unqualified esteem by reason of his sterling integrity. He married Miss Breta Christenia Anderson, and their four sons and two daughters are now all residents of the United States, the mother having died in Sweden at fifty years of age. Peter Frolund came to America in 1888.

Martin W. Frolund came to America in the year 1884 and located in the city of Quincy, Norfolk county, Massachusetts, where he was successfully engaged in contracting and building until July, 1899, when he came to Ohio and took up his residence in the city of Youngstown, which has since been the scene of his well directed endeavors in the same line of occupation, and where he is one of the leading contractors. For three years Mr. Frolund has been engaged in building residences on his own account, in addition to his other contracting, and selling them. He owns his own planing mill. He is recognized as a most capable artisan, and every contract into which he enters receives his most careful and discriminating attention, while his fidelity to its terms is ever assured, so that he has gained an excellent reputation as a reliable and straightforward business man and is recognized as a valuable citizen. In politics he renders allegiance to the Republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Swedish Baptist church, in whose spiritual and temporal affairs he has a deep and abiding interest, his wife also being a devoted member of the same church and an active worker in its behalf.

In the city of Quincy, Massachusetts, December 10, 1884, Mr. Frolund was united in marriage to Miss Amanda C. Peterson, who is likewise of Swedish ancestry, and who was born in southern Sweden, October 3, 1864. They are the parents of one daughter, Elsie J.

## SAMUEL A. RICHARDS.

Mr. Richards has a very responsible position as the manager of The Struthers Furnace, and in his varied and extensive experience has met with success that marks him for distinction among his fellows. His grandfather's name was William, who was in the pottery business in Wales, and married a Miss Jones, who died in 1860. They reared four daughters and one son: Mary, the oldest, was twice married and had two children by each husband; William was the son; Elvira was the wife of Erastus Coy, and they had two children; Emma, the wife of Phillip Moser, had four children; Ellen married Allen Hellowell, of Youngstown, and their two children are both married.

The only son of this family, William, was born in Wales in May, 1819, and when he was eighteen years old came to this country with his mother and sisters, being six weeks on the voyage. They possessed very limited means, and they at first lived in Cleveland, where he obtained employment at his trade of blacksmithing, and later at Akron, Ohio. In 1843 he was married to Mary Ann Hellowell, of Yorkshire, England, who was born there in 1822 and made the long voyage to this country in 1839; she was the daughter of Samuel Hellowell, who brought over his family at that time. There were ten children born of this union, of whom Samuel A. was the oldest; the others were: Mary A., wife of George Westerman in St. Louis, two children; Elvira, the wife of William Murdock, and they have one son; William is the manager of a blast furnace at Ironton, Ohio, and has one son and three daughters; Frances is the wife of Jules Vautrot, in Warren, Ohio, and has three children; Fred is a railroad conductor at Texarkana, Arkansas, and has one daughter; Emma is the widow of D. H. Griffing and has one son; Ellen, the wife of George Shellhouse, has one son and two daughters; Phillip, a roller in the Barr mill of Lockport, New York, has three children; and Dorothy is the wife of Blaine Claypool in Seattle, Washington. The father of this family died in 1876, but the mother is still living in Warren, Ohio.

Samuel A. Richards was born in Akron, Ohio, July 9, 1844, and had a fair education in the schools of Girard and Warren. Since an early age he has been engaged in the iron business and in the seventies went to Cleveland, from there moved to Pennsylvania, and thence to Illinois, where he was employed at Joliet for five years and at Chicago for ten years. He was then called to the position which he now holds, as manager of the furnace at Struthers, and he has amply demonstrated his fitness for this place of responsibility.

On December 22, 1869, Mr. Richards was married to Mrs. Mary Fox, *nee* Schoenberger, who had a daughter Frederica by her first marriage, who is now the wife of Charles K. Ladd; she was eighteen years old at her first marriage and was soon left a widow. Mr. and Mrs. Richards had four children: Lucy D. died of scarlet fever at the age of thirteen; a son, who died in infancy; Henry T. is his father's assistant and has a wife and a little daughter; Jules G. was educated as a chemist in the Ohio State University, and after two years there left to accept his present position in the laboratories of the Struthers plant; he is twenty-two years old and unmarried. Mr. Richards is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Royal Arcanum, is a Republican voter, and although not a member of any church organization, contributes liberally to religious work. His whole life has been devoted to the iron business.

#### STEPHEN B. RICHARDS.

The life of this gentleman should be one of encouragement to all young men who are striving to climb the ladder of fame. In 1867 he entered the office of the Buckeye Engine Works of Salem, Ohio, as a shipping clerk. He has risen steadily, occupying more responsible positions at each promotion, until he is at the present time serving in one of the most important positions in the company's gift, being secretary-treasurer of the concern.

Mr. Richards is a native of the Buckeye state, and of the county in which he has passed his entire lifetime. He was born on a farm just north of Salem, in the year 1842. His parents were Samuel and Lydia (Brown) Richards. They had emigrated to the state from Pennsylvania, where they had been residents of Chester county. His father was a man of fine education and was very actively identified with the public life of his community, having filled a number of the positions of trust in the gift of his fellow citizens. He died in 1854 at the age of fifty-two years. During the years immediately preceding his death he was exceedingly active in his opposition to the institution of slavery, and was well known as an agent of that beneficent institution known as the "underground railway." Our subject's father and mother were the parents of four other children: D. I. Richards, who is now a farmer living on the old homestead; Dr. G. A. Richards, a successful dentist at Elmira, New York; Hannah, now Mrs. R. E. Snode, of Marlboro, Stark county, Ohio; and Hulda E., of Mahoning county.

Mr. Richards was reared amidst the refining influences of a Christian home, and received his preliminary education in the country schools of his district, which was later supplemented by a literary course at an academy

in Damascus, Ohio. His first business venture was with the Buckeye Engine Works, as stated heretofore, and he has passed a lifetime in their service. He entered their employ as shipping clerk, was promoted to assistant book-keeper, and then took entire charge of the books, was next cashier of the institution, then had charge of the sales department, of which department he still has supervision. At a partial reorganization he was elected superintendent, which position he held for a few years, then, on the death of Col. T. C. Boone, he was promoted to his present position. As stated before, this is a record that should appeal to the young men in the community, who are too often desirous of beginning well up on the ladder rather than starting at the very bottom.

Mr. Richards married Miss Gertrude, daughter of Dr. J. C. Whinnery, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Richards has borne her husband seven children: Edna, who is at present the efficient professor of languages in the Salem high school; Frances, Marietta, Raymond, Abby, Jessie and Samuel. Mr. Richards keeps himself in touch with the public life of the community, and his executive ability has been used by his fellow citizens in some of the offices of public trust. The past eight years he has been an active member of the board of education, and has served several terms in the city council. In political belief he adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is a genial, whole-souled gentleman whose life of integrity and uprightness has been one which has left its impress for good in the community.

#### EDWIN A. BROWNLEE, M. D.

Dr. Brownlee is a popular physician of Struthers, and although he is a young practitioner, his progressive methods have brought him excellent patronage, and he no doubt has a brilliant future awaiting him. He is of Scotch descent, and his paternal grandfather died in Scotland, leaving, by his two wives, five sons and one daughter. One of these sons, James A., was born near Glasgow, February 22, 1825, and he was only six years old when his mother brought him and her other children to the United States. She had some means and bought one hundred and twelve acres of land, which is still in the possession of the family. She was a noble, Christian woman, and lived to be eighty-three years old, dying in 1867. James A. Brownlee married, in March, 1854, Rebecca Gilchrist, who was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, in 1832, the daughter of Alexander Gilchrist. They have eight living children, having lost two in infancy, but not a death has occurred in the household for forty years.

Edwin A. Brownlee was born in Poland, September 18, 1858, went to school at home, and took a three years' course in Poland Union Seminary, after which he taught for eight years. In 1888 he took a position in the department of the interior at Washington, and during the two years that he was there he was diligently engaged in reading medicine. He attended Georgetown University for two years and then went to Dartmouth, where he was graduated in 1892 with the degree of M. D. In 1892-93 he took a course at the Post-Graduate School in New York city, and in 1893 opened his office in Struthers, and during the past ten years he has shown himself to be a physician of unusual skill in the treatment of human ailments.

On September 16, 1896, Dr. Brownlee was married to Miss Luella Geddes, a teacher in the Struthers public schools; she is a native of Pennsylvania and the daughter of William S. and Phebe (Cowden) Geddes. Mr. Geddes was a business man of Youngstown, but for failing health sold out and settled on a farm, where he died in 1893, at the age of sixty-two, leaving his widow and five of their nine children. Charles P. Geddes, one of the sons, is a physician in Washington, Pennsylvania; his mother and one of the daughters still reside on the old farm. Dr. Brownlee bought a pleasant home of his own about seven years ago. He is a member of the Maccabees and is a Republican, taking an active interest in public affairs, and his wife is a member of the United Presbyterian church.

#### CHARLES AUSTIN.

Charles Austin, who is conducting a barber shop in Poland, was born in this place in 1858. His father, Gideon Austin, was a native of Connecticut, born in the year 1824, and on leaving that state he became one of the pioneer settlers of Poland, where he made his home until his death, which occurred on the 21st of July, 1890. His father came to Ohio somewhat later than his son Gideon. He bore the name of Eli Austin, and his death occurred June 15, 1825. Gideon Austin was united in marriage to Dorothy Faulkell, of Poland, who was born in Boardman township, Mahoning county, in 1831; she is still living in her native township and on the 25th of February, 1903, attained the age of seventy-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Austin were married about 1849 and became the parents of ten children, seven of whom reached mature years and were living at the time of the father's death. Two of the family still survive, Henry being a painter of Columbiana, Ohio.

Under the parental roof Charles Austin was reared and in the public

schools of Poland he obtained his education. He was married on the 13th of February, 1880, to Miss Iola Lett, who was born in Delhi, Iowa. In 1857 Mr. Austin purchased the historic old mansion known as the Sparrow house, which has stood for almost a century. It was the first hotel of Poland and is the oldest building here. It is, therefore, a landmark for the entire country-side, and is built of native rock, two stories in height, with a cellar under the whole building. The structure is forty-four feet front by thirty-five feet deep. It was here, upon the large front porch, that Major William McKinley enlisted for service in the Civil war, and Mr. Austin is justly proud of his purchase, which was made on the 9th of October, 1902. The old building will long remain as a historic landmark and an object of interest to all travelers who come to this portion of the state. In his business career Mr. Austin has won a fair degree of success because of honorable methods, which have commanded him the confidence and support of all with whom he has come in contact. In politics he is an earnest Republican, unswerving in his support of the party, and he has served as clerk of the town and for a number of years has been a member of the town council. He also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of which Major McKinley was once a member, and had the honor of being in the latter's Sunday-school class.

#### MISSES ABBIE JANE AND MARIA DELIN.

Miss Abbie Jane and Maria Delin represent a prominent and well known family of Mahoning county. Both are natives of Poland and daughters of Elijah and Harriet (Austin) Delin. The father was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in January, 1810, and the mother's birth occurred in Wallingford, that state, on the 11th of March, 1812. They were married in Boardman township, in the village of Poland, November 17, 1839. Mrs. Delin, however, had been previously married, having become the wife of Hoel Howe in Boardman township, January 26, 1831; by this marriage there was born a daughter, Lois Howe. At the time of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Delin they took up their abode upon a half acre lot purchased of the Morse estate. Mr. Delin was a descendant of the prominent Lovelands family of New England and also of Roger Williams, the noted apostle of freedom, who founded the colony of Rhode Island. On the maternal line the Misses Delin are descendants of one of the old families of Mahoning county. Their grandfather, Eli Austin, settled in Poland at a very early day and died here June 15, 1825, at an advanced age. Mrs. Delin, the daughter of Mr. Austin, died at the family home in Poland, January 10,

1884, in the seventy-second year of her age, and Mr. Delin, having survived her for about seven years, passed away February 8, 1891, at the age of eighty-one years and one month. He was a carpenter, a master mechanic, a pattern-maker and a cabinet-maker, and possessed considerable mechanical ability, his labors in this direction enabling him to provide a comfortable living for his family.

To Elijah and Harriet (Austin) Delin were born five children: Hoel, who is married and is now in the county treasurer's office at Youngstown; Mary, the wife of J. C. Smith, of Youngstown, by whom she has three sons; Abbie J. and Maria, who are living at the old home place; and Alfred, who is a bookkeeper in Youngstown and is married and has two daughters. All of the children were provided with excellent educational privileges, having been students in the old Poland College, and Miss Maria was a teacher for two terms. There is considerable musical talent in the family, which is shared by the daughters. Miss Maria was also the assistant postmaster in Poland for eight years, acting under George Allen, who filled the position of postmaster there for twenty-four consecutive years, and Major McKinley was also there for a short time.

#### ROBERT V. HAMPSON.

For a period of four decades the financial institutions of the town of Salem, Columbiana county, have been headed by that excellent bank, the Farmers' National Bank. This institution has had great prestige in the community, owing to the connection with it of the late Honorable Joshua T. Brooks, for long years its president, and for some ten years previous to his death, second vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Another element of strength during all this period was the connection with this bank as cashier of the honored name which initiates this paragraph, and who, upon the death of Mr. Brooks, succeeded to the presidency. This gentleman, for the past forty-five years, a period covering his whole business life, has been connected with banking institutions in Salem, having become cashier of the State Bank of Ohio at this point in 1858. He was at that time the youngest cashier in any financial institution in the whole great west. He served in this position with this institution until 1865, when it was merged into the Farmers' National Bank, and he became the new institution's cashier.

The birth of Mr. Hampson occurred in Carroll county, in the town of Carrollton, in 1836. He was the son of George Y. and Catherine (Frush) Hampson. His father was a native of the Keystone state, having been for

long years a prominent citizen of Huntingdon county. About 1831 he removed to Carroll county, Ohio, where he occupied many of the positions of trust in the gift of the people, having been county treasurer, and also serving a period as sheriff of the county. He was a prominent worker in the Democratic councils of the state and county. He was a man whose word was as good as his bond, thoroughly upright and honest, and of a genial nature that attracted large numbers of friends to him. He died in 1876 at the age of eighty-two years.

The immediate subject of our sketch, Mr. Robert V. Hampson, began his married life in Salem, when he was joined to Elizabeth, the daughter of Mrs. Ellen Beatty, a family which came to Salem from the state of New Jersey at an early date. Mrs. Hampson has become the mother of four interesting children: Carrie, Mrs. J. R. Carey, whose husband is a solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railway; Helen, wife of George B. Shephard, of Cleveland, treasurer of the Cleveland Malleable Iron Company; Effie, wife of J. R. Thomas, of New York city, assistant secretary in the service of the American Steel and Wire Company; Lucy, a single daughter at home.

Mr. Hampson is actively interested in the welfare of his local community, having served for many years as a member of the school board, of which board he is at the present time the honored president. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Salem Gas Company. In fraternal affiliation he has been a Mason for the past thirty-four years, and has filled all the offices in that beneficent institution. He is at the present time past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Ohio. He is a gentleman who makes friends easily, and is frank and candid in nature so that he retains their friendship. He is a popular citizen of his local community, and as such deserves recognition in a work of the character such as this present volume purports to be.

#### ISAAC G. TINNEY.

One of the honored business men of the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, is Mr. Tinney, who may well be regarded as one of the pioneer representatives of commercial interests here, since he has been identified with the merchant-tailoring trade here for the long period of forty-five years and is still actively engaged in this line of business, being known as a capable exponent of the sartorial art and catering to an excellent patronage. His long years of residence here and his honorable and upright business methods have gained and retained to him uniform confidence and esteem in the community,



*L. G. Finney*



and we are gratified in being able to here offer a brief review of the life record of this veteran business man.

Isaac Garrett Tinney is a native of the Dominion of Canada, having been born at Wellington, Prince Edward county, province of Ontario, on the 3rd of July, 1833. There he secured his somewhat meager educational training as a boy, and at the early age of fourteen years started out in life on his own responsibility, having ever since been dependent upon his own resources. He left home at the age noted and made his way to Wolcott, Wayne county, New York, where he apprenticed himself to a tailor, for the purpose of learning the trade. He made excellent progress and showed marked facility in acquiring a practical knowledge of the business, and after a period of two years he removed to Clyde, in the same county, where he was engaged in the work of his trade until 1857, when he came to Ohio and soon took up his residence in Youngstown, which has ever since been his home and the field of his endeavors. He established himself in business here in 1857, and with the exception of an interval of about eleven years, during which he was in the employ of others, he has been in business for himself, and he may well be termed one of the pioneer merchants of the city, in whose development and progress he has ever taken a lively interest, witnessing its advancement from a small hamlet to a position as an important industrial and commercial center in the state. He has ever maintained a public-spirited attitude, while his reputation as a straightforward and reliable business man and as an exemplary citizen has been amply fortified during the long years which bear the record of his life and labors in this locality. In politics he gives his support to the Republican party, and he served one term as a member of the city council, though he has but once sought the honors of political office. The time-honored Masonic fraternity has long claimed his affiliation, and he has passed the capitular degrees, being identified with the lodge and chapter bodies of the order in his home city.

At Wolcott, New York, in 1855, Mr. Tinney was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Braford, who has proved to him a true companion and helpmeet, and of their five children four are living at the present time, namely: Charles B.; Frank S.; Alice, the wife of Frank D. Hartman; and Gilbert M. Ella M., who became the wife of Robert Sharp, died in 1898. Mr. Tinney's present residence at 216 Lincoln avenue was erected in 1882.

Michael Tinney, the father of our subject, was born in the state of Connecticut in 1795, and his death occurred in 1852. He was a blacksmith by trade and vocation, and did active service as a soldier in the war of 1812, in which he participated in the battle of Sodus Point, New York. He chose

as a wife Miss Mary Garrett, whose father, Isaac Garrett, was born in Ireland, and of the nine children of this union four grew to years of maturity, and two are living at the present time, Isaac G., and Sarah, the wife of Jacob Sharp, of Lapeer county, Michigan.

#### SIMEON SHARP.

This name has been a familiar one in Columbiana county since the end of the second decade of the nineteenth century. For more than fifty years the principal industry of Salem has advertised the Sharp Brothers to every quarter of the world as the originators and makers of the famous Buckeye Engine. All of these brothers, four in number, were mechanics of the first rank in their respective times, and to their skill, industry and organizing ability was due the splendid plant, now one of the largest of its kind in the country and the pride of the locality in which it is situated. The lives of such men are always interesting and instructive, and no apology is necessary for presenting that of Simeon Sharp in as full detail as can be obtained after careful inquiry. It was about the year 1806 that Joel and Rebecca (Tynell) Sharp arrived in Columbiana county, after a weary journey from their original home at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. There was something of both the pathetic and heroic in the spectacle presented by this pioneer couple as they came to a halt within two and one-half miles from the present town of Salem. During the long and tedious journey Mrs. Sharp drove the one-horse wagon with two babies in her lap, while her husband went ahead to cut out a road with his ax. When the final stop was made, Joel Sharp took a silver half dollar from his pocket and remarked somewhat ruefully: "This is all the money I have in the world." The prospect was indeed somewhat discouraging, but what ill fortune or hardship could discourage the early pioneer of the Ohio Valley! He set to work manfully at his trade as a carpenter, took up a section of wild land and in the course of time had a rude home for the shelter of his wife and growing family. They were originally members of what was known as the orthodox branch of the Society of Friends, but a few years after their arrival in Ohio joined the Hicksites meeting at Salem. Joel Sharp did not long survive his settlement in Ohio, as his death occurred in 1820, but his wife survived to the extreme age of ninety-two, preserving her faculties and energy until the closing of her earthly career at Salem, June 12, 1875. A full list of their children is given in connection with the sketch of Joel Sharp, on another page of this volume, to which inquirers are referred for particulars.

Simeon Sharp, the fourth son and sixth child of this interesting family,

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was born on the farm of his father near Salem, May 1, 1817, and when seven years old was "bound out" to a neighboring farmer. He withstood the drudgery of farm life with impatience until he reached the age of fourteen, when he ran away a year before his apprenticeship had expired and sought employment at Salem. Under the tutelage of his brother Thomas he learned the carpenter's trade, and for some years afterward this furnished him his means of livelihood. In 1847 Simeon and his three brothers, Thomas, Clayton and Joel Sharp, established a business at Salem for building engines and that was the foundation of the works which later eventuated in the enterprise now so well known. When the Pennsylvania Railroad was being built through Columbiana county, the Sharp Brothers took a contract to furnish eleven miles of ties and stringers, and for this purpose bought one hundred acres of timber land, on which they erected a sawmill. Thomas was placed in charge of the mill, while the other brothers continued work at the shops. Owing to an unfortunate contention which subsequently sprang up between Thomas and the other brothers, the partnership was dissolved in 1851, a new firm was organized consisting of Joel Sharp, Milton Davis, Joel Bonsall and Simeon Sharp, who took over the shop with its appurtenances, and for the next twenty years conducted the Buckeye Engine Works. In 1871 the business was incorporated as the Buckeye Engine Company, of which Joel Sharp was made president; Milton Davis, vice-president; J. C. Boone, secretary; Joel S. Bonsall, superintendent; and Simeon Sharp, assistant superintendent. Thomas Sharp was given the land and mill in lieu of his interest in the engine works and lived on this place until 1896, when he died in the eighty-eighth year of his age.

During his long connection with the Buckeye Engine Company, Simeon Sharp had much to do with the development and improvement of the machines and was a prime factor in achieving the success which eventually came to the enterprise. He traveled all over the country in the transaction of the company's business, and set up their machines at innumerable places in the south and west. During one of his trips inland, in 1847, he visited Chicago, which then gave little promise of its future development, as its site was a prolonged series of marshes and ponds. When the Buckeye Engine Works first started, the partners did all the principal work, the entire force of the establishment not exceeding twelve persons, while at the present time the company employs nearly three hundred men. The engine which they turn out, under the name of "Buckeye" has an established fame wherever power machinery is used in any part of the world. After filling the position as assistant superintendent of the company for forty years, Mr.

Sharp retired from active business in 1892 and is now spending his life in grateful repose. Though most of his energies were absorbed in his somewhat exacting business, he found time to pay some attention to public affairs. Originally an old-line Whig and a worshiper of "Harry of the West" as the matchless leader of that once great party, Mr. Sharp became a Republican in 1856, voted for Lincoln in 1860 and continued his allegiance until 1898, when his religious convictions in favor of peace compelled him to disagree with the party then in power as to its policy in reference to the Spanish-American war.

Mr. Sharp married Lydia S. Taylor, of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, by whom he has three children, all daughters: Lucy S., the oldest, is the wife of Samuel White, a well known bridge builder of New Brighton, Pennsylvania; Ora, the second daughter, married Demorest Davis, at present vice-president of the Buckeye Engine Company, of which his father was one of the founders; Helen, youngest of the family, is now the wife of William Silver, president of the Silver Manufacturing Company at Salem. The Sharps, through their relationship and intermarriages with the families of Davis, Bonsall, Silver and others, constitute one of the most extensive social connections in Columbiana county, while their large holdings and long identification with various industrial undertakings give them a widespread and potential influence in the business world.

#### WALTER N. WILSON.

The Wilson family in America goes back to the colonization of Pennsylvania by William Penn, and there is in the possession of the family a parchment deed from that great proprietor made out to the great-grandfather Thomas M. Wilson, as well as a will of this gentleman, which the subject of this biography has had the pleasure of reading. McFarland Wilson, the son of Thomas M., was born above McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Reed, of the same section, and they reared three children: Henderson Wilson was a clothing merchant in Pittsburg, where he died in old age, leaving a large family; Thomas M. was the next child; Sarah J. is the widow of James McClure, of East McKeesport, which town is located on her estate. The mother of these children lived to be nearly one hundred years old. Thomas M. Wilson, the second son of the last named family, was born above McKeesport on the Monongahela river in 1825, and died in Pittsburg in 1892. He was a clothing merchant in Pittsburg for some twelve years and was also a farmer in the Monongahela valley. About 1848 he married Lydia Barrett, who was born in this country in 1829; her

father had come to America in 1828, being six weeks on the voyage, and he settled in Pittsburg and was a glass worker. There were six children born of this marriage: Albert Wilson lives at Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and has five children; the second is Walter N., whose biography follows in the succeeding paragraph; Arthur, a farmer in the Monongahela valley, died at the age of forty in Pittsburg and left a wife and a daughter; Samuel W. is a real estate dealer at Niles, Ohio, and has two sons and a daughter; Sarah J. is married and has two children; Alonzo R. is in the real estate business in Pittsburg, and has one daughter. The mother of this family is still living in Pittsburg, an active old lady.

The birth of Walter N. Wilson occurred in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1853, and he was educated on the farm in Pennsylvania and on the plantation of three hundred acres in Virginia which his father had bought in 1869. When he was nineteen years old he left this latter place and went out to southern Kansas, near the Indian territory; he engaged in farming in that wild country, and was forty miles from a railroad. He never had the honor of killing a buffalo in that country, but his friend did, and they both slept on the skin. The grasshoppers and the drought of 1873 made crops a failure, and in the following year he returned to Pennsylvania. He soon afterward married, and for a number of years was located at Brad-dock, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in selling pianos and dealing in real estate. He moved from there to his small farm in Jackson township, Mahoning county, but after a short residence there he sold his place at a profit and came to Struthers in March, 1901, where he has dealt extensively in realty. He owns some very valuable property here, his own residence and office, besides a bakery which is conducted by an experienced man in his interests, and many improved and vacant lots. He is a member of the South Youngstown Land Company, which was incorporated in 1902 with Dr. W. A. Morrison as its president, Attorney Roland, of Youngstown, its secretary, and Thomas McVey, its treasurer; Mr. Wilson has charge of the sale of the company's land. Mr. Wilson is one of the stockholders, a director, and a member of the finance committee of the Struthers Savings and Banking Company.

On January 8, 1877, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Fanny F. Youngblood, of Indiana, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Scott Youngblood; the latter was the court-cryer for over fifty years, and there were three sons and three daughters in his family who grew up, all of them living at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of three children: Mable T. is the wife of John M. Glenn, of Struthers, and has two children;

Horace L., an unmarried young man, is his father's partner in the firm of W. N. Wilson and Son; the daughter Lena died at the age of four years. Mr. Wilson is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and are held in high esteem by their many friends.

#### CLARK RICE McCOMBS.

Clark Rice McCombs is a well known citizen of Mahoning county, Ohio, and resides near Struthers, on the farm where he was born April 16, 1858, in the same house in which his father, William Morrison McCombs, was born, February 21, 1816. The latter was a son of William, and a grandson of John McCombs, who was born in Scotland in 1747, moved to Ireland, and from there came to America in 1770. John McCombs married Elizabeth Marshall, who was born in 1748 in Scotland and died in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, September 14, 1839, aged ninety-one years. Their children were as follows: William, who was born December 24, 1772, at Pequea, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, died October 1, 1854, in Poland township, aged eighty-one years; Robert, born April 14, 1775, died November 30, 1843, at Niles, Ohio; John, born June 13, 1777, died April 18, 1862, aged eighty-four years and ten months; Elizabeth, born September 22, 1782, died in 1805, in Poland township, aged twenty-three years; Isaac, born February 15, 1784, died August 18, 1847, in his sixty-fourth year; James, born in 1786, died August 23, 1848, in Weathersfield, Ohio; and Joseph, born December 6, 1789, died February 2, 1885, aged ninety-five years. All these children of John McCombs were born in or near Pequea. The old headstone of this progenitor of the family can be found in the Poland cemetery.

"The History of John McCombs' Family" was published in 1897, in Chicago, by John Clark Ward, a great-grandson of this patriarch, and from it we glean some interesting family history. That the American founder of the family as well as his wife came originally from Scotland, was made evident by their traits of character, their customs and their songs. Quoting from the book: "The families intimate with the McCombs in Ohio were the Stewarts, Marshalls, McClellends, McFarlands and the McKinleys, great-grandparents of William McKinley, president of the United States. The most of these families came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, with John McCombs and his family. While in Pennsylvania he was an agriculturist and dairyman of the highest order, owning the finest blooded stock. The same degree of enterprise was manifested in Ohio by his sons and grandsons, from 1800 to 1860, at which time the settlement of the

western territory and the Civil war from 1861 to 1865 diverted their attention to commercial and professional pursuits, and at this date but few of the descendants are engaged in agriculture. We also find that John McCombs was a soldier in the Revolutionary war from 1776 to 1781, and received depreciation pay to that date, as shown by the records of the state librarian at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This fact entitled his descendants to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. John and his whole family moved from Washington county to Poland, then Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1800, where he and his son William purchased a tract of land, the first taxes, in 1803, being forty cents. John, Jr., purchased another tract at the same time, and his first taxes were twenty cents. Youngstown, founded by John Young, was the headquarters for making titles to the land owned by the Ohio Company. John McCombs stood five feet, six inches, broad-shouldered, brown eyes. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. His wife was a large woman, weighing two hundred pounds. In her later years she took much pride in teaching her grandchildren to knit and embroider, in the meantime amusing them with tales and incidents of her life. Her Bible was her constant companion. It was printed in 1793, and its leaves were brown and worn by time and use. She survived her husband seventeen years, and both are sleeping their last sleep in the old Center cemetery of the Poland Presbyterian church."

The mother of Clark Rice McCombs was Esther Rice, and she was born in Madison county, New York, in 1819, and died in 1902, and was a daughter of Sherman and Roxanna (Marion) Rice, who were married in New York. The parents of our subject were married January 3, 1844, and they reared four children, namely: Albert S., who is a broom manufacturer at Hartford City, Indiana, and has one daughter and two sons; William, who is single, still lives on the old farm; Miss Clara resides also on the old homestead; and Clark Rice.

Mr. McCombs was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the local schools and in Poland Academy. He remained at home until his marriage on October 9, 1901, to Miss Isabelle Wallace, who was born near Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Young) Wallace, the former of whom was born in Slippery Rock, Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1838, and the latter, 1837, on a farm three miles out of Newcastle, where they still live, December 12. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace married about 1859 and they had eight children, as follows: Jennie, who is the wife of Nathan Offutt, has one daughter, Belle; William, who died aged eleven months; Isabelle, who became Mrs. McCombs; David

Young, who resides near Edinburg, Pennsylvania; William Wylie, who is a mail carrier in Newcastle; Lizzie, who is a young lady at home; Robert Bruce, died in infancy; and Frank is still under the home roof. Mrs. McCombs is a well educated lady and taught school for several terms prior to her marriage. One little son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCombs, his birthday being September 15, 1902, and he bears the name of William Wallace.

Mr. McCombs belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias. He is identified with the Republican party and is a member of the Struthers city council. He sold forty-five acres of his land to the Youngstown Iron and Sheet Steel Company. The prosperous city of Struthers is encroaching on the old farm, five streets already having been laid out. He erected a handsome residence on the corner of Park avenue and Marion street. The first house built on the old farm is still standing, near the present residence, with its two large chimneys built on the outside, and it is now used for storage purposes. The present home is delightfully situated and is one of the most attractive ones in the locality. The surviving members of this old and prominent pioneer family belong to the most highly esteemed citizens of Mahoning county.

#### PATRICK MYLOTT.

To adopt a new country, one foreign in customs, business and to some extent in language, where all is changed and where everything wears a new and unaccustomed garb, is what few men can do within a limited time. Patrick Mylott, however, was able to adapt himself to such changed conditions and to assume highly responsible positions both public and private. He first began life's battle in the historic county Mayo in the Emerald Isle. There he remained until constant reports of the greatness and of the advantages of this country induced him, with many others, to leave his home country, his accustomed surroundings and friends, and seek his fortunes in America. This was in the year 1868. He went at once to Youngstown, Ohio, where he has since remained, and his industry and ability have there received marked reward. Beginning work in the rolling mills, he was soon put to more responsible work and progressed from time to time.

The same qualities which brought him success in the business world have made him an influential leader in public life. He has served with ability as city commissioner during two terms and also as councilman of the sixth ward, and these services have covered a period of about six years, during all of which he has discharged his official duties in a highly credit-

able manner and in such a way as to win the admiration and respect of all who have known him.

He was united in marriage in his adopted city of Youngstown to Sebina Burk, with whom he has lived long and happily. Eight living children make up the family, seven boys and one girl, all of whom prove a great satisfaction and comfort to their parents. The father of Patrick was Raymond Mylott, who, like his son, possessed many qualities which endeared him to all. Mr. Mylott early espoused the Catholic faith, and has always been a devoted adherent to its tenets. He is a Democrat and in the politics of Youngstown has long figured as a leader.

#### SETH J. McNABB.

The McNabb family is an old and long established one in Mahoning county, Ohio, and is so numerous in its various branches that the annual reunion is an affair of considerable importance in that locality, the above named gentleman having been the treasurer of this reunion association for the past two years. Grandfather Patrick McNabb was a native of Ireland and came to this country as a young man. He was married to Catherine McNabb, no relative, however, and of their thirteen children but three daughters now survive: Margaret is the widow of Jesse Huff, in Youngstown, and has two daughters; Harriet, the wife of Edward Goodge in Youngstown, has three children living; Julia is the wife of Wallace Wilkins, at Lowellville, and has one adopted daughter. The son Darius, father of Seth J. McNabb, was the youngest of these children; he was a plasterer by trade and was accidentally killed in an iron furnace when only twenty-two years old. About two years before he had married Miss Rebecca Thompson, a native of Wooster, Ohio, and this lady is now the wife of John F. Shafer, by whom she has had four children: William Shafer is a young man in the iron mill; Curtis is also in the mill; Myrtle is a young lady at home and employed in the postoffice; Walker is still in school and sells the daily papers.

It is to Seth J. McNabb that the course of the biography now comes. He was the only son of the brief union of Darius and Rebecca McNabb and was born in Lowellville, May 23, 1870, being only nine months old when he lost his father. He went to school in Poland Center and Lowellville up to his tenth year with regularity, but for the next seven years his opportunities to gain an education were rather limited. He then began clerking in the tobacco and candy store of Dr. Morrison in Struthers, but when he was nineteen he went to Braddock, Pennsylvania, where he was

employed to fire an engine, as timekeeper and stock-house boss. On his return to Struthers he worked in the iron mill of Summers Brothers, and then engaged as a clerk for Hacker and Morrison, who remained in business, however, but three months, after which he conducted the grocery store of W. T. Conklin, who was engaged in the coal business, and turned over the other branch of his trade to Mr. McNabb. He was a clerk for McGillen and Company in Youngstown for nine weeks, accepted a better offer with Moody Brothers, where he remained for three years, and two years longer with their successors, and he then took charge of and conducted the order business of G. M. McKelvey and Company in Struthers for five years. On October 30, 1901, the grocery firm of Creed and McNabb was opened in Struthers, which under the management of Mr. McNabb has proved very prosperous. Mr. Creed, the "silent" partner in the enterprise, is a wealthy and successful dairy farmer, having a fine farm on the outskirts of the town, and he also has capital invested in other lines in the county. It requires four persons to attend to the business of this establishment.

Mr. McNabb was married to Miss Louise Maria Montgomery, a native of Haselton and a daughter of Lewis W. and Isabelle (Cubbison) Montgomery. Randall Morris McNabb is the only child and was born January 14, 1898. Mr. McNabb usually votes the Republican ticket, but on the Citizens' ticket he was elected the first treasurer of Struthers. He and his wife are Presbyterians with their membership in the United Presbyterian church in Struthers, having been formerly members of the First Presbyterian church in Youngstown.

#### LEMUEL T. FOSTER.

It is a source of considerable gratification to every man who, besides making a creditable record in life for himself, can point to a long line of ancestors who have likewise been good and worthy members of society; for, as Carlyle has so well expressed it, the elements of hero-worship are strong with us all, taking form in many different ways, especially in reverence for those of the same blood who have gone before. Colonel Lemuel T. Foster, the well known and prominent citizen of Mahoning county, is descended on both his paternal and maternal sides from men and women of worth and eminence.

Going back as far as possible on the paternal side, Mr. Foster finds substantial record of the fact that his great-grandfather Timothy was an Englishman, came to this country long before the Revolution, and he and six of his sons were soldiers in that war. One of these sons was Richard,



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who was born near Boston or Salem, Massachusetts. He was one of the "minute men" in the battle of Lexington, Bunker Hill, and other conflicts. Soon after the war he moved to eastern New York and bought one thousand acres of land in Washington county, two hundred and fifty acres of which came as a legacy to the father of Lemuel, and part of it remains in the family to this day. Before leaving Massachusetts he had married a Miss Titus, and they reared six sons and three daughters: the sons all married and had families, and the daughters, Huldah, Sibyl and Lydia, lived past middle life. One of the sons, Richard, settled in Ottawa, Canada; another, Samuel, in Ithaca, New York; and one, Titus, in the Black river country of New York.

The son of the above family in whom the reader is particularly interested is Jonas, who was born in Hebron, Washington county, New York, May 18, 1792. He grew up here, and when the war of 1812 broke out he joined the army as a fife major, was several times promoted, and served in the naval campaign on Lake Champlain. He then settled down on the two hundred and fifty acre tract which his father had given him, and was soon afterward married. Not long after this event he traded his land for some in the Black river country, where his brother Titus had located before him. After farming here for awhile he sold out in 1823, was a tenant farmer near Rochester for about a year, and on August 31, 1825, arrived in Youngstown, Ohio, having made the journey in emigrant style. This was a village at that time of only a few log houses, and the first venture which he tried was the running of two sawmills, also buying and selling some realty. From the product of these mills he soon after erected one of the first frame houses in the neighborhood, and to this day Colonel Foster has a recollection of how that was done. The lumber was sawed at his father's mill, the nails were made at the blacksmith shops in Youngstown, and the "house-raising" was participated in by all the neighbors. Jonas Foster purchased, in 1852, one hundred and fifty-one and a quarter acres of land in the vicinity of Youngstown, paying five thousand dollars for it, and he then settled down to pass the remainder of his days in farm work. He was one of the men who will be long remembered in Mahoning county for his early identification with its interests. He was a strong Whig until that party was merged into the Republican body, for which he cast his vote till his death, which occurred when he was nearly ninety-two years of age, January 8, 1883. On June 29, 1820, he had married Miss Lavina Pierce, and this brings us to a consideration of the maternal branch of the family, which presents some very celebrated characters.

Lavina Pierce was the daughter of Abraham and Lavina (Stoddard)

Pierce. Her mother was the sister of the mother of the famous William Tecumseh and John Sherman, while Abraham Pierce was the uncle of Franklin Pierce, the president of the United States. The Stoddard family, as is well authenticated, goes back to the time of William the Conqueror, there appearing this note in a record in the office of heraldry in England: "William Stoddard, a knight, came from Normandy to England in 1066, A. D. with William the Conqueror, who was his cousin." The line then is traced to the American progenitor, Anthony Stoddard, who in 1639 came to America and located near Boston. He was in the general council in 1650, 1659 and 1660, and for twenty successive years thereafter. There is at present in the possession of the family an original deed of parchment which conveys a grant to Phillip Stoddard and another gentleman, is dated the 20th of August 1662, and is signed by King Charles II and other dignitaries of the realm. And another interesting fact connected with the history of the family which Colonel Foster has unearthed by his diligent genealogical research, is a legal claim to three hundred acres of land in London, an untold fortune, but of course there are so many complications that it can hardly be regained. Many are the honored representatives of this house, and any book of American biography will contain some names which are connected with the Stoddards, but one in particular, Amos Stoddard, Lavina Pierce's uncle, deserves a few words. He was a soldier in the war of independence from 1779 till the close, then clerk of the supreme court in Boston, was a lawyer in Maine for a few years, became by appointment from President Jefferson the commissioner to Napoleon Bonapart to exchange the treatise between the United States and France in relation to the Louisiana Purchase, and then on his return was appointed governor of the territory of Louisiana, in 1804-05; was made a major in the army, took part in the war of 1812, and at the siege of Fort Meigs in 1813 received a wound which resulted in his death. He was a literary man, and among his works may be mentioned "Sketches, Historical and Descriptive, of Louisiana," "The Political Crisis," and his papers are at present in the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio. Lavina Stoddard and Abraham Pierce were married in Norwich, Connecticut, about 1794, and two children whom they reared were Lavina and Stoddard.

Lavina Pierce was born in Otsego county, New York, December 13, 1797, and grew up in the home of her aunt in Norwich, Connecticut, her mother having died in 1797. By her marriage to Mr. Foster she became the mother of seven children, as follows: Abby Phoebe, born in Johnstown, New York, July 10, 1821, married October 31, 1839, George H. Haskell,

and is now a widow living in Portland, Oregon; Delia L. was born in the same place as her sister, January 28, 1823, was married to Josiah Dunlap, and died December 10, 1860; the next in order of birth was Lemuel T.; Adaline D., born in Youngstown, March 14, 1827, married E. W. Wood, an officer in the Civil war, and both are deceased; Sarah Stoddard, born March 17, 1829, became the wife of James W. Eckman, later of Benjamin McNutt, and is now a widow at Boardman; Laura Amanda, born August 27, 1831, married Clarke Wood, and died in 1886; the last one of the family, Orinda S., born November 18, 1841, is the wife of James Crandon at Niles, Ohio.

These converging lines of families come together in Colonel Lemuel T. Foster, who was born near Rochester, New York, October 23, 1824, and was brought by his parents, in 1825, at the age of ten months, to Mahoning county, Ohio. He was reared in Mahoning county, enjoyed good educational advantages, and was later employed for several years as a teacher in the village schools. He was a boyhood friend of the lamented McKinley and still loves to tell of the days when they went fishing together in Mill creek, near where he now lives. He remained at home until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he aided in organizing the first Ohio Cavalry, being elected colonel; but this regiment was disbanded for lack of supplies from the government, and he then enlisted in Company I, Seventeenth Ohio Infantry, being elected captain. He was in the south most of the time, engaged in recruiting colored troops, and was at the taking of Island No. 10. Returning from the war he settled down to farming and stock-raising, which has occupied his attention for the greater part of his life. He owns some valuable tracts of land in the vicinity of Youngstown, and under most of it are rich deposits of coal. He was the organizer of the Foster Coal Company, and in the prosecution of this enterprise one of his strong traits of character came out. He had made a contract that the company should continue its prospecting for coal until he should be willing to stop. Already a number of holes had been sunk to the depth of about one hundred and seventy-five feet, and when his company had reached the depth of two hundred and twenty feet, they wanted to give it up; but he persevered, notwithstanding the grumblings of the wise-heads, and at the depth of two hundred and fifty-four feet a vein of splendid coal six feet thick was found, a block of which took the gold medal at the Centennial in Philadelphia. Many thousands of tons of coal have been taken from these lands, and Mr. Foster has derived a handsome revenue from it.

He has been active in political circles, has been identified successively with the Whigs, Republicans, Greenbackers and Populists, was in the convention that nominated Fremont for the presidency, was in the state conven-

tion that nominated Salmon P. Chase for governor, was a delegate in the first county convention ever held in Mahoning county, in 1877 was nominated for Congress by the Greenback party, being defeated by only a narrow margin, was again up for the same office in 1878 and 1880, and was the Populists' choice in 1891 for the Senate; he has been prominent in many other ways in public life, and is now independent in politics.

On March 11, 1869, Colonel Foster was married to Florence E. Lanterman, the daughter of German and Sally Ann (Wood) Lanterman, and she was born in 1843, near Youngstown. Una L., their first child, was born December 15, 1869, and is the widow of Hosea W. Simon, one son and one daughter being the result of this union; Ina Wood, who was born July 11, 1871, is the wife of John Kennedy and has one daughter. Mrs. Foster died June 19, 1873, and on September 11, 1878, Mr. Foster married Susannah B. Alexander, who was born March 28, 1848, of William and Elizabeth (Baird) Alexander. The Alexanders are connected with Revolutionary antecedents, various members of the family have been conspicuous in different parts of the country and in public and private life, and William Alexander was a large iron manufacturer in Pittsburg. The children who have been born of this second marriage of Mr. Foster are as follows: Charles L., who will graduate in the class of 1903 from the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland and is preparing for the profession of civil and electrical engineer; Lida L. and Alice Wood are both graduates of the Rayen high school in Youngstown, spent a year in the Laselle School in Boston and are now attending Oberlin College; Grace B. and Bessie B. are at home and are students in the high school, the former to graduate in 1904 and the latter in 1906. All these are taking lessons on the piano and violin except Lida, and are very accomplished and charming young women. Alice seems to inherit the talent and wonderful memory of Amos Stoddard, and Lida is an able elocutionist.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster reside in a beautiful home, and it is not only adorned with the ordinary furnishings of comfort, but there are arrayed on the walls many rare and interesting relics of the early history of the family, and curiosities which have come from all parts of the world, tapestries from Japan and other articles from the orient. Besides the deed which has been described in a preceding paragraph there is an interesting letter from Major Stoddard to the Colonel's grandmother, Lavina Pierce, which is dated June 16, 1804, at St. Louis, and in which he describes the six hundred dollar dinner given in honor of the Spanish and French embassies and officers. The wallets in which this letter and other papers are contained are over two hundred

and eighty years old and were brought to this country by Anthony Stoddard. Another article of interest is four bills of continental currency amounting to thirty dollars, which were paid to grandfather Richard Stoddard for his services in the Revolutionary war, priceless heirlooms to be treasured by all succeeding generations. Mr. Foster owns a library of over three thousand volumes, one of the best selected and largest private collections in the state. Surrounded by all these comforts, happy in the affection of his wife and children, satisfied with the part he has played in the past in business, social and political life, Mr. Foster may well be termed one of the world's fortunates, who has never lost his luck in life, and is passing his old age in quiet and peace.

### JAMES A. COOPER.

Among the substantial men of Youngstown, Ohio, is James A. Cooper, a native of Coitsville, Mahoning county, Ohio, where the greater part of his life has been spent. He was born October 11, 1845, and is a son of David Cooper, Jr., and a grandson of David Cooper, who was born in 1762, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Later he moved to Maryland and in 1798 came to Coitsville with the first band of surveyors sent out. So pleased was he with the locality that in 1800 he returned to settle and purchased four hundred acres of heavy timber land, and cleared up a fine farm, a part of which is still owned by his descendants. In 1806 David Cooper, Sr., married Rebecca Armstrong, of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, who at this time was aged twenty years. They reared eleven of their twelve children, six sons and five daughters, as follows: James, who served in the Mexican war and died in California, unmarried; Jane, who died in Coitsville, at the age of seventy years; John, who died at the age of eighty years; Rebecca, who died at the age of forty years; Sarah, who died aged forty-five years; David, who died aged sixty-six years; Eliza, who died aged seventy years; Mary, who died aged twenty years; William, who resides in Coitsville, aged seventy-seven years and has six living children; Robert, who died at the age of seventy years, leaving four children; and Armstrong, who died at the age of thirty years, in Kansas, unmarried. David Cooper died in 1855, having reached the age of ninety-four years. Our subject was the oldest grandchild, and one of his cherished possessions is an ambrotype of his venerable grandsire and himself, taken about 1854.

David Cooper, Jr., was born in February, 1819, in Coitsville, on the old home farm. In 1844 he married Jemima Rany, who was born September 25, 1829, in Poland township, and was a daughter of Alexander and

Nancy (Dickson) Rany, the former of whom was accidentally killed by a fall from a tree, a large family surviving. A family of four children were born to this union, and of these, one died in infancy and Rebecca died at the age of eight years. The two survivors are James A., of Youngstown, and his sister Mary A., who is the wife of V. C. McFarlin, also of Youngstown. The father engaged in agricultural pursuits almost all his life, living on the old farm which his father settled and enjoying the shade of trees which were but poplar switches when set out by his father, taken from the old home in the east and brought here on horseback. David Cooper prospered and became one of the worthy and responsible men of his locality. His wife was consistent in her membership in the Presbyterian church and he accompanied her and liberally contributed to its support. He died in November, 1885, but his wife survived until August, 1898, when she was in her seventy-third year.

James A. Cooper was educated in the Coitsville schools and spent a few terms at the Mahoning Academy at Canfield, which was then the county seat, and then taught school for one term. On October 3, 1870, he was united in marriage to one of his fair pupils, Miss Alice Kirk Jacobs, who was born July 16, 1848, and who was a daughter of Nicholas and Phebe (Kirk) Jacobs, the former of whom was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and the latter was a native of Coitsville. The mother of Mrs. Cooper died young, leaving five or six children. Mr. Jacobs married three times and had either six or seven children by each marriage and reared all but one. He died in 1881, aged seventy years. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are: David N., who for the past twelve years has been a clerk in the Wick National Bank at Youngstown, has a wife and one little daughter; Sarah L., who is the wife of Hon. W. J. Williams, of Youngstown, has one daughter; Sheldon Dill, who is in the Ohio State University, in the class of 1905; and Helen Mildred, a bright student in the local schools.

Mr. Cooper has spent the main part of his life as a farmer in Coitsville township and held many of the responsible offices there, and to him no small amount of credit is due in making it the banner township in the county. He served as township clerk and as justice of the peace, and for a period of fifty years no man was indicted there; there are no saloons there, and so honest and upright is every resident that Mr. Cooper never found it necessary to even lock his granary. Mr. Cooper spent one year at Battle Creek, Michigan, and two years at Hazelton, and early in the winter of 1903 came to Youngstown to occupy his residence at 239 Spring street. He was one of the founders and is still the leading stockholder in the Struthers Gear

Works, one of the leading industrial plants of the county, which is in a very prosperous condition.

In politics Mr. Cooper votes usually independent of party lines, although his leanings are toward Democracy. He is a thirty-second degree Mason. For fifty years he has attended the Coitsville Presbyterian church, and for thirty-five years was chorister there. Mrs. Cooper is a member of the same church. His residence in Youngstown has not been of long duration, and his old friends in Coitsville were loth to part with him and family, but the citizens of his present place of residence will do well to use every endeavor to retain so estimable a man in their midst as James A. Cooper.

#### MERVIN WESLEY KING.

Mervin Wesley King, a very prominent citizen of Berlin Center, belongs to one of the old pioneer families of this part of Ohio. He was born January 16, 1853, in Berlin township, and is a son of David King, who was born December 20, 1825, in this township, and was a son of Jonathan King, who was born January 5, 1804, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania; Jonathan was a son of George King, a son of Jonathan King, the latter of whom died aged ninety years. The grandfather of our subject died in Berlin township in 1896, aged ninety-two years. In 1825 he married Lydia Keck and they reared two sons and five daughters; of these, Joseph is a resident of this county; Susannah, widow of John Shively of Berlin township; Hannah, widow of ex-Auditor Hughes of Youngstown; and Sarah, wife of Richard Engle of Kansas. The grandmother died February 2, 1875, and both grandparents were interred in the Lutheran cemetery. Grandfather King was a man of much stability of character, and the limits of this sketch prevent doing him justice. At the age of twelve years the death of his father made his widowed mother dependent upon him, and instead of going to school he was obliged to labor for her support. He was a man of great natural ability, and although he did not learn to read or write until after his marriage, he then became proficient both in English and German, and later one of the best posted men in the county. It was the desire to assist his mother that prompted him to seek employment in Ohio, and with others he arrived in Springfield township, Mahoning county, in 1820, and here he lived until his death, at which time he was the oldest man in the township. In 1826 he located in Berlin township, where he accumulated a considerable fortune. He was known as a horseman and reinsman, operating a six-horse team on two routes, one from Pittsburg to Cleveland and one to the mouth of the Huron river. He was also captain

of the local guardsmen until they disbanded. Both he and wife belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran church. His second vote was cast for General Jackson, but from 1856 to 1881 he voted with the Republicans, at which latter date his strong temperance principles took him into the ranks of the Prohibition party.

The mother of our subject, Mary (Smith) King, was born August 2, 1831, and is a daughter of Dr. and Levina (Caldwell) Smith, who were married November 9, 1825. Mrs. King died January 29, 1892, aged sixty-five years, but David King yet survives in the enjoyment of good health. Their marriage took place March 25, 1852, and a family of six children were born to them, as follows: Mervin W.; Clarke, born in 1855, died in 1871; Frank M., a physician in Damascus, with whom his father resides; George Lincoln, a specialist physician at Alliance; Ida Fidelia, wife of Clarence Cover, who resides on the old Smith homestead; and Lavina Lydia, who died an infant in 1876.

Mervin Wesley King obtained a good district school education, and after one year spent in the Mount Union College was graduated in the commercial department and later taught one winter term of school. During his younger years he spent some time in the cultivation of a marked musical talent. On June 12, 1877, he was united in marriage to Sarah A. Hardgrove, who is a daughter of George Hardgrove, a farmer of Stark county, and one of the early settlers of this section of the state. Mr. Hardgrove's death occurred May 20, 1902, in his eighty-first year, and he is survived by his widow, who was seventy-five years old in July, 1902; they reared two of their three children, Mrs. King, and Martin, who is in the furniture and undertaking business at Doylestown, Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. King have but one child, Clarence Martin, a young man of fine business ability, who is associated with his father in his many business interests. It has been noted that Mr. and Mrs. King and their son are "all young folks together."

Mr. King resides on his farm of eighty-five acres, which his grandfather homesteaded more than fifty years ago. In 1880 he embarked in the lumber business and has a large sawmill, feed mill and planing mill, which he runs by steam power. This part of the business he conducts while his wife and son manage the farm and operate a large dairy on the most improved plans. Here they use the milk of a fine herd of Jersey cows, and have a fine milk-house, built over a never-failing spring of soft water. They have had the water piped into their comfortable farm residence and thus enjoy many advantages which are not usually found in rural homes.

In politics Mr. King has been a life-long Republican. He is a man of prominence and responsibility, as shown by his election to the position of township trustee, in which he has proved himself a very capable official. For a number of years he has been a leading member of the Methodist church and has taken a very active part in its services, as class leader, steward and trustee, and is now the Sunday-school superintendent. There are few families in Berlin Center who are more prominent in social, business or religious life.

#### WALTER A. BEECHER.

The hope of the republic is in its public-spirited citizens, and when any community is plentifully supplied with these, this being true in a national as well as a local sense, the foul breath of public scandal never rises to besmirch its fair name. There is no reason in ethics why public office should not be a public trust, and the contrary is true only when there is a dearth of citizens who are non-participants in the public life of their community. The realization of the truth of this sentiment here expressed is responsible for the position which Walter A. Beecher holds in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, a position secure because he has demonstrated that a public trust is as sacred as one of a private nature.

The family of which our honored subject is a worthy member is of New England stock, his father, Leonard Beecher, having been born in Cheshire, Connecticut, in 1814. The Beechers had been residents of that commonwealth for many generations prior to the time of Leonard Beecher. The latter's wife bore the maiden name of Ruth Webster, she being a daughter of Noah Webster, and Walter A. is the only child of the marriage. His father died in Southington, Connecticut, in 1875, and his widow followed him to the grave in the year 1901, dying in Youngstown, Ohio.

Walter A. Beecher, the secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Powder Company at Youngstown, was born in Southington, Connecticut, in 1845, and was there reared, receiving his education in the common schools of that village. He remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, thence coming direct to Youngstown, where he has since continued to reside, and during that time has taken an active part in the civic life of the community. He is a director of the Mahoning National Bank and a director in several other corporations; has served as a member of the city council for a period of four years, during which time he was the presiding officer for two years; is one of the fifteen life trustees of the Youngstown City Hospital Association, and is at the present time one of the trustees of the Youngstown city

water works, of which important board he was the president during the year of 1901. In politics he has always been a Republican, and for many years has been one of the active supporters of the principles of his party.

The marriage of Mr. Beecher was celebrated on the 18th of February, 1880, in Youngstown, Ohio, when Eleanor L., a daughter of Samuel Price, became his wife, and to this union have been born two children, George and Ward. Of an exceedingly urbane and social nature, Mr. Beecher finds delight in membership in several of the leading fraternal organizations of the city, being connected with the blue lodge, chapter and St. John's Commandery No. 20, of Youngstown, with Alkoran Temple, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, at Cleveland, and is an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a gentleman who combines many noble traits of citizenship, and is held in high esteem in the community which he has served so faithfully and well during his active business life.

#### JAMES K. MIDDAGH.

James K. Middagh, cashier of the Farmers Deposit and Savings Bank of Poland, Ohio, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of October, 1863. The progenitor of the Middagh family came to this country from England on the brig Beaver in 1661, and landed on Long Island, and from him have descended all or nearly all bearing that name in America. The great-great-grandfather of our subject bore the name of John Middagh, and in a very early day he located in Juniata county, Pennsylvania. His son John was born in 1760, and his death occurred in 1844. He was a farmer by occupation, and in his family were two sons, one of whom, who also bore the name of John, was born in 1787, and his death occurred in 1842. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Wharton, and they reared two sons and six daughters. One of the sons, John Middagh, was born in 1819 and died in 1887. On both the paternal and maternal sides the ancestors of our subject have been extremely patriotic, many of the representatives having taken part in the Revolutionary war, and one of his ancestors, William Wharton, served from the battle of Brandywine to the surrender of Yorktown. Two of his uncles, John Middagh and James Kidd, each served a period of three years in the Civil war, and during that struggle his father also served for a time as a member of the Pennsylvania Home Guards.

Samuel W. Middagh, the father of James K. Middagh, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in November, 1826. For his wife he chose Miss Margaret Kidd, who also claimed Juniata county as the place of her



J. R. Middaugh



nativity, her birth occurring in 1838. This marriage was celebrated in January, 1862, and they then located on the old farm which the great-grandfather Middagh had entered so many years ago, and this estate, on which now stand two dwellings, is still in the possession of the family. In 1864 Mr. and Mrs. Middagh came to the Buckeye state, locating on a farm in Smith township, Mahoning county, but they are now spending the evening of their lives in the village of North Benton. Six children were born to this worthy couple, as follows: James K.; Sarah, who became the wife of James Hughes, by whom she has one daughter, and the family reside near Poland; Attie, the wife of Alvin Phillips, also of Mahoning county, and they have two children; John W., a prominent farmer at North Benton, and he is married and has one son; Anna E., who has had the care of the home of her brother James for the past five years; and Bert W., a clerk in the Farmers Deposit and Savings Bank and also a member of his brother's household. The maternal grandfather of these children was Robert Kidd, who came to this country from county Derry, near Dublin, Ireland.

James K. Middagh was reared on the home farm to the age of twenty years, during which time he received an excellent education in the district schools and in the Poland Union Seminary, spending two years in the latter institution, and after putting aside his text-books he followed the profession of teaching for twelve terms. He became connected with the Farmers Deposit and Savings Bank in July, 1889, in the capacity of bookkeeper, and since 1902 has been its efficient cashier. This institution is one of the reliable financial concerns of Mahoning county, and in his official capacity Mr. Middagh has become widely known, commanding uniform confidence by his straightforward methods. His political support is given to the Republican party, and during the past seven years he has served as the treasurer of his city and township. He is a trustee of the Poland Union Seminary, and has served as treasurer of its board during the past eight years. He is an elder and an active worker in the Presbyterian church.

The marriage of Mr. Middagh was celebrated on the 14th of June, 1893, when Miss Sannie May Hughes became his wife. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio, being a daughter of James and Lydia (Jackson) Hughes, also of that city. Mrs. Middagh was called from this earth on the 19th of May, 1894, leaving an infant daughter, Margaret Esther, who has been reared by the sister of our subject, and she is now a bright and promising little lady of nine years. In all the relations of life, in official, business, church and social capacities, Mr. Middagh has been closely identified with the various interests of his community, and well deserves mention among its prominent and enterprising men.

## ARTHUR G. YOUNG.

At this juncture we are permitted to touch upon the life history of one who, if for no other reason, merits recognition by reason of his having been a life-long resident of Mahoning county and a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of the city of Youngstown, where his father took up his abode more than fourscore years ago. But, superadded to this circumstance, are others which render the appearance of his biography within these pages all the more consonant, for he has here attained a position of prominence in connection with the industrial activities of the county and is honored as one of the upright, genial and whole-souled citizens of Youngstown, where he has been for many years engaged in business as a contractor and builder, and where he controls a large and representative enterprise in the line, his prestige being unmistakable, while he is at the present time incumbent of the office of treasurer of the Youngstown Builders' Exchange.

Arthur G. Young was born in Youngstown on the 19th of April, 1853, being the son of George A. and Elmira H. (Noon) Young. George A. Young was a native of the city of Baltimore, Maryland, where he was born in the year 1816, a son of Robert Young, who was born in the same old city about 1788, and who died within the same year that his son George was born, the latter having been the only child. In 1821, when five years of age, George A. Young accompanied his widowed mother, whose maiden name was Lucinda T. Day, on her removal from Baltimore to Youngstown, Ohio, which was then a mere village, while the work of reclaiming and developing this section of the Buckeye state had been scarcely more than inaugurated. He was reared to maturity in Youngstown, receiving such educational advantages as were afforded in the somewhat primitive schools of the place and period, and as a youth he here learned the cooper's trade and also that of glover, and to these lines of enterprise he continued to devote his energies until 1875. He was one of the honored business men of Youngstown and guided his life according to the highest standard of integrity, so that the utmost confidence and esteem was accorded him in the community where he passed practically his entire life, his death occurring in Youngstown on the 22d day of March, 1897. The family is of sterling Scotch extraction and became identified with the annals of American history in the early colonial epoch, representatives of the name having been numbered among the early settlers in Maryland.

In the city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the 27th of October, 1842, was solemnized the marriage of George A. Young to Miss Elmira H. Noon, who was born in the city of London, England, and whose father came with

his family to America when she was a child. Of the nine children of George A. and Elmira Young seven grew to maturity: Mary E. is the wife of Wells Clark; Kate is the wife of Martin Andrews; Susan M. is the wife of Edwin Tidball; Arthur G. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Dillman R. is a well known citizen of Youngstown; Emma is the wife of William N. Hull; and Althea, who became the wife of George H. Winsworth, is now deceased. The mother of these children was summoned into eternal rest in 1883, having been a woman of gracious and noble character and a devoted wife and mother.

Arthur G. Young is indebted to the public schools of Youngstown for the early educational advantages which were accorded him, and when about sixteen years of age he laid aside his text-books and began the work of preparing himself for the practical duties and responsibilities of life. He served a thorough apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and at the age of twenty-two was known as a master workman, while his ambition to excell in his chosen field of endeavor was shown by the assiduous application he gave to gaining technical and practical information which would gain him success in the connection. Thus we find that he devoted his evenings to learning pattern-making and architectural drawing, while applying himself to the practical work of his trade during the day, the dual discipline amply fortifying him for the gaining of the precedence which is distinctively his in his vocation as a contractor and builder. He continued to be employed at his trade until 1887, when he engaged in general contracting in the way of building houses, and his independent business career has been one of cumulative success and one which stands to his credit as a thorough, reliable and honorable business man and as one of marked executive ability. He still continues active operations as a contractor, and many of the fine dwellings and other buildings in Youngstown and other sections of the county stand in lasting testimony of his ability, while his architectural taste is finely developed, so that he has been enabled to secure the best results in both a technical and practical way. Mr. Young is known as a public-spirited and progressive citizen and has ever shown a lively interest in all that has furthered the advancement and material prosperity of his native city. In politics his proclivities are indicated in the unswerving allegiance he accords to the Republican party, and fraternally he is an honored member of the Masonic order; the lodge, encampment and canton of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his wife hold membership in the Baptist church.

On the 31st of March, 1876, Mr. Young was united in marriage to

Miss Ella Pollock, who was born in Pulaski, Pennsylvania, in the year 1857, and who died in 1884, leaving four children, namely: Cora D., the wife of William G. Wilson; Myrtle D., who remains at the paternal home; Bessie F., the wife of Robert W. Kernochan; and Wilbur B., who now resides at home. On the 1st of January, 1886, Mr. Young consummated a second marriage, being then united to Mrs. S. Anna Van Epps, whose maiden name was Shoup, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of John P. and Mary A. (Thorn) Shoup. John P. Shoup was born in the kingdom of Würtemberg, Germany, in 1831, and in 1836 he accompanied his widowed mother on her emigration to America, locating in Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated and where he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in Butler county, that state, in 1895, while his widow still retains her home there. During the war of the rebellion Mr. Shoup enlisted as a private in a Pennsylvania regiment of heavy artillery, with which he served during the last year of the war, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, where he devoted the remainder of his life to farming. In addition to his local interests Mr. Young is concerned in the development of mining properties in the state of Idaho, the operations being conducted by the Buckeye Mining Company, of which he is vice-president, while the proposition is one which promises a high degree of success.

#### HENRY NIEDERMEIER.

There is no element which has entered into our composite national fabric that has been of more practical strength, value and utility, than that furnished by the sturdy, persevering and honorable sons of the great empire of Germany, and in the progress of our American republic this element has played an important part. Intensely practical and ever having a clear and normal comprehension of the ethics of life, the German contingent has wielded a powerful influence in social and economic affairs, and this service can not be held in light estimation by those who appreciate true civilization and true advancement. Our best type of citizens of German birth or extraction is distinctly American, and there is slight consistence in the oft-recurring use of the term "German-American," for while retaining a worthy affection for their fatherland, they have identified themselves completely with the spirit and functions of our national institutions and are as fully entitled to the unqualified title of American as is any native of the republic. Among the earnest men whose depth of character and strict adherence to principle have gained to them the confidence and esteem of their fellow men is Mr. Niedermeier, and in his independent business career he has shown a tenacity of

purpose, an indomitable energy and that self-reliant courage whose natural concomitant is definite success. He is one of the representative contractors in the line of stone and brick masonry in the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, and has the distinction of being president of the Youngstown Builders' Exchange at the time of this writing, a fact that indicates the estimate placed upon him by those identified with the same and similar lines of enterprise, while his position in the community is that of a valued citizen and progressive business man.

Henry Niedermeier is a native of Germany, having been born in the principality of Lippe-Detmold, on the 8th of February, 1848, and there he was reared to the age of eighteen years, having received his early educational training in the excellent schools of his native land. He is a son of William Niedermeier, who likewise was born in Lippe-Detmold, in the year 1801, and there he passed his entire life, having served as a lieutenant in the German army during the revolution of 1848, and his death having occurred in the year 1874. Of his nine children eight are still living, the subject of this sketch having been the youngest of the number.

When eighteen years of age Henry Niedermeier emigrated to America, in the year 1866, proceeding to the state of Missouri, where he remained four and one-half years, within which time he learned the trade of stonemason, becoming a thoroughly skilled workman. At the expiration of the period noted he returned to his old home, where he remained for three months, after which he returned again to the United States and located in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, where he passed a few months. In the fall of 1871 he came to Youngstown, which has thus been his home for more than thirty years. Here he found employment at his trade, and that he has used discrimination in his efforts has been shown in the success which he has attained, for he has been consecutively identified with operations in the line of his trade ever since he located here, with the exception of two years, 1880-1, when he was a member of the police department of Youngstown. He inaugurated his independent operations as a stone and brick mason contractor and builder in 1882, and such has been his fidelity and such his recognized ability that he has advanced to a foremost position in his chosen vocation and now handles a large and profitable business, while his course has ever been such as to retain to him unqualified confidence and esteem.

Though never an aspirant for political preferment, Mr. Niedermeier has taken a proper interest in public affairs and gives a staunch support to the principles and policies of the Republican party. His religious faith is that of the German Reformed church, of which his wife also is a member, and

fraternally he holds membership in the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias. On the 2d of January, 1879, Mr. Niedermeier was united in marriage to Miss Martha Heller, a daughter of Nicholas and Frederica (Bofeld) Heller, of Youngstown, and of the six children of this union five are living, namely: Henry J., Louis, Clara, Doretta and William.

#### WILLIAM H. REED.

The Reeds are a highly respected family in Mahoning county, where the members are very numerous and occupy influential places in society. Grandfather William Reed is the first member of the household with whom this biography is concerned, and he came to this part of the country at an early day. He married Martha Thornton, whose father was one of the pioneers and had settled on one hundred and seventy-two acres of land, which he afterward divided between his daughter and his bachelor son John. This marriage occurred about 1810, and the five children born were as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of Moses Brownlee; Mary, the wife of David Brownlee; John H., mentioned later; William, who went to Mercer, Pennsylvania, where he died; Nancy, the wife of James Milligen. The mother of these children died February 24, 1849, after which William was again married, but died in March, 1859, an octogenarian.

John H. Reed was born to these parents on the old farm, April 23, 1816, and died here September 5, 1898. He married Miss Jane Kimmell, who was born near here in 1818 and was the daughter of Phillip Kimmell and his wife Susan Waters, the father of the former having come from Germany and settled in this vicinity. Mr. Reed was married in 1836, when he was only twenty and his wife eighteen, and he often remarked that if he had it to do over again he would marry yet younger. They reared four of their seven children; the first was Lycurgus, who died at the age of twenty-four; Martha M. lived to be eighteen; Phillip died at the age of fourteen; William H. is sketched in the succeeding paragraph; Susan is the wife of William Creed of Struthers; Edward and Elizabeth were twins, and she died at the age of fifteen, and he at the age of thirty-five, leaving three daughters and two sons. After the death of his first wife in 1862, Mr. Reed was again married to Samantha McClellan, and they reared two children, Althea, the wife of Thomas McVey; Pluma, who died at the age of twenty-two shortly after becoming the wife of James Goodward.

William H. Reed was born to these parents in Coitsville township, February 24, 1849, and was a babe of six months when he was brought to the farm on which he now resides and part of which has become incorporated in

East Youngstown. He was reared to farm life and had a fair common school education. He remained at home with his father, and on Christmas day of 1875 was married to Miss Mary Morris, who was born in Pittsburg and was the daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Morris, a minister of the Methodist church, who died in June, 1894, at the age of seventy-one, and his wife followed him in July, leaving seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have lost four children in infancy, and the daughter Jane died at the age of nine, those living being: John is an electrician in Youngstown and is married; Nathaniel is a student in the State University at Columbus; Ferdinand is a young man of twenty and is employed by the Morris Hardware Company in Youngstown; Henry is a lad of ten; and the youngest is Mary, a girl of five summers. Mr. Reed has quit farming since most of his place was absorbed in the town and now devotes his time to looking after his real estate, having built some dwellings and done some buying and selling of property. He is one of the popular residents, bears acquaintance and wears well both socially and in business circles, and is a well rounded man of the world. He is a straight republican, has served two terms as township trustee, and in the Methodist church, of which both he and his wife are members, he holds the official positions of trustee and steward.

#### OLIVER E. BEATTY.

Successful and valiant alike in peace and war, Mr. Beatty has a life record of which he may well be proud. The same qualities which enabled him to rise from the humble walk of the farmer's boy to the responsible position of president of a great corporation, also made him a devoted soldier and sustained him upon many a field of battle where shot and shell were flying and when the death angel hovered over all.

It was on a farm in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, that Mr. Beatty was born, and there he lived until the age of eighteen, going to school, a distance of about two miles from his home, walking in all weathers, unmindful alike of heat and cold and drifting snows. When about seventeen years of age he went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of learning the sheet-iron trade. Soon after, upon the breaking out of the war, he entered the service in August, 1863, having made application before that time and being refused on account of the state's quota being full. He enlisted in Knapp's Battery of Light Artillery as a private and served long and faithfully through many engagements. He was in the Army of the Potomac until after the battle of Chickamauga, when the battery joined Sherman's army, where it remained until the close of the war, being mustered out in June, 1865, at Camp Braddock. He was actively engaged in

the following battles: Antietam, Chancellorsville, was three days at Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and then marched from Dalton to Atlanta under Sherman in his famous campaign to the sea. Later he participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C.

The war ended, and his duty to the country most honorably discharged, he returned to Pittsburg to his former work and in 1867 located at Youngstown, Ohio, with the W. B. Pollock Company, where he was engaged for several years, after which he had charge of the boiler works of the Broad-Bonnell Company for about three years, and in 1884 he was instrumental in starting the Enterprise Boiler works with one partner. In 1897 the business, having grown in size, was incorporated, and Mr. Beatty was chosen its president. In 1870 he was married, on the 7th of April, in Youngstown, to Mary Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, and to them were born two children: Alice, wife of Dr. T. F. Moore, of Pittsburg; and Grace, who is unmarried and remained at home.

Thomas W. Beatty, Oliver E. Beatty's father, was born in Pennsylvania in 1812. He was a farmer by occupation and married Maria Phelps, by whom he had seven children, four now surviving. Two of these sons served valiantly in the Civil war, Stephen, now deceased, in a cavalry company from West Virginia, and William, was in a regiment of Pennsylvania infantry.

Mr. Beatty is a Republican, belongs to no church and no societies. He has risen solely through his own efforts. He has never sought the aid of church or lodge, or of any fraternal organization, preferring always to meet the demands of business and society untrammelled with obligations of this character. He has, however, shown himself at all times loyal to his country and its best interests, and has made a record for himself that few can even approximate.

#### BURDETT O. EDDY.

In the history of the business interests of Youngstown the name of Burdett O. Eddy occupies a prominent place, and he is also an honored hero of the Civil war. In the paternal line he is descended from a prominent old Connecticut family, his great-grandfather, Othniel Eddy, having been born in that commonwealth, and he, too, nobly aided his country, serving as a valiant soldier in the war of 1812. His death occurred about 1854, when he had reached the eighty-eighth milestone on the journey of life. His son, Moore Eddy, became the grandfather of our subject, and in the city of Tolland, Connecticut, he was born, in 1794, while his death occurred in 1876. His son, Lorenzo Shipley Eddy, also claimed Tolland as the city of his



Maj. Gen. B. O. Eddy  
Commanding Department of Ohio  
P. M. & O. T. F.



nativity, his birth occurring there in 1817. About 1834 he left his ancestral home for Ohio, and in the Buckeye state he followed agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. He was called to the home beyond in 1899.

Burdett O. Eddy, an attorney and the efficient court stenographer of Youngstown, is the immediate subject of this review. He was born in Windsor, Ashtabula county, Ohio, on the 11th of April, 1846, and was reared to the quiet pursuits of the farm. Remaining at home until the period of the Civil war, he then, in June, 1862, entered the Trumbull Guards, a state organization, which proceeded to Gallipolis for garrison duty. He entered the guards under the mistaken idea that they were being organized for independent scouting service, and on learning that their duty would be simply to guard government stores he became dissatisfied, and three weeks later, with the consent of the officers, he began special scouting service under the command of William Hickox, better known as "Wild Bill." The latter was dangerously wounded in a hand-to-hand fight with bushwhackers in Arkansas, and Mr. Eddy soon afterward started on his return journey home. On reaching Springfield, Illinois, the spirit of patriotism again prompted him to enlist, and on September 4, 1863, he entered Battery G, Second Illinois Light Artillery, which was attached to the Sixteenth Army Corps and took part in the engagements at Union City, Coffeerville, Brownsville, Tupelo, Old Town Creek, Hurricane Creek, Nashville, the siege of Vicksburg, the siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakeley, near Mobile, Alabama. While a scout, Mr. Eddy participated in over fifty running fights and skirmishes. He was mustered out of service at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois, on the 4th of September, 1865, after which he spent some time on the plains of Nebraska, Dakota, Colorado and what is now Wyoming. While in the west he was for three years train commander for various trading parties and was for over a year captain of the vigilance committee of the Laramie valley. In August, 1868, he was wounded in the right knee in a single-handed combat with a party of Indians at Cooper Creek, Wyoming, and he then returned to his home in Ohio, where he taught in the district schools during several winter terms.

In 1872 General Eddy entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was graduated therein in 1874. While there he took up the study of shorthand, and in this line of work he became very proficient. In 1874 he was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Michigan, and in the same year was admitted to the bar of the United States district court at Detroit, and also to the Ohio bar at Canfield. Towards the

close of that year he began the practice of law at Youngstown, but at that time it was necessary to send to Cleveland or Pittsburg for official reporters when such were needed, and General Eddy was soon devoting all his time to the work of reporting. In May, 1878, when the Ohio legislature passed an act providing for the appointment of official stenographers, he was appointed to his present position on a petition signed by every member of the bar of Mahoning county. Youngstown is an important manufacturing and railroad center, and the vast amount of damage litigation arising makes it necessary that the reporter be able to take all kinds of expert testimony, medical, mechanical, etc., and General Eddy's work has never failed to give the utmost satisfaction.

In his political relations our subject is allied with the Republican party. From 1884 to 1888 he was a member of the Youngstown city council, being for two terms its president, and from 1888 to the present time he has been a member of the board of education, having been its efficient president during three terms. He belongs to all the leading social orders and societies, and has held the most responsible positions in them all, being now the commanding officer of the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., department of Ohio. He is a man of strong constitution and great vitality, and many successive days and nights of reporting and transcribing notes have no power to ruffle an uncommonly even temper and unfailing good spirits.

Mr. Eddy was united in marriage September 18, 1874, to Miss Sarah Day, who died December 3, 1878, one child living by this union, Burdette S. He married again, August 19, 1890, Miss Vella I. Sunderlin, of Youngstown, and there are two children of this marriage, William C. and Jessie.

#### JOSEPH WILLIAMSON.

The annals of Mahoning county, Ohio, give distinctive evidence that the Williamson family have been identified with its history from the early pioneer epoch, and thus added interest attaches to the consideration of the career of the honored subject of this sketch, who is one of the prominent and now venerable citizens of the county, in which he has passed his entire life of more than threescore years and ten, commanding that same confidence and esteem as did his venerated father, who likewise was a life-long resident of the county; and also his grandfather, who located here when this section of the state was essentially an unbroken wilderness, the virgin forests standing where now are valuable farms and thriving cities and villages. The early period when the name thus became identified with Mahoning county may in a measure be understood, when we revert to the fact that the grand-

father of our subject took up a tract of land and developed a farm which is within the present corporate limits of the city of Youngstown, now one of the important industrial and commercial points in the state. After a life of signal activity and honor in connection with practical business affairs, Mr. Williamson is now living retired, in the city of Youngstown, and it is a pleasure to here offer a brief review of his career, with incidental reference to his genealogy and to the pioneer days in this section. The strenuous life of the pioneer has been the theme of many a writer, and yet never can too much be written concerning those who have blazed the way for progress and prosperity in the various sovereign states of our great republic, and have thus been the founders of our enlightened commonwealths.

Joseph Williamson was born on a farm which is now included within the city of Youngstown, on the 31st of July, 1827, and here he was reared to years of maturity, having attended the schools of the locality and period, as opportunity afforded, until he had attained the age of eighteen years, and having thus laid the secure foundation of that wide and varied fund of information and knowledge which he has since gained by personal application and association with men and affairs in the busy walks of life. He continued to devote his attention to farm work until he was nineteen years of age, when he began an apprenticeship at the trade in connection with which his energies and abilities were directed during the remainder of his long and successful business career. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, becoming a skilled mechanic, and he eventually secured prestige as one of the representative contractors and builders of this section of the state, carrying on a large and successful business in the line and also continued farming, this in connection with carpenter work, until 1876, when he retired, and since that time he has been enjoying the rewards of his former toil and endeavor, while his name has ever stood as a synonym of impregnable honor and integrity.

In politics he has given an uncompromising allegiance to the Republican party from the time of its organization, and during the period of the war of the rebellion he was a staunch advocate of the Union cause, though physical disabilities prevented his rendering active service as a soldier in the ranks. His religious faith is that of the Christian church, of which he has been a devoted member for many years, as has also his wife. In the year 1856 was solemnized the marriage of Joseph Williamson to Miss Belinda A. Detchon, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Warren P., of whom further mention is made in appending paragraphs; and Mary B. and Martha B., twins.

Pyatt Williamson, the father of our subject, was born on the same old homestead in Mahoning county as was his son, and as the date of his nativity was the year 1801, it becomes evident that the family located here before Ohio was admitted to the Union. He was here reared to maturity and here devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in the year 1876. He married Anna Knox and they became the parents of eight children, of whom six are living at the present time, namely: Joseph; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Jesse Simons, of Boardman township, this county; Isaac, who is a resident of Youngstown; Horace, who resides in Youngstown; Sarah J., who is the wife of Abraham Hubler, of Youngstown; and Alice, the widow of Alfred McKinney, of Youngstown. Joseph Williamson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in the state of New Jersey in 1765, being of sturdy Scotch extraction, and in the latter part of the eighteenth century he emigrated to the wilds of Ohio and located a tract of land on which a portion of the city of Youngstown now stands, and here he reclaimed and developed a farm, to whose improvement and cultivation he devoted his attention during the remainder of his life, his death occurring on the homestead in 1827, which year witnessed the birth of his grandson and namesake.

Warren Pyatt Williamson, the only son of Joseph and Belinda A. Williamson, was born on the ancestral homestead in this county, on the 4th of October, 1858, and here he was reared to years of maturity, receiving his early educational training in the schools of Youngstown, while he early became identified with business activities, along which line he has attained a success worthy the name. In the year 1881 the Youngstown Carriage & Wagon Company was organized and incorporated, and he became bookkeeper in the office of the concern, while in 1889 he became secretary and treasurer of the company. The success of the enterprise has been largely due to his wise business policy and discriminating and progressive methods, and in 1901 he was chosen general manager and treasurer of the company, of which dual office he is the present able incumbent. He is known as one of the able and straightforward business men of his native city and as a worthy representative of a family honored in this section of the state from the time when the work of development was inaugurated.

In politics Mr. Williamson is a stalwart Republican, and has been called upon to serve in various official positions of public trust and responsibility. He was a member of the city council for two terms, as a representative of the fourth ward, and is now a member of the board of water works trustees. Fraternally he is an appreciative and popular member of the Masonic order

and of its social adjunct, the Mystic Shrine, and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On the 31st of December, 1890. Warren P. Williamson was united in marriage to Miss May Thompson, a daughter of D. J. Thompson, a well known and honored citizen of Youngstown, and they are the parents of two children, Joseph D. and Warren P., Jr.

#### JOHN ROSE.

John Rose, one of the prominent farmers of Mahoning county, now living retired on his farm in Berlin township, near Berlin Center, was born January 7, 1825, in Milton township, Mahoning county, Ohio. Mr. Rose comes of a long-lived family. His grandfather, Jesse Rose, lived to the age of one hundred years; his father lived to more than one hundred and two years.

Grandfather Jesse Rose was of English extraction, and probably took part in the Revolutionary war. He was a great hunter and annually killed thirty-six deer and salted them down. He married a Miss Parshall, and as far as known these were his children: David, Robert, Jesse, Betsy, Mary and James. Of these Robert was probably born April 7, 1784, near Warm Springs, Virginia. When about twelve years old he moved with his parents to Poland, Mahoning county, and they settled on lands that are now occupied by a part of that village. Here he married Catherine Shoaf, who was the mother of his eight children, all of whom, with one exception, are alive, and these are: Elizabeth Rose Kirk, born April 7, 1811, of Iowa; David, born in 1815, of Ashtabula; Mary Harkellrode, born in 1818, of Champion, Ohio; Anna Strong, born in 1820, of Kent, Ohio; Robert, born in 1823, of Ashtabula county; John, of Berlin; and James, born in 1827, of Smith township. Some years after his marriage Robert Rose moved to what is now known as Rosemont, took possession of an old cabin in the woods, where the family lived until a better home was provided on a farm of one hundred and four acres in Milton township. Here he lived some seventy years and here his second wife died. Since that time until his own death, Mr. Rose lived alternately with his two sons, John and James. Prior to his death, and within a few months of it he was still able to walk with a cane and was bent low with age, but retained his mental faculties, and the day before his death he smoked a pipe. He followed farming, and at the age of ninety-nine years hoed corn and did other farm work. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and when he cast his last ballot at Berlin, for President Cleveland, he said he only desired to live to help elect another Democratic president. He never held any office. For over fifty years he was a member

of the Methodist church. His children say that he was never sick, and death was caused by extreme age, his life having covered one hundred and two years, two months and nine days. He left about forty grandchildren and fifty great-grandchildren.

John Rose obtained his education in the old log school-house near his father's farm, attending during the winter sessions, until the age of seventeen years. On June 20, 1850, he married Sophia Heiser, who was born November 16, 1830, in Mahoning county, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Heiser, the latter of whom is a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose: Seneca C., a farmer in Milton township; Delorma is unmarried and operates the home farm; and Selby H., a farmer in Berlin township, and has two daughters. In 1868 Mr. Rose sold the old farm, and moved to Berlin, buying one hundred and sixty acres and residing on it until the fall of 1882. In the spring of 1885 he bought the snug little farm of twenty-six and one-half acres where he and wife reside, paying eleven hundred and fifty dollars for it. He has carried on a mixed husbandry and has been a large stock-dealer in his time, buying and feeding mostly sheep. In politics he is a consistent Democrat, and has served as assistant treasurer, both in Milton and Berlin townships. Mrs. Rose was the only child of her parents, her mother dying when she was six months old, and she was reared by her grandparents. She is a woman very much beloved and respected in her neighborhood, and is still active in mind and body and enjoys looking after the duties of her little household. For eighteen years she was the tender nurse of her husband's father. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rose have many friends in Berlin township.

#### WALLACE K. HUGHES, M. D.

Wallace K. Hughes, M. D., a prominent physician of Mahoning county, resides in Berlin Center, where he was born July 18, 1835. He is a son of Dr. James Williams Hughes and Paulina Snowden (Brooke) Hughes, who were married February 20, 1834, and reared the following children: Dr. Wallace K.; Adeline Virginia, born April 2, 1838; Elizabeth Hester, born August 23, 1840; James Brooke, born January 5, 1846, who was a successful merchant in Berlin Center.

Dr. James Williams Hughes was born October 11, 1807, in Rockville, Maryland, and was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Boone) Hughes, the former of whom was born April 10, 1758, and the latter September 19, 1766. They spent their whole lives in Maryland, and among their children were: Isaiah Boone, who died March 10, 1822; Hannah Northcraft, died aged

fifty-two years; Edward, died aged fifty-seven years; John, died aged forty-nine years; Elizabeth H. Janney, died aged sixty years; and Mordacai Boone, died January 26, 1852, aged forty-two years.

In 1832 the father of our subject settled in Berlin Center, and was the first and for a long time the only physician in this locality. He was college bred, graduating at the Washington University, D. C. He was a self-made man, and it is related that he chopped wood in order to pay his expenses through school. Although he was a man of robust constitution and powerful frame, weighing two hundred pounds, he was overworked in his profession and died suddenly of apoplexy in 1869. He daily covered miles of country, and in his earlier days on horseback, following bridle paths and blazed trees to visit his patients. Although too busy to engage in politics, he was a Whig in sentiment, and as one of the most responsible men in his locality was called upon to serve as justice of the peace. His widow survived until June, 1875, almost reaching her seventy-fifth birthday.

Dr. Wallace K. Hughes attended the local school and began reading medicine with his father at the age of eighteen years. In 1856 he entered Cleveland Medical College, where he was graduated in 1859, and immediately began to relieve his father of some of his heavy practice. He spent three years in the Civil war, going out as assistant surgeon in the Thirty-eighth Ohio Infantry, changing to the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, and serving during the last six months as regiment surgeon. His regiment belonged to the Department of Tennessee, and was a part of that detachment which pursued Jefferson Davis, his command being but nine miles behind when the late Confederate president was captured. Dr. Hughes was married while on a furlough, May 23, 1863, to Miss Martha F. Smith, of Berlin Center, who was born in 1834 and died July 31, 1890, without issue. Fraternally he is a Master Mason of twenty-four years' standing; a Knight of Pythias of Palmyra Lodge; and has served two terms as commander of Kirkbride Post Number 600, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, and for ten consecutive years has served as township treasurer.

After his years of faithful and arduous practice, Dr. Hughes deemed it advisable to call in a little assistance, and for short periods took three partners into the business. For thirty years he has been a member of the Methodist church and is one of the trustees. His venerable father was the first class-leader in Berlin Center, and prepared the first temperance lecture ever heard here. An urgent call made it necessary for a substitute to read the lecture in his place. Miss Elizabeth Hughes owns the old home, built by her father seventy years ago, which was the third frame house erected

in Berlin Center. The present Doctor's home and office was built by him thirty years ago and is a pleasant, roomy cottage standing on the east corner of the public square, surrounded by five acres of land.

It would not be suitable to close this record of the Hughes family, which was one of the oldest and most honorable of the town, without mention of the late James B. Hughes, whose death took place July 25, 1881. He was ex-auditor of Mahoning county, and a successful merchant, and a very popular citizen. His election as auditor took place in 1875, and his service covered a period of five years. He proved to be one of the most efficient officials the county had ever had. His death was a shock to many beside his own family, as he was a man of noble character, and of social and genial nature, which had made him many friends. He was buried with Masonic honors.

#### WILLIAM T. HAWKINS.

William T. Hawkins, now one of the prominent farmers of Berlin township, has been a resident of this part of Mahoning county for more than a half century. He was born September 24, 1844, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Teegarden) Hawkins. Thomas Hawkins was born in 1809 in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and in 1834 married Mary Teegarden, who was born in July, 1812, in Columbiana county. Her father was Rev. William Teegarden, a Bible Christian preacher. Their children were the following: Lavosier E., born in 1836, died on his farm in this township, in his fifty-seventh year, leaving a widow and six children; Ruth E. is the widow Hartzell and has three children; Susannah is the wife of Dr. Tressel, of Alliance, and they have three children; Laura, deceased in 1865, was the wife of J. B. Stanley and left two children; William T. is the subject of this sketch; Mary married Rev. E. G. Tressel of Columbus, Ohio, and they have four children; Elizabeth was the wife of Albert Shilling and died in 1896, leaving four children; Emmer died at the age of twenty-two; and Nettie O. died in 1894 at Alliance. The father died on Christmas day, 1882. His widow lived with Nettie in Alliance and died in 1896. They rest in the old cemetery at Berlin Center. Their religious belief was in the Bible Christian church. At one time Thomas Hawkins was a wealthy man, speculating in wool and owning a large farm. A sudden fall in wool wiped his wealth away. By trade he was a shoemaker, and he made shoes for his family after settling on his farm.

William T. Hawkins was brought to this locality by his parents in

April, 1845, the long journey being made by canal to Youngstown, there being no railroads then in this section of the country; from Youngstown teams were used. This farm of two hundred and forty-four acres was purchased from Joseph Colt, there being a residence, a fair-sized barn on the place, and some thirty acres from which the trees had been cut, although the stumps still remained. On this farm William T. Hawkins grew up, finding plenty of hard work to occupy his time, leaving little for getting an education. However, until he was seventeen years old, he attended the district school in the winter time. In 1864 he answered President Lincoln's last call for troops, and enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteers. Contracting malaria, which developed into typhoid fever, he was confined in a hospital. The worst battle which he recalls was that at Petersburg, where for two days and two nights he was in the field hospital assisting the surgeon in his amputations. He returned to the farm, which he bid in at the auction in September, 1890, for fifty dollars per acre. He has been engaged here in general farming ever since. Although he has made many pleasure trips through other states he has never found any section to suit him so well as his own.

Mr. Hawkins has taken a leading part in county and township affairs. For six years he was township treasurer, for five years township clerk, several times health officer, and is now serving on the school board. His leading enterprise is the raising of fine stock and cattle, and he has had at times as many as forty head of registered cattle, and one hundred head of Merino sheep. These bring what are known as fancy prices on account of their pure breed. In 1901 he erected his famous red barn, which is forty by seventy feet, with wing forty by forty-four feet, with a ten-foot basement under the whole, and is fifty feet to the peak. Good heavy timbers and fine workmanship make this a structure to be proud of; the timbers for the frame came from Mr. Hawkins's own timber lot. After selling three thousand dollars' worth of timber in 1902, he still has fifteen acres left. His crops include hay, corn, wheat and oats, and his fertile land produces some of the largest crops in this neighborhood. His orchards of apples and peaches were started by his father, and he adds to them every year. The tall evergreens which ornament his lawn were also planted by the busy hands of his parents and are constant reminders of their industry and provision for those coming after them.

Mr. Hawkins was married to Miss Darthella Nettrour, on November 15, 1899, and they have one bright little son, Charles Tressel, who was born September 30, 1902. Mrs. Hawkins is a daughter of John and Anna

(Wonsettler) Nettrour, of Leetonia, where the father is engaged in the machinery business. Mrs. Hawkins was educated in the graded school, and began teaching at the age of sixteen, continuing for seven years. Mr. Hawkins is one of the best known men of this neighborhood. For a long season he has been a comrade in Kirkbride Post No. 600, G. A. R., and has frequently held official position. He was appointed by Garfield as agent to Alaska in 1881, but on account of his mother's ill health he could not accept the compliment.

### JOHN H. STREETER.

The pursuits of life are as varied as are the tastes and capacities of men, and it is an interesting and useful study to observe the degree of their assimilation and to note the degree to which an individual realized his potential and gives evidence in practical results. In connection with the stirring industrial life which gives so marked prestige to the attractive little city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, are naturally to be found arrayed a large number of men of marked capacity and ability in their respective fields of endeavor, and of many of them specific mention is made in this volume, while in the case at hand we find additional consistency in entering a review of personal character, since Mr. Streeter is not only one of the representative citizens, being chief clerk of the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, but has also passed practically his entire life in Youngstown, winning advancement through his own efforts and ability and ever commanding unqualified respect and esteem in the community.

John H. Streeter was born in Newcastle, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of March, 1858, and when he was still an infant his parents removed thence to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was reared to maturity, having secured his educational training in the public schools and having left the high school within two weeks of his graduation, being at the time fourteen years of age. He then took the position of mailing clerk in the Youngstown postoffice, his father being at the time incumbent of the office of postmaster, and he continued as employe in this office about five years, at the expiration of which period he secured a clerkship in a local coal office, where he continued to be employed until 1896. In 1898 Mr. Streeter took a clerical position in the office of the Ohio Steel Company, and in April, 1901, he was made chief clerk, having been practically the incumbent of this position from February, 1899, and being promoted officially soon after the merging of the interests of the company into the National Steel Company. He is a man of fine executive ability, having marked facility in the handling of manifold



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details, and his administration of the duties devolving upon him has been admirable and won him deserved commendation.

In politics Mr. Streeter gives his allegiance to the Republican party, his religious faith is that of the English Lutheran church, and fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, holding membership in Youngstown Lodge No. 55, in his home city. On the 21st of February, 1877, in the city of Youngstown, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Streeter to Miss Samantha J. Baechler, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Baechler, an able member of the clergy of the English Lutheran church, and they are the parents of two children, Matie E. and Mabel.

Corydon B. Streeter, father of our subject was born in Orange county, New York, March 3, 1829, and he now resides in Johnson, Stanton county, Kansas. being one of the successful farmers and stock-growers of that section and being at the present time incumbent of the office of county treasurer, to which he was elected for a second term. In Plain Grove, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Offutt, daughter of John Offutt, and their five children are as follows: John H.; James C.; Mary E., wife of Dr. C. L. Floor, deceased January 30, 1903; Margaret, wife of E. N. Travis; and Charles Grant. Corydon B. Streeter enlisted as a private in an Ohio regiment in 1864, for a term of one hundred days, and was in active service during the closing portion of the war of the rebellion, while he was a personal friend of General Grant and one of his staunch admirers. He is a son of Horace Streeter, who was born in Massachusetts in 1801, and died at Ottumwa, Iowa, in September, 1853. Jacob, the father of Horace, died in Massachusetts in 1853, and Jacob's father was still living in Massachusetts after Corydon B., his great-grandson, became a young man. The maiden name of the grandmother of Corydon B. Streeter was Hannah Earskine, and she was born in Massachusetts, and died at Poplar Grove, Illinois, in 1853. The mother of Corydon was Eliza Avery, who was born in 1810 and died in Illinois in 1890.

### JOHN DYER.

The working of metals, from the earliest times of which we have historic information, has proved both fascinating and indispensably necessary to mankind. Step by step has nature unfolded its secrets to the tireless and skilful experimenter, until now we are surrounded on all sides with the marvels of construction in iron, brass, copper and other metals.

John Dyer early became interested in the transmutation of iron and continued his study and experiments until he became highly proficient in the work.

His father, William Dyer, was joined in marriage to Elizabeth Thomas, and to them were born a large family, of whom three alone are now living: John, William, and Sarah, wife of Enoch Phillips. His mother died in the year 1866.

It was at Tredgar, South Wales, that John Dyer was born, and there he received his early education, until he became fired with a desire of visiting this country, of which he had long heard so many glowing reports. Accordingly, in 1886, he came to Pennsylvania, and after a short stay of about two months continued westward, locating in Youngstown, Ohio. Here he entered the Brown-Bonnell mill as a puddler, which he afterward left to join the Youngstown Sheet Iron and Tube Company, by whom he is now employed.

He was married in Wales, in 1881, to Margaret Edwards, and to them were born four children: Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty years, in May, 1902; Thomas John, who died in 1887; William and Henry. Mr. Dyer has always been identified with the Republican party, in which he is held in high esteem throughout Mahoning county. In 1901 he was elected to the board of education from the third ward in Youngstown, the term of his office being two years. He is also an honored member of the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and with his family attends the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. His selection as a member of the board of education was certainly recognition of his ability beyond the limits of his life profession, and he has long been highly esteemed for his manly and generous interest in the welfare of all about him.

#### MRS. MARY E. MOHERMAN.

Mrs. Mary E. Moherman is the owner of an attractive home and fine farm in Jackson township, pleasantly situated about a mile and a half west of the town of Jackson. She is the widow of Solomon R. Moherman, who died here April 26, 1902, at the age of forty-eight years. He was born in the house which is still occupied by his widow, and was a son of Abraham Moherman, also a native of this county, who was born in Austintown township, October 16, 1805, and died here May 28, 1885, when in his eightieth year. The latter's father, Frederick Moherman, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, about 1778, and was a stock farmer. He wedded Mary Horn and they reared a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: John, who was a successful farmer; Abraham, the father of Solomon Moherman; Daniel; Robert; Austin; Winchester; Mary, who died at the age of nineteen years; Anna Moherman became the wife of Leonard Woodward; and Rachel Moherman was the wife of George Lynn. All of this family have now passed away. Frederick Moherman was one of the first set-

tlers of Jackson township, becoming the possessor of the farm while the white men still had to dispute the title to this fair region with its former possessors, the Indians. He became a successful agriculturist, as did all of his sons.

Mrs. Mary E. Moherman was a daughter of James and Hetty (Ebert) Eckenrode. Her mother was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1830. About 1851 she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Eckenrode, who was born in the Keystone state in 1829. Their marriage occurred, however, in Mahoning county, Ohio, and they settled upon a farm in Jackson township, near where Mrs. Moherman makes her home. The father became the owner of a rich tract of one hundred acres, upon which he placed good improvements. Ten children were born to him and his wife, but five have passed away. Two of the sons died in infancy, and another son, William Henry, died at the age of six and a half years. Maria C. became the wife of Woodworth Powers, and died at the age of twenty-three years, leaving a little son, Forrest Powers, then but six weeks old. Malcolm Wallace Eckenrode died when about twenty-eight years, leaving a widow and four children, three daughters and a son. The living members of the Eckenrode family are: Mrs. Moherman; Frear A., who is living on his sister's farm, and has a young wife and one daughter; Adolphus, residing in North Jackson, with his wife and five children; Byron Clyde, who is a carpenter of Youngstown, and is a widower with one son and one daughter; and Forrest Kanard, at Mineral Ridge, who has a wife and two daughters. James Eckenrode, the father, passed away in 1876, at the age of forty-eight years, but the mother is still living, and retains her mental and physical faculties unimpaired.

Mrs. Moherman was educated in the public schools, and on the 27th of July, 1876, was married. She came to her present farm twenty-seven years ago and has lived here continuously since. Mr. Moherman was a man of industry and enterprise and devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended. His death proved a great blow to the widow and also a source of deep regret to his many friends. In his political views he was a Republican, but never sought or desired office. He belonged to the Disciples church, of which his widow is also a faithful member, and his life was ever upright and honorable. He left to Mrs. Moherman a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres, which has been in possession of the family for almost a century. Her home is a most attractive and comfortable one, with pleasing surroundings as well as interior furnishings. Among her treasures Mrs. Moherman has a very large and beautiful century plant which her mother gave her. Mrs. Moherman has a wide acquaintance in this her native county, and her friends are many.

## WARNER P. MOODY.

Mr. Moody has been the principal of the public school of Struthers, Mahoning county, for nearly fifteen years, so long a time that many of those who were his pupils in the first years are now grown to maturity and have children of their own to be educated. This long term of service has had its rewards in many ways besides the money received, and his extended retention in the position is an honor and evidence of the respect in which he is held by all the inhabitants, old and young. His family has been connected with the history of Mahoning county for over a century. Grandfather James Moody, who was of Irish descent, was born in 1772 in Delaware and came to Ohio in the early years of the last century. He was a tanner by trade and had his tannery on his seventy-acre farm. He married Elizabeth Tinch, of German ancestry, and they reared a large family. They both lived to a good old age and their remains rest in Boardman township.

Jackson B. Moody, one of their children, was born in the fall of 1814. He was a merchant in Poland, and by appointment from the Democratic President Buchanan, became the postmaster. The firm of Lee & Moody did a thriving business in Poland, which was then the principal town on the old stage route between Pittsburg and Cleveland, Youngstown not yet being in existence. But when his parents became old and feeble he returned to the farm to care for them, and at their death he inherited the place, twenty-six acres of which is still in the possession of one of his daughters. He married Sarah Patrick, who was born in this county in 1830, the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth (Bishop) Patrick, the former a Scotch-Irishman, born in county Antrim, Ireland. Six sons and two daughters were born of this marriage, and all grew up and are now living except one son, James Arthur, who was a merchant in Youngstown, and died at the age of forty-eight, leaving three sons. The living children are: Elizabeth, who is the housekeeper on the old place for her brother, Holmes Moody, and her two uncles, Charles and William Patrick; Olive Moody is a high school graduate and a teacher in Poland; Fred R. is successfully carrying on the business in Youngstown of his brother's widow; Thaddeus is storekeeper for the boiler works in Youngstown; Jesse R. is a resident of Youngstown and has a family of five children; and Warner P. The mother of this family died at the age of forty-seven in 1877, and the father died in August, 1896.

Warner P. Moody was born in Boardman, this county, in 1865, was educated in the Poland schools and left the academy at the age of eighteen and at twenty began teaching, which he has followed with so much success for the past seventeen years. He has taught in Struthers for fifteen years, and has

been principal with the exception of the first year. On December 30, 1890, he was married to Miss Mary E. Kerr, who was born in Mercer, Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Henry G. and Mary E. (Cozad) Kerr. She was a graduate of the Mercer high school and was for some time before her marriage a primary teacher under her future husband, thus being an excellent and sympathetic helper in his life work. Two sons and two daughters were born of their marriage, but all died in infancy with the exception of Miriam, who was born December 24, 1896. Mr. Moody is an independent in politics, his father and grandfather having been Democrats; he is a Knight of Pythias, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. They are now settled in their pleasant home, which was built on a hillside in the summer of 1902, and they are happily situated and enjoy the esteem of the best people of the town. Two heirlooms which Mr. Moody prizes very highly are a sword and a pistol which his grandfather carried in the war of 1812, and it is very probable that other ancestors were in the Revolution.

#### SETH HAYES TRUESDALE, M. D.

Dr. Truesdale is prominent in the medical circles of Mahoning county, where he has been engaged in practice for nearly twenty years, in which time he has won many friends, both professionally and socially. He comes of good ancestry, and his grandfather was a Revolutionary war veteran, and four of his father's brothers were in the war of 1812. Grandfather John Truesdale was born in eastern Pennsylvania near Chambersburg in 1743, was a substantial farmer, and came to this county in the early days of Ohio history and died here in 1818. His son Joseph was a physician and surgeon, was very prominent in the public life of Mahoning county, where he located in 1831, served in the legislature, and died in 1871, highly respected by all the citizens of the community. He was married about 1831 to Eliza Hayes, a cousin of President Hayes. She was born in Hartford, Ohio, in 1814, and was the daughter of Colonel Richard Hayes. Sarah M., the first child of this union, is the widow of Dr. Riley, and resides in Youngstown; Mrs. Ella Smith is also a widow and lives in Rochester, New York; Lucy C. Rockwood is the wife of a prominent north side merchant in Chicago; the fourth child was Seth Hayes; Mrs. Lottie E. King died October 27, 1900, leaving three children; Fred Hayes is a real estate man of Chicago. The mother of these children died on March 29, 1873.

Seth Hayes Truesdale was born in Poland, Mahoning county, June 20, 1843, and was educated in the Poland Union Seminary, a classmate of William McKinley. His education was interrupted in 1862, when he en-

listed for the Civil war. In June of this year he entered Company B, Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and in May, 1863, was made first lieutenant of Company A, Eighty-sixth Ohio, but in thirty days was promoted and captained the company until March, 1864, when he was mustered out of service. He had the fortune to escape all injuries, and was in a camp hospital for only a short time. In 1865 he began systematic preparation for the profession of medicine by reading in his father's office. But after a year he gave up his medical aspirations for a time and went to Chicago, where he was engaged in business until 1875. He then resumed his studies in the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, where he graduated with his degree of M. D. in February, 1876. He had also taken a course in Rush Medical College in Chicago. Thus prepared, he began practice at Mount Jackson, Pennsylvania, where he remained till November, 1883, when he came to his native place of Poland. Since he came here four of the resident physicians, including his own son, have died, and he is one of the longest established practitioners in the place.

In September, 1865, Dr. Truesdale was married to Miss Amelia McCreary, who was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, and is the daughter of William and Mary (Miller) McCreary. Harry Truesdale, the first born of this union, died in infancy. William J., who was born October 3, 1870, was graduated in medicine in Cleveland at the age of twenty-four, and was a most promising young man, with a bright career before him, but on May 25, 1895, consumption claimed him for a victim, and thus was lost to Poland one who would have made a great impress for good upon the community. Dr. Truesdale and his wife have been living in their present nice brick residence since 1883, and his house, office and outbuildings occupy about two acres of one of the most attractive corners in the town, a beautiful home, where they enjoy the friendship of the best people of the place. He is a Republican, a Presbyterian, and a past commander of Hawkins Post. No. 416, G. A. R.

#### JOHN J. HILL.

This gentleman is himself of Scotch birth, and his ancestors were all natives of that rugged land. His grandfather, John Hill, was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and by his wife, Annie McDonald, had five sons and two daughters: Charlotte, Rosanna, John, Walter, Joseph, James and Arthur. Most of them were miners; one was a soldier in the British army and died while in the army of occupation in the late war with China, being buried in that country. Of these sons, James married Annie Watt in 1853, and in

1864 sailed for America, being twenty-one days on the voyage. He had moderate means, saved from his own earnings as a miner, and he at once secured a position as a superintendent in a mine at Haselton and later at Nebo, Ohio. Further facts in regard to this worthy couple are given in the sketch of Margaret (Hill) Roemer in this volume.

Of the ten children born to the last mentioned parents, John J. is the sixth in order of birth, being born in Carluke, Lanarkshire, Scotland, February 29, 1864. Three weeks after his birth his parents came to New York, and he was thus an American in everything but birth. His advantages in school were very limited, for he left school at the age of eleven and began work for a railroad company as a water boy and in charge of the tools. He received one dollar a day at first, but in his third year this was reduced to seventy-five cents on account of the panic of 1873. About this time he gave up the work and went out to the farm of Squire Stewart at Nebo, one of the old settlers, and worked during the summers, while in the winter of his sixteenth year he attended school, which was the last schooling that he was privileged to obtain. At the age of sixteen he began work in the Powers coal mine at Haselton, where he had worked one winter before with his father. He was in the mine less than two years at the low wage of seventy-five cents a day, and in 1880 he returned to the Stewart farm, where he worked the first year under Mr. Stewart and the next under that gentleman's successor, during the last six months getting twenty-six dollars a month and his board. On September 14, 1882, when he was eighteen years old, he entered the employ of the American Sheet Steel Works, formerly the Summers Bros. Company, receiving one dollar and sixty-five cents a day, and he has been engaged in this work ever since as a roller.

On December 3, 1891, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Jennie V. Adams, who was born in Lowellville, November 3, 1869, and is the daughter of John and Jane (Goodhue) Adams. The former was a native of Prussia, born in Geraldstein in 1842, and the latter was born near Rochester, England, and is still living, having lost her husband in 1871. There were two daughters of this couple, and Mary is a seamstress living with her sister, Mrs. Hill. The first child born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill was named Grace Anna, her birth taking place December 24, 1892, and she is now studying music; Margaret Elizabeth was born May 31, 1895; James Arrel Smith Hill was born October 14, 1896; George Arthur was born January 23, 1898; and the youngest, Jean Marie, came into the home January 5, 1900.

Before his marriage Mr. Hill had resolved not to be a tenant, and three days before his wedding he went in debt for his home, and he has built a

large and good residence on the east side of Struthers, having purchased five acres of land on the hillside, a site commanding a view of the entire Mahoning Valley. He has been prudent in his business affairs and is now one of the most substantial citizens of the town. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, while in politics he is a Prohibitionist and cast his first presidential vote for that party. He is a firm supporter of the principles upheld by this organization and has done much to eradicate the terrible scourge of the liquor traffic. As he says rather facetiously, he now has five more arguments against intemperance than when he was a young man, namely, his five young children. He is also a member of the United Presbyterian Church and is one of its trustees.

#### JOHN G. ERSKINE.

No citizens of Mahoning county are more respected than those of the name of Erskine, and the family has been long established, going back in the history of Scotland for many generations. Robert Erskine, whose great-grandson is the subject of this biography, was a native of Erskine Parish, Scotland, and by his wife, Helen Allison, had a son Hugh. Hugh was born in the same parish in 1790 and was a weaver of the famous Paisley shawls in the shops at Paisley, in which many of the employes were eligible to Parliament. He married Elizabeth Craig, a native of Paisley, and the daughter of James and Janet (Melvin) Craig, and there were seven children born of this union: Robert, deceased; Janet, deceased; Hugh, who lives in this country; John, deceased; William, deceased; Joseph, who died in this country; and James. James, who carries the line of descent, was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1825, and like his father, was employed in the shawl factory. The latter died in 1837 in the prime of his life, and James then moved to the Shotts Iron Works and became a competent engineer, which calling he followed for five years, and he still has in his possession the certificate of recommendation from his employers. He had begun his life's labors as a herder on the Scotch hills when he was thirteen years old, and after his career as an engineer he was allured by the opportunities in the new world and landed in New York city on May 28, 1849. He went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment on a farm and then in the brick yards at Bolivar, but as he lost his first five months' wages, he returned to his employer on the farm. He later went back to the brick yard and in 1859, in the absence of the owner, was made general manager. He also had charge of the store there until 1863, when he bought a timber farm near Bolivar and

cleared it. His next venture was the purchase of the brick yard of his former employer, but after seventeen months he sold it back. After these many changes he came to the Mahoning Valley in 1866 and bought a tract of land containing brick clay, and in the following spring brought his family. He engaged in making brick and in the limestone business for many years and is now a retired resident of Lowellville, having come from humble circumstances to his present comfortable competency. He was married in 1853 to a Scotch lady, Catherine Geddes, the daughter of George and Margaret (Farquhar) Geddes, who emigrated from Scotland to America and settled in Bolivar, Pennsylvania. Six children were born of this union, and after the death of his first wife, Mr. Erskine was married on August 7, 1890, to Miss Ella E. Hicks, the daughter of Isaac and Sarah A. (Whisner) Hicks. By this marriage four children were born, and the three living are Isaac P., Hugh and Sarah.

John G. Erskine, who has the longest established and the largest general merchandise house in Lowellville, was born to James and Catherine Erskine in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1862. He had his schooling in the public schools of Youngstown and then two years in a college in Columbus, Ohio, and two years in Bethany, West Virginia. Leaving college at the age of twenty-one, he went to work for his father in the brick and limestone business, being the clerk and partner of his father. The present store, which was established thirty years ago, was known as James Erskine & Sons from 1884 to 1891, in which latter year John bought out his brother Robert, a physician, and since 1896 he has been conducting the enterprise most successfully by himself. A full stock of general merchandise with the exception of stoves is carried, and the store occupies two fronts and five rooms, or departments. Even with this extensive place the firm is crowded, and another building must be erected soon. Three salesmen are employed, and Mr. Erskine gives the business his entire attention, and has been rewarded by making it the leading firm in the town.

Mr. Erskine is a Republican and has served as a member of the school board for nine years; he was one of the original promoters and trustees of the electric light plant and devoted much of his time to the establishment of the system in connection with Mr. McComb, to whom more credit is due for its accomplishment than to any other man. On May 25, 1888, he was married to Miss Minnie A. Davidson, who was born here of one of the early families. Her father, James Davidson, was born in Westfield, Pennsylvania, and after spending most of his life in Lowellville, died here November 12, 1891; he married Lovinah Nettle. Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Erskine are living:

James Davidson Erskine was born August 19, 1890; Margaret Esther was born July 6, 1894; William Alonzo, born October 16, 1895; Catherine, February 15, 1897; and Rachel Becker, March 20, 1900. The family are members of the Disciples Church, of which he is a deacon, and they have a happy home in the old Davidson place.

#### DISNEY ROGERS.

A strict interpretation of the law, with absolute fearlessness in meting out even-handed justice to all, is one of the requirements of the judiciary, a violation of which principle would endanger the existence of national government. For when the sentiment is spread that the enforcement of law is lax, crime increases and criminals run rampant, so that respect for authority is lessened, and republican institutions run the risk of degenerating into anarchy. It is the boast of Youngstown and Mahoning county that her judiciary are above reproach, and it is with one of this able body of jurists that this brief biography has to deal, the judge of the court of common pleas.

There is an interesting bit of ancestral history connected with the life of Judge Rogers, which it will be well to record at this point. The Rogers family is of Welsh origin, and one of the ancestors was an officer in Cromwell's army, whose name was John Rossell. He afterward came to America and settled in Newtown, Long Island, in 1650. One of his descendants was Judge William Rossell, of Mount Holly, New Jersey; for twenty-two years he was a judge of the supreme court of New Jersey, and in 1826 was appointed judge of the United States circuit court, and served on that bench for fourteen years.

Another ancestor was Dr. John Rodman, of the north of England, a man of good family, well educated and well-to-do; he was deeply religious and became a convert to the teachings of the famous George Fox, the founder of the religion of simplicity and freedom of conscience. This new proselyte to the Quaker faith was called into court at the assizes, and because he would not take off his hat was committed to jail by Judge Louder, and in 1655 was banished from his native land because of his religion. He went to the island of Barbadoes, West Indies, where he died in 1686. A copy of his will, which was proved before Governor Hoode, December 4, 1686, is now in the possession of the subject of this sketch. His sons emigrated to this country and settled in Newport, Rhode Island, and they were the forefathers of the Rodmans in America. General Isaac P. Rodman, of Rhode Island, one of the family, was a distinguished soldier. He was mortally wounded while leading his brigade in the battle of Antietam in 1862, at the Stone Bridge.



*Disney Rogers*



Coming now to the more direct line of family history, the great-great-grandfather of Judge Rogers was William Rogers, born in Wales, it is said. He was commissioned a lieutenant in New Jersey in 1705, by Lord Cornbury, governor of New York and New Jersey. His grandson Thomas was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, in 1740, and died in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1817; he was a farmer and also a Friend. His son, also named Thomas, was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, in 1770; he remained at home until 1804, when he came west with his wife and family and entered land in what is now Middleton township, Columbiana county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1856 at the age of eighty-six years. His son James, who was born on December 30, 1812, was reared on this farm and still resides there. He was married November 3, 1842, to Miss Elizabeth D. Jamieson, and this brings us to the consideration of the maternal line of the family history of Judge Rogers.

The branch of the family from which Elizabeth D. Jamieson is descended lived from 1747 to 1782 in the town of Thornhill, parish of East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, Scotland. One Allan Jamieson married a Miss Wallace, of Ellerslie, a member of the family of the great Sir William Wallace. There is also some relationship with Robert Bruce. The Rev. John Jamieson, D. D., who came from Scotland to America in 1783, a graduate of St. Andrews University, and a noted preacher of the United Presbyterian church in western Pennsylvania, was a son of Allan Jamieson. In another line, Elizabeth D. Jamieson's great-grandfather was Cornelius Hutcheson, a native of Scotland, who in early boyhood came to America with his father. During the Revolution he was a private soldier in Captain Matthew Scott's Company, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line, which was afterward consolidated with the Second Pennsylvania Infantry, under the command of General Walter Stewart. In this company he participated in all the fights about Philadelphia, including the battle of Monmouth. Archibald Jamieson, the son-in-law of the last named, was a soldier in the war of 1812, so that on both sides the family is well represented in the wars of this country.

The children born to the union of James Rogers and Elizabeth D. Jamieson were eleven in number, and the nine now living are as follows: Disney; Volney, an attorney, ex-city solicitor of Youngstown, the projector of the Mill Creek Park and a member of the board of park commissioners of Youngstown; Minnie J., the wife of R. L. Randall, of Negley, Ohio; Dio, ex-city solicitor of Steubenville, Ohio, and a leading member of the Jefferson county bar; L. Rogers, M. D., of Negley, Ohio; Bruce, superintendent of Mill Creek Park, Youngstown, Ohio; James L., a farmer at South

Haven, Minnesota; Dr. Z. L., of Negley, Ohio; John H., a farmer at Mill Rock, Ohio.

The lines of descent briefly mentioned above converge and meet in Disney Rogers, whose life forms the principal topic of this article. He was born at the old place in Columbiana county, Ohio, December 19, 1844, and passed the entire period of his youth on the farm, acquiring a good common school education in the country schools and at the New Lisbon high school. He began earning his own way by teaching school in his own county when nineteen years of age, which he continued for two years. He took up the study of law with Hon. James L. Smith, of New Lisbon, and was admitted to the bar in 1866. A partnership was then formed with Judge Bertrand Andrews, of Mount Gilead, Ohio, which lasted till 1874, and while a resident of that town Mr. Rogers served for some years as city clerk. In the fall of 1874 he came to Youngstown, and he and his brother, Hon. Volney Rogers, formed a partnership. In Youngstown Disney Rogers took a positive position at the bar, and besides gaining a good practice soon won his way into the political life of the county. In 1884 he was chosen prosecuting attorney of the county and was re-elected in 1887. He retired at the end of his second term and spent his time in private practice until 1900, when he was elected judge of the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, which is his present official position.

In 1869 Judge Rogers was married to Miss Ida S. Andrews, the daughter of Judge Bertrand Andrews, at that time his law partner. One son was born to this union, James B., a mining engineer of Leetonia, Ohio. Judge Rogers has believed in and supported the policies of the Republican party since his youth; he is a member of the Baptist church, and affiliates with the Odd Fellows and with the Sons of the American Revolution.

#### ISAIAH J. NESSLE.

This gentleman is one of the prominent citizens of Lowellville, Mahoning county, Ohio, and has been known for a number of years as a mechanic and stonemason and contractor. His father, John B. Nessel, was also a prominent man in this county, was born in Montgomery county, New York, April 24, 1818, and came to Poland township, this county, in 1835. He was a shoemaker by trade and worked at that occupation most of his life. He went with his father to Chautauqua county, New York, and helped him to clear up a farm, after which he was a raftsman and pilot on the Ohio river to Pittsburg and Cairo. He was a Whig and later a Republican; was active in promoting anti-slavery agitation, and helped run the "underground railroad;"

was interested in public affairs, came within seven votes of being chosen county commissioner, was justice of the peace and school trustee, and was appointed postmaster by President Lincoln, holding that office for nearly twenty-five years. He came to Lowellville in 1836 and in 1839 he married Jane Pettigrew, who was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1821. The following are the children of this marriage: Catherine Jane was born April 10, 1840, and died August 16, 1847. William Henry, born July 9, 1841, was a captain in the Civil war, was in the Hayes regiment and in the same company with William McKinley, entered the service as orderly sergeant and came out as captain; he had a wife and three children, and his death occurred in Washington city while in the treasury department under Hayes, March 11, 1880. The third child is Isaiah, whose life will be sketched in the following paragraph. Louisa H., born December 22, 1845, was the wife of Frederick Heiliger and died April 5, 1890, leaving eight of her nine sons. John B. is a confectionery jobber in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and has a wife and five sons living; he was born April 24, 1847. Darlin T. was born February 11, 1849, and died August 25, 1898. Frank S., born July 17, 1853, is a commercial traveler in New York city. The mother of these children passed away July 22, 1870, at the age of nearly forty-nine, and the father died September 6, 1898, and they sleep in the beautiful Lowellville cemetery. Most of these records were taken from the old Bible of 1839, which is preserved as a precious heirloom.

Isaiah J. Nettle, the son of these parents, was born in Lowellville September 22, 1843. Up to his thirteenth year he attended the common schools of the neighborhood. When the Civil war came on he enlisted with his brothers and served in the Western Army. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea and on the last day of the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, he was shot through the thigh. He served three years, went in as a corporal and was advanced to the sergeantcy. On his return from the war he married and then built with his own hands the house which he has lived in for the past thirty-five years. He has made money at stone contracting, and during a part of the time he was station agent here for the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad.

On September 18, 1867, Mr. Nettle was married to Miss Mary A. Little, a native of this county, and the daughter of Andrew and Lizzie Little. Andrew Little was born in Maryland in 1794, and died at the age of ninety-two in Beaver township, Mahoning county, physically and mentally strong to the last. Mr. and Mrs. Little reared all of their twelve children. Their first son, Samuel Little, was a soldier in the Civil war, went into the Sixtieth

Ohio when he was eighteen years old and was killed at the battle of Weldon Railroad, and now sleeps in an unknown grave. Of these twelve children three sons and three daughters are now living: Adam Little, at North Lima, Mahoning county; Eli, of Youngstown; Daniel, in Beaver township; Hosannah, wife of John Weland; Elizabeth and Mrs. Nessel. The first child born to Mr. and Mrs. Nessel was John B., whose birth occurred June 20, 1868, and he is now the freight agent at McKeesport for the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, with fourteen men under his supervision. He has been in the service of this road since he was fourteen years old and has never lost a month's pay. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner, and is a very popular man with the railroad company. May, the daughter, is the wife of David Davis, and they live in the house which her father built, and have a son and a daughter. Mr. Nessel is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has held official position, and belongs to the Veteran Legion. In politics he is a Republican and has held the offices of assessor and constable. His wife and her children are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Nessel is the oldest resident of the town, and never lost a vote since he became of age; he voted while in the army, being credited with the vote at Lowellville. He is one of the landmarks of this part of the state of Ohio.

#### WILSON S. POTTS.

The Potts family has been established in America for many generations, and is probably of Welsh extraction. There was in the early history of the country a Jonas Potts, a native of Virginia, and his son John was probably born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. James, the son of John Potts, was born in western Pennsylvania, and became a noted character in his section of the country, being a farmer, a captain of the militia and a justice of the peace. He married Jane Maple, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, and was the daughter of John Maple, also a native of Ohio.

Wilson S. Potts is the son of the last mentioned parents, and was born at Wattsville, Carroll county, Ohio, February 9, 1846. He was reared on a farm and had the common experiences of farmers' boys. While attending the common schools he gained a liking for studious pursuits from participation in the old-fashioned literary exhibition, and thus became ambitious to attend college. He accordingly entered Mount College at Alliance, Ohio, but as he had to rely mainly on his own resources, his course was not completed without more difficulties than fall to the lot of the average college boy. He taught several terms of school to defray his expenses, and in 1871 was graduated, having completed the classical course. He had decided upon the law as his

profession and began delving into its depths as soon as he left college, but for the three years immediately following his graduation he was superintendent of the public schools at Salineville, Ohio. In the meantime he had been admitted to the bar and in 1874 was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Columbiana county. January 1, 1875, he came to Lisbon (then New Lisbon), Ohio, and embarked in the newspaper business in October of the same year, which he has now followed continuously for twenty-eight years, at the same time practicing law. And in both these professions Mr. Potts has been successful and has reaped the reward of his earlier efforts. The newspaper of which he became the editor and publisher in 1875 was the *Ohio Patriot*, and he now publishes it as a daily and semi-weekly.

Mr. Potts is a Democrat of the old Jeffersonian school, and has an abiding distrust of all protective tariffs, trusts and imperialism. The only secret society of which he is a member is the Knights of Pythias, and while he is liberal and independent in religion, he leans toward the Methodist faith. On June 17, 1873, he was married at Lisbon to Miss Elizabeth M. Wisden, and the children of this union were Mayme W. and Willis W. Potts. The former died November 26, 1890, and the latter March 19, 1902, aged twenty-six. On September, 1887, Mr. Potts married Mary E. Wisden, and they have one child, Wisden J. Mr. Potts has also adopted his little granddaughter, Elizabeth W., into his family. The subject of this brief biography is a man of temperate habits, loves his home, and is always firm in his adherence to what he considers right.

#### CHARLES N. EVERSON.

Since 1892 Charles N. Everson has carried on his present business in East Liverpool as a manufacturer of and dealer in monuments. He was born in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, in 1839, and comes of a family of English origin. The great-grandfather was Richard Everson, who was born in England and became the founder of the family in America. Crossing the Atlantic to the new world, he located in Maryland, where he died at the age of one hundred and ten years. His son Nathaniel was born in Maryland and removed to Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred.

Eli Everson, the father of Charles N., was a native of Redstone, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, his natal year being 1808. He was a cooper by trade, following that pursuit throughout his active business career. He married Elizabeth Dunn and they became the parents of eleven children, ten of whom reached years of maturity, while eight are yet living, as follows: Charles N., Thomas H. B., William P., Eliza J., the wife of William Booth; David C., Lewis R., James B., and Sarah M., the wife of Sanford Wilmoth.

Charles N. Everson spent the first seven or eight years of his life in the place of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Washington county, Pennsylvania. They did not tarry long there, however, but went to Harrison county, Virginia, now West Virginia, where Charles N. Everson remained until 1859. In that year he became a resident of Gibsonton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a distillery for about two years. He afterward went upon the river as a fireman, occupying that position for a year and then made his way to the oil fields of Pennsylvania. In 1869 he took up his abode in Wellsville, Ohio, and in 1892 he came to East Liverpool, where he opened his present marble works. In the decade which he has since passed he has acquired a liberal patronage. He does a fine line of work in cutting and preparing monuments, and is now enjoying a profitable trade.

The home life of Mr. Everson has been very pleasant. He was married in 1869 to Elizabeth Hamlin, and they have become the parents of three children who are yet living, having lost two children. Those who still survive are Nathaniel R., Ada L. and Zelma V. The last named is the wife of Charles Knoblock and they have two children, Mildred A. and Martha. Mr. Everson belongs to the Church of Christ and is a valuable addition to the ranks of East Liverpool business circles because of his enterprise and reliability.

#### JESSE CUNNINGHAM.

Arthur Murray Cunningham, the father of the above named gentleman, was born near Kittaning, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1840, and was deprived of his mother's care when he was ten years old. He grew up in his native state and at the age of twenty-one came to Lowellville, Ohio, taking his first meal at the old hotel which stood where the Pittsburg and Lake Erie station is located. He had no capital and began work as a carpenter for the old firm of Andrew Brothers and Company at Haselton. He helped build one of the first blast furnaces in the Mahoning Valley, and on one occasion was nearly killed by a fall of twenty feet, some brick also falling from the same height upon him and he was picked up for dead. He is now a pattern-maker with the old firm and is still an active man. He was twice married and has survived both his wives. In 1866 he was married to Miss Ellen Bentley, who was born in Coitsville township, Mahoning county, and died April 10, 1890, at the age of forty-three, leaving twelve children. The son John is a structural iron worker in Newcastle, Pennsylvania; Lois is the wife of Albert Rock, at Elgin, Illinois; the third child was Jesse, whose life forms the basis of this biography; Lucy is the wife of Joseph Stone, in Coitsville township;

Charlotte, the wife of Adam Stone, lives in Youngstown; Clarence lives at the old home with his father; William lives in Coitsville township with his sister; Ellen is the wife of Darley Little, near North Lima, Ohio; Frank is in Coitsville township; Blanche lives with her brother and sister; Arthur Murray is a youth of seventeen at home and in school; Marietta is still in school.

Jesse Cunningham was born in Coitsville township, near Haselton, February 17, 1872, and had a common school education up to his seventeenth year, and then one year in the high school. But at the age of eighteen he left home and went to Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in carpentering for six months. He had acquired this mechanical skill by working with his father. He then began working in a casket factory and was there five and a half years, becoming so proficient that during the last two years he was foreman of fifteen or twenty men. In 1896 he came to Lowellville and established his present undertaking and furniture business, beginning on a small scale. For the first year he was alone, Cunningham and Headland were in business one year, then he was by himself for two years, and in September, 1900, the present firm of Cunningham and Davidson was established. This is now one of the largest and most prosperous houses in the town, although it was the only one of its kind and limited in size when it started. It occupies three floors, forty by thirty-six, and another building forty by sixty, two stories, with a basement barn, in which are kept the seven horses of the establishment, there being two especially good teams for the two hearses. A man and a woman are employed as salesmen, and in connection with the main business is a picture frame and repair shop. In 1903 they will erect another building for the furniture business.

Before leaving Freedom Mr. Cunningham was married on June 6, 1894, to Miss Mary E. Groah of Belleview, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of William Groah. Two of the children of this union are living: Jesse Lawrence was born in Freedom May 3, 1895, and Virginia Marie was born October 7, 1898. Mr. Cunningham has been prominent in fraternal relations: he has passed all but the last of the chairs in the Knights of Pythias; he is a charter member of the Protective Home Circle, which was established in Lowellville May 16, 1900, and he has passed all the chairs, was the delegate to the Grand Lodge in Toledo in June, 1902, and was there elected to the position of alternate representative to the Grand Lodge to be held in Buffalo in 1903. He is a Republican, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, a member of the board of education and clerk of the board of health. He was one of the three charter members of the Electric Light Company of Lowell-

ville, which built the electric light plant and operated it for the first year, but he declined to serve longer on account of pressure of business. Few men of his age have made such a record of business success, have evinced such ability in the different departments of life, or have proved such efficient and public-spirited citizens.

#### MARQUIS F. DAVIS.

Marquis F. Davis, who is engaged in dealing in coal in East Liverpool, is one of the young business men of his town. Enterprising, wide-awake and progressive, these qualifications form the basis of a business career which has been very successful. He was born on the 1st of January, 1873, in Wheeling, West Virginia, and comes of an old family of the south. His paternal grandfather was Thomas Davis. His father was George W. Davis, whose birth occurred in Marshall county, West Virginia, in 1839, and in that state he remained until after he had attained his majority. He was a sheet-iron annealer by trade and carried on business along that line after his army service in the Civil war, which lasted for three years and eight months. He was a private of Company B, Seventh West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and was a brave and loyal soldier, faithfully performing the tasks assigned him whether upon the firing line or upon the picket line. In 1864 he was married to Rosa Dougherty, and they became the parents of twelve children, but only three of this number reached years of maturity and are living, namely: Rosa, the wife of William Paxton; Marquis F., and Bessie E. The father died in 1887, and the mother, surviving him thirteen years, passed away in 1900. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and was a member of the Christian Church, shaping his life by its teachings and its principles. As a citizen he was ever as true and loyal to his country in its times of peace as when he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south.

Marquis F. Davis was three years of age at the time his parents removed from West Virginia to Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and there he lived until he had attained the age of twenty years, acquiring his education in the public schools there. In 1893 he removed to Wellsville, Ohio, and accepted a clerkship in the office of the Pennsylvania railroad, where he remained for four years and eight months. He was then transferred to West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, as agent, continuing there for one year, after which he was made private secretary to J. J. McCormick, general agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He filled the latter position acceptably for two years and then in 1902 came to East Liverpool in order to enter business life on his own account. Here he began dealing in coal and has secured a good patronage.

On the 14th of June, 1898, in Buffalo, New York, was celebrated the marriage of Marquis F. Davis and Emma Bayne Thomas, a daughter of Charles H. and Sarah (Westwood) Thomas. Although the young couple have resided in East Liverpool but a brief period, they have already won many friends here and are now quite well known.

#### WILLIAM JOHN LOMAX.

The town of Lowellville, in Mahoning county, Ohio, is fortunate in having as one of its prominent business firms that of E. Lomax & Son, one of the oldest general merchandise stores in the town and likewise one of the most successful. The stock embraces all lines except fresh meat and furniture, and the business has increased since its establishment until now two floors are required to accommodate the trade. The two floors and the basement of a building forty-eight by sixty-four feet are used, besides three warerooms. The store and residence combined, making a structure eighty-two by forty-eight feet, was erected by Eliab Lomax in 1896, and this is filled with valuable stock, and a business of fifty thousand dollars a year is transacted, necessitating a clerking force of four men and two women.

The history of the Lomax family goes back to England, where Henry and Nancy (Fisher) Lomax were born and passed their lives. A son was born to them in 1823, to whom they gave the name of John, and after he had reached maturity and had married he sailed, in 1853, for America. He was a notable man of Lowellville, Ohio, and was engaged in business there. He had married Margaret Taylor, and before they left England their son Eliab was born, in 1853. He grew up in Ohio, spent the younger years of his life in the coal and oil regions of Ohio and Pennsylvania, and in 1885 finally embarked on the mercantile career which he carried on so successfully, and which finds exemplification in the business which has just been described, whose inception was under rather unfavorable circumstances, but its founder in the end triumphed as a result of his perseverance and business ability. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Amy Brown, who died in 1881, leaving her husband with three children, Carrie M., Alberta and William J. By his second union with Frances Hayes, a daughter, Hazel V., was born. He has been a Republican since he cast his first vote, has served on the school board and as a member of the town council, is a Knight of Pythias, and takes a prominent part in the Presbyterian Church.

This introductory notice of his great-grandfather, his grandfather and his father, brings the reader to William John Lomax, who is better known in Lowellville as John Lomax, one of the proprietors of the general merchandise

establishment of E. Lomax & Son. He was born in Ohioville, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1879, received a literary education in the graded schools of Lowellville, and acquired some valuable instruction preparatory to his future business career in the business college of Newcastle, Pennsylvania. He took up merchandising as a matter of course, and on January 25, 1902, succeeded his father in the active prosecution of the store which that gentleman had begun in such a small way in 1885; he had been in partnership with his father for the preceding two years.

On September 17, 1900, Mr. Lomax married Miss Sarah Cole, born in Coalburg, Ohio, October 1, 1875. Her parents were James and Jane (Williams) Cole, the former of whom is a farmer still residing at Youngstown, while his wife passed away on April 30, 1901, at the age of fifty-four years. There were ten children born to these last mentioned parents, of whom eight are living: Mary is the wife of Daniel Morgan, of Youngstown; Mrs. Lizzie Jane James, of the same place; Rachel Thrasher, also a resident of Youngstown; William, in Hubbard, Ohio; Margaret, at home; Mrs. Lomax; Thomas, at home; Priscilla. The two daughters who have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lomax have the names of Amy Jane and Frances Alberta. Mr. Lomax is a Republican, but has thus far escaped the duties of public office, while he is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church.

#### ONESIMUS P. SHAFFER.

This leader in political and public affairs of Mahoning county, Ohio, for many years one of its most enterprising and successful newspaper men, also connected for some time with two important business enterprises of New York city, and one of the veterans of the great Civil war, has been, since 1898, the popular postmaster of Youngstown, which office is the only reward he has ever accepted for his long period of public service, and it may be justly said that the office is highly honored by the incumbency of such a man. The life history of Onesimus P. Shaffer began in Edinburg, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, on February 8, 1844, when he was born to Andrew and Nancy (Caldwell) Shaffer. The father was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, and came to Youngstown in 1862 from Poland, Ohio. He was a photographer, and lived to be over eighty years of age, while his wife, who was also born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, passed the seventy-sixth milestone, dying in April, 1895. Onesimus and Charles are the only survivors of their five children.

Onesimus lived in Edinburg and Mt. Jackson, Pennsylvania, and attended the public schools there until 1858, when the family removed to Po-



*O. P. Shaffer*



land, Ohio, from Mt. Jackson, Pennsylvania, and here he became a student in the Poland Academy. He was seventeen years old when the Civil war began, and on September 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Nineteenth Ohio Infantry, under Captain James N. Nash, a famous military officer. He was three years in this company and then re-enlisted as a veteran. He was in the battle of Shiloh, Corinth, Stone River, Chattanooga, Jonesville, Franklin, Nashville, and the entire Atlanta campaign. He was always in active service with his regiment except the forty days that he spent in the hospital at Nashville, ill from typhoid fever. When he was mustered out on May 20, 1865, he held the rank of second lieutenant.

On returning to Youngstown he was engaged in the flour and feed business for a time, also dealt in real estate and insurance, and he was thus variously employed until 1872, when he entered his newspaper career and was chosen city editor of the Youngstown Vindicator. In 1877 he assumed the management of the Youngstown Daily News. He was soon made editor in chief of the latter publication, and built up an excellent and influential paper. On the consolidation of the Youngstown Daily News and Register under the name "News-Register," Mr. Shaffer became editor, and held that position until 1885, when he founded the Daily News. These two journals were antagonistic, but in the following year a compromise was effected, by the consolidation of the Daily News and the News-Register as "The Telegram," and thereupon Mr. Shaffer entered the field of business. He became the partner of Chauncey H. Andrews, of Youngstown; and they leased a large tract in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. They organized their company and drilled for oil, but instead struck gas, one of their "strikes" being the famous Morrow gas well in Beaver county, the gas from which was piped to Youngstown, a distance of forty miles, an interest having been sold in this well to the Standard Oil Company. In 1887 Mr. Shaffer was chosen treasurer of the Standard Gas Light Company and vice president of the New York Steam Company, both of New York city, and to attend to the duties of these positions necessitated his removal to New York. But seven years later he returned to the state of his choice, and intends to spend his remaining days in Ohio.

On his return Mr. Shaffer again became one of the leaders in the Republican party, in whose ranks he had displayed such loyal activity since he was old enough to vote. The campaign of 1896 was approaching, one ever memorable in Mahoning county political history, and because of Mr. Shaffer's known executive ability and long experience in the newspaper field, he was chosen chairman of the Mahoning county executive committee. During the

campaign he also became chairman of the congressional committee of the eighteenth district, comprising Mahoning, Columbiana and Stark counties, a district made famous as the home of the great William McKinley. Mr. Shaffer is by no means a politician in the sense of the office-seeker, but has always devoted himself loyally to the upbuilding and organization of his party. Since entering the postoffice at Youngstown he has brought about many improvements in the service, and his record in this office has been very satisfactory to the people.

Mr. Shaffer is a member of the Loyal Legion, of Post No. 29, G. A. R., an Elk and also a member of the Youngstown Club. He was married in 1866 to Miss Sabra L. Logan, a daughter of William and Mary Logan, of Poland, pioneers of the Western Reserve. They have one child, Paul C. Shaffer, who is a member of the R. L. Cochran Company, wholesale importers of millinery of New York city. Mr. Shaffer was first appointed postmaster at Youngstown by the lamented William McKinley, January 15, 1898, and re-appointed by President Roosevelt, January 16, 1902.

#### DR. JACKSON TRUESDALE.

The honored Scotch-Irish family of Truesdales has filled an important place in the different branches of society in this country for nearly two centuries, and it is a cause for just pride that one of its members, John Truesdale, was a patriot soldier under Washington and fought at Trenton and Princeton and was present at Valley Forge and many other historic scenes of the Revolution. He had a son John, who married Mary Reed, and while this worthy couple were residing in Austintown, Ohio, in the fall of 1820, a son came into their home, who was duly christened Jackson.

Jackson enjoyed the care and affection of his parents but five years, when he was left an orphan, and was then reared by relatives, who superintended his education in the common schools of that early day. One of the occupations of his youthful days was the clearing of land, in which in time he became an adept in the use of an axe. At the age of twelve he went to reside with his uncle, Dr. Joseph Truesdale, of Poland, where the school facilities were better, and he was one to take advantage of every opportunity offered. Five years later he removed to Canfield and made his home with his brother James, and while there began the study of the classics under the tutorship of Rev. M. Harrison. In the fall of the same year, 1837, he began teaching in a country school, and for the next three years was engaged in that occupation, acquiring thereby enough funds so that in the spring and summer of 1838 he was able to attend college at Oberlin. In the following year he was a stu-

dent at Allegheny College, and in the fall of 1840, when only twenty years old, he accepted a position as teacher in Kentucky, which he held for three years, also being employed in the same capacity for six months in Tennessee. During all the leisure time that he had while teaching, he was engaged in the study of medicine under competent tutors, and when he returned to Poland in 1844 he continued his studies under his uncle, a prominent physician of that place. In the following winter he attended lectures at the Cleveland Medical College, and in the spring of 1845 began his career as medical practitioner in Lordstown, Trumbull county, Ohio, and was later located at North Jackson in the same county. But he had found that the practice of medicine was not an entirely congenial pursuit. In the fall of 1854 he was elected to the office of auditor of Mahoning county, when he gave up his practice and devoted himself to the duties of his office, at the close of his term being re-elected. He next turned his attention to a mercantile career, and from 1859 to 1886 was one of the successful merchants of the county. In the latter year he retired from active participation in business and has since taken great delight in agricultural pursuits.

Besides holding the office of auditor, Mr. Truesdale has been honored with a number of local offices of honor and trust, such as justice of the peace, member of the school boards and others. He is now one of the directors of the Farmers' National Bank of Canfield and a trustee of the Northeastern Ohio Normal College. He is the father of four children: Henry T. was a soldier in the Civil war and gave up his life for his country while a prisoner in Andersonville in 1865. William J., another son, is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and also of Adelbert College. For years he held a high position in the corps of instructors in Cleveland, until his health failed. John bids fair to make his mark in the railroad business, which he has chosen as his life pursuit. The only daughter, Lola M., is the wife of Edgar Cummins, a prosperous farmer.

Dr. Truesdale has always been a voracious reader and has strengthened his native intellect by study of literature. He has more than once devoted himself to writing. The products of his pen would fill a volume of choice and interesting historical matter. He has given much time to the compiling and writing of the early history of Canfield and a part of the Western Reserve, a work which has reflected much credit upon his talent as a writer of pioneer incidents. About a hundred of these historical sketches were published in the Canfield Weekly Dispatch. He has been often importuned by his friends to reduce his writings to book form, but his modesty forbids this. Before the Civil war Dr. Truesdale was an ardent anti-slavery man, and since then has

been always found in the ranks of the Republican party. He has been a member and a liberal supporter of the Methodist Church from youth to old age, and has often been chosen to fill official positions in that denomination. He has always been a firm believer in the golden rule as a practical standard of conduct, and his usefulness as a member of society indicates how well he has performed his part in life.

#### JAMES G. MOORE.

One of the prominent and representative citizens of Lisbon, Ohio, is Judge James G. Moore, a leading member of the bar of Columbiana county, whose professional ability has been recognized by his fellow citizens, and who has occupied offices of grave responsibility for a number of years. Judge Moore was born in 1852 in Newcastle county, Delaware, and is a son of William and Anna (Mullen) Moore, the former of whom was a son of William and Margaret (Patton) Moore. The Moore family is of Irish descent, and the father of Judge Moore emigrated to America from county Donegal, Ireland. The great-grandparents of Judge Moore, on the maternal side, were members of an old family of county Mayo, Ireland, and they were among the early pioneers of Columbiana county. The father of our subject reached America in 1842 and two years later he became an American citizen. The mother of Judge Moore was born in Delaware. In 1864 Mr. and Mrs. Moore located on a farm near Lisbon, in Columbiana county. They now reside in Lisbon.

The educational opportunities afforded our distinguished subject in his youth were poor indeed and were secured by his own determined efforts. His schooldays ended at the age of fourteen, but he did not lay his books aside, in fact, he applied himself more assiduously than ever and thus prepared himself for the teacher's profession, which he followed for three and one-half years. During this period he spent as much time as possible over his law books, and with such success that he was admitted to the bar of Ohio on September 24, 1874. He immediately located at Salineville, at once taking a prominent position, and during his eleven years of residence there passed seven years of the period as city attorney. After his election in 1884-5 as probate judge, he removed to Lisbon, and has been identified with the interests of this city ever since, serving the county for six years as judge of probate, winning the commendation of his fellow citizens irrespective of political affiliations. His ability as a lawyer and his reliability as a man caused his selection by the comptroller of the currency to act as receiver of the First National Bank of Lisbon, and Judge Moore is still engaged in completing the final details of the closing

of this institution. For four years he officiated as clerk of Washington township, his conscientious performance of all public duties gaining him general esteem. His general practice has been large, and few members of the profession are more widely known through this part of the state.

The marriage of Judge Moore occurred in this county to Miss Elizabeth Forbes, who is a daughter of Joseph L. and Mary (Ferguson) Forbes, the former of whom was born in Wayne township, and the latter in Lisbon. The Forbes family is one of the old pioneers of Columbiana county. Although Judge Moore has been much absorbed by private business and public office, he has never neglected home interests, and has efficiently served on the board of education and has taken an active interest in all progressive movements. Since 1881 he has been a member of the order of Odd Fellows, and for fourteen consecutive years he was a delegate to the grand lodge of Ohio. He was made a Mason in Lisbon in 1889 and is also a member of Lisbon Chapter, and Salem Commandery No. 48, K. T. His political connection has been with the Republican party, of which he has been a very active and useful member. Judge Moore has many friends, both public and personal. As a serious and earnest jurist and most thorough and capable public officer, he has been appreciated by all, and especially by those who have been admitted to his personal friendship and know him as one of the leading men in eastern Ohio.

#### J. ARRÉL SMITH.

In this twentieth century prosperity there is scarcely a district of any considerable extent which does not boast of men of wealth and business ability, such that the community is dependent in a large measure on their initiative for the accomplishment of commercial enterprises. J. Arrel Smith, a resident of Struthers, Mahoning county, Ohio, is looked upon by his fellow citizens as one of the most progressive men of the town and one who has placed his capital in such a way as to benefit many people. His grandfather, Robert Smith, was born in July, 1765, and after the wave of westward expansion had begun, in 1802, he came west to Mahoning county and located on four hundred acres of government land, three hundred of which is still in the possession of the family. He married Keziah Stewart, and they reared six sons and four daughters, all of whom married except two daughters. One of the sons, Samuel, is now an octogenarian and lives on the old farm. Another son was Robert, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, the same year that his father crossed the mountains to his Ohio home. He married his cousin, Margaret Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania, December 6, 1808, the daughter of Joseph and Rachel Smith, who came to Ohio

in 1826. This marriage occurred October 31, 1834, and two of the sons who were born to them died in youth: Robert Stewart, born in 1835, died in 1838, and James Clark, born September 29, 1842, died April 1, 1849. The father of these children died July 26, 1860, and the mother January 12, 1889.

J. Arrel Smith, the second child of Robert and Margaret Smith, was born in Poland township, September 23, 1838. He was reared on the farm, learned all the varieties of work required in that occupation, and can say that he has been a hard worker from an early age to the present time. For a number of years he has been interested as a stockholder in the manufacture of buggy gears in Struthers, which has grown to be a profitable and extensive business. In Youngstown he has an interest in the mercantile house of G. M. McKelvey. He has five fine farms in Poland township, has recently built a beautiful residence in Struthers, and in many ways has been identified with the business affairs of the town and county.

Mr. Smith was married on May 22, 1862, to Miss Mary A. Gault, who was born at North Jackson, this county, December 14, 1839. Her parents, Robert and Marjory (Ewing) Gault, were early settlers in Jackson township, Mahoning county, and esteemed citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have an adopted son, John G. Smith, of whom they are very proud. He is a lawyer in Warren, Pennsylvania, was graduated from Westminster College, later from Amherst, and is a graduate of a law school in New York city. He has every prospect of becoming an eminent man in his profession and already has a good practice. He married Kate Brown, the daughter of Judge Brown, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, William.

#### JOHN M. OSBORNE.

In 1724 there was born in England Nicholas Osborne, who on growing to manhood emigrated to America and took up his abode in Virginia, but subsequently, in 1804, was one of the tide of emigrants who set out for the new country west of the mountains, and he settled in what is now Canfield township, Mahoning county, Ohio. He brought his children with him and purchased eight hundred acres of land, sufficient to give each one a farm. He was a progressive man, and notwithstanding his advanced age when he arrived in Ohio, entered heartily into every scheme for the advancement of the public welfare. His death occurred in 1814, when ninety years of age. One of his sons was named John, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and came to Ohio with his father. He inherited the energy of his father and soon increased the property which his father gave him to four hundred acres. His family consisted of six sons and two daughters, all of whom are deceased.

One of the number, Andrew, was born in Canfield township, September 11, 1808. He was a prosperous farmer of one hundred acres of land, enjoyed a high standing in the community, and served in the office of trustee for twelve years. He married Miss Annie McCClick, and they had eight children, five of whom are now living: Elmira, John M., Hiram M., Emmory and Otis. The father of these children died in 1871, but his wife lived to be ninety years old and passed away in September, 1898.

In this last list of children we find the name of John M. Osborne, who was born on September 26, 1832, on his father's farm, which he now possesses. He was reared and educated there and early became a lover of agricultural pursuits. He has a splendid farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres, which is richly underlaid with a stratum of soft coal, and he has enjoyed a very profitable income from his efforts. He has recently erected one of the most commodious and imposing dwellings in the township and in many other ways has shown that the hand of prosperity has been upon him. He has been a member of the school board for twenty years and is now the district clerk, and he also holds the office of trustee of his township. When his term expires he will have been trustee for twelve years.

In 1856 Mr. Osborne was married to Miss Mary A. Kyle, a native of Youngstown township, this county, and a sister of Joshua and William Kyle. Their son William is now a business man of Youngstown. This biography would not be complete without mention of one of Mr. Osborne's most interesting characteristics. He is an inveterate Nimrod, and not only delights in the hunt of small game, but has more than once engaged in the exciting chase, and his skill is shown in the many antlers which adorn his home. During the game season he usually visits northern Michigan, paying a license fee of twenty-five dollars. He is a dead shot, and this combined with his staying powers and his eagerness when on the chase, has given him an enviable reputation as a sportsman.

#### WILLIAM H. SPENCE.

A leading citizen of Lisbon, Ohio, who has been a practicing attorney here since 1894, and has taken a deep interest in the city's growth and development, is William H. Spence, who has been a member of the Ohio bar since 1884. The birth of Mr. Spence was in Lisbon, Ohio, and he is a son of John and Loretta (Wiles) Spence, the latter of whom is a daughter of George A. Wiles, of Baltimore, Maryland. The Spence family is of Irish descent and was founded in America by William H. Spence and three brothers who had preceded him to America and settled at Nashville, Tennessee.

The former, the grandfather of our subject, came from Ireland and located first in Madison township and later removed to Elk Run township, Columbiana county, Ohio, where he became a prominent citizen. John Spence, the son of the latter, was born in Columbiana county, where for many years his ability as an engineer and surveyor was recognized. His death took place in 1897, when he had reached his seventy-sixth year. The members of his family who are located in Columbiana county are the following: William H., of this sketch; J. F., an engineer and surveyor of Lisbon; D. C., a farmer near Lisbon; Ella B., and Mary E.

William H. Spence was educated liberally, passing through Mount Union College, the Cincinnati Law School, and was a graduate of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1884. His first location for practice was at Wooster, Ohio, where he remained for four years, in 1888 moving to East Liverpool, and in 1894 removing to Lisbon, where he has been fully occupied ever since with a general practice. Mr. Spence has been an active member of the Democratic party and his efficiency as a worker has been recognized by his appointment as a delegate to county, state and national conventions. He belongs to the order of Odd Fellows. In 1892 Mr. Spence was united in marriage with Miss Maggie E. Coburn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spence enjoy a wide acquaintance in Lisbon and take a prominent part in the social life of the city.

#### DELLA MARY WALKER, M. D.

In this age of advanced thought in the line of the recognition of superior ability in the feminine world, it has become no unusual thing to meet with cultured women occupying responsible positions in the profession. It is the privilege of the authors of this volume to present for the delectation of their readers a few brief points in the career of one of the most successful practitioners of medicine in northeastern Ohio, the lady whose name heads this paragraph.

Dr. Walker is a native of the classic little village of Poland, Mahoning county, a community which has been made more or less prominent of late years by the connection of the late lamented President McKinley with its educational life. Miss Walker is the daughter of Isaac and R. Edna (Stuart) Walker, her father having been a prominent farmer near that village, where he was born in the year 1819. He was the son of Josiah Walker, who was one of the pioneer settlers of the Western Reserve from the Keystone state. He emigrated from Westmoreland county about 1800, and entered land from the government which has since remained in possession of the Walker family. Josiah Walker married a Miss Polk, who was a first

cousin of President James Polk. On the maternal side of the family Dr. Walker's grandfather was Robert Stuart. Her grandmother's name was Rebecca McClelland. Grandfather Stuart is remembered to have served gallantly in the war of 1812 as a private soldier. The ancestry on both sides of the family were people of great longevity, there very seldom being a case of death in the family under eighty years, and some of them living to nearly the century mark. Mr. Isaac Walker, the father of our honored subject, was a prominent and worthy figure in the public life of the local community in which he lived. The family have always taken a very great interest in the Presbyterian faith, and did much in the early day to establish and encourage it in the Poland community.

Dr. Walker herself is an only child. She was given a thorough education in the district schools of Poland and at the Union Seminary in that village, an institution which has educated a large number of the prominent residents of northeastern Ohio. This was supplemented by a thorough course at Wooster University, where she took the degree of A. B. in 1889. Deciding upon medicine as a field to which she would devote her life, she became a matriculate of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and after a thorough course at that institution received its diploma. She immediately located in Salem, in 1896, since which time she has been engaged in the active practice of her profession. During that time Dr. Walker has built up a fine general practice, and is looked upon as an authority in matters concerning medical jurisprudence. She takes a lively interest in the social life of the community, and can always be depended upon to give her support to any literary or religious scheme looking to the betterment of the young people of Salem. She has a host of friends who have nothing but good wishes for her future.

#### HENRY KOHLER.

This gentleman is one of the enterprising farmers of Canfield township, Mahoning county, who are responsible in large measure for the substantial progress and development of this section of Ohio, for it is the tiller of the soil who is at the base of the pyramid of civilization and upholds all the rest of the structure. He cultivates one hundred and eighty-three acres there, and while a man of few words and of quiet disposition, is practical and thorough in all that he undertakes. He is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Huffman) Kohler, the former born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1798, and the latter somewhat later, in Pennsylvania. Daniel was a soldier in the war of 1812 notwithstanding his youth, and after the war moved

to Ohio and located in Beaver township, Mahoning county. He was the owner of four hundred and twenty-six acres, three hundred of which lay in Pennsylvania, and was a prosperous farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and lived to the age of eighty-six years, while his wife died in her fifty-ninth year. Their family consisted of ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity and four are living at the present time.

Henry Kohler was born in Beaver township, Mahoning county, June 12, 1830, and was educated there. But as he was the eldest son, his literary training was rather limited, and he began farming for himself at an early date. He purchased his first farm in 1869, which consisted of only twenty-five acres, but he resided on that and made a living up to 1881, when he bought his present place. This is one of the best in the township and has been very productive under the management of its owner.

In 1867 Mr. Kohler was married to Miss Hannah Boyer, who was born in Beaver township in 1841 and comes of a family of old settlers in this county. Six children were born of this union, and five are living: Daniel; Jonas, who married Miss Amelia Huren; Henry B.; Lucinda and Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler are members of the Reformed church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

#### WILLIAM F. MAAG.

The history of a city would be poorly written which contained no mention of its newspapers, the mention of them necessarily involving some notice of their editors and proprietors. It is a truism that a town may be judged by its press, and the degree of growth or enterprise may be ascertained by consulting the status of the printing plants.

Among the smaller cities of Ohio, none of its size has a more vigorous or enterprising journal than the *Vindicator*, published in Youngstown, which, like all other places, has had its feeble and failing papers, but in this case, as in other cases, we are to judge only by the best, which emerge in the newspaper as in the natural world by the operation of the inexorable law of the "survival of the fittest." It may be confidently asserted that in Youngstown the *Vindicator* is "the fittest," as it certainly survived all periods of depression and the times of trial that beset most commercial enterprises, and continued at all times to advance. To tell something about the man who is largely responsible for the rise and success of the *Vindicator*, and who at present is the business manager and treasurer and principal owner of the *Vindicator* Printing Company's extensive plant, is the object of this brief biography.





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WILLIAM F. MAAG.



William F. Maag is a native of the country where the epoch-making art of printing was invented. It was in accordance with the "eternal fitness of things" that he should have devoted himself to this "art preservative of all art" and achieved success as one of its most ardent devotees. He was born in Ebingen, Germany, in 1850, and was apprenticed to a printer at an early age; and long before he was grown to maturity had learned the practical details of the business.

With this equipment,—and it constituted nearly all his resources,—he turned his face westward and in 1867 crossed over to the shores of America. He followed the tide of emigration then setting in strongly toward Milwaukee, worked a year there as a printer and later was engaged three years at his trade in Watertown, Wisconsin. His next move was to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was engaged "at the case" until 1875, when he made his final change, locating in the thriving city of Youngstown. Here he found his opportunity and improved it by purchase of the *Rundschau*, a German weekly paper which he has since owned and conducted with ability and success, it being the only German paper in that section. In 1887 Mr. Maag bought the *Youngstown Vindicator*, at that time a weekly, and two years later he, the late John M. Webb and others formed a partnership known as the *Vindicator Printing Company*. Mr. Maag was made manager and treasurer, and since then has been untiring in his devotion. The best evidence of the manner in which he has discharged his responsibility, and also of the prosperity that has marked the progress of the venture, is afforded by the fact that shortly after the company was organized a daily edition of the *Vindicator* was issued; the weekly was continued in much improved form and numerous additions made to the present plant. In June, 1896, a Sunday edition of the daily was added, and the appearance in January, 1902, of a semi-weekly afforded additional evidence that the *Vindicator* office and its owners were sharing in the general prosperity that had visited the country. Among other additions are a fully equipped engraving department and one of the largest job printing offices in the state.

But his managerial and organizing achievements are not the only claims of Mr. Maag as a man of affairs and aptitude for public business. These qualities, and others of more personal nature, so commended him to his fellow citizens that they elected him a representative from Mahoning county in the state legislature, he a Democrat and the county strongly Republican. In Columbus he proved a hard-working and attentive member, looked closely after the interests of his constituents, and established a clean and notable record fully in keeping with his character.

In 1872, as a result of an acquaintance while resident at Watertown, Mr. Maag was married to Miss Elizabeth Ducasse, of that city. Their household has been brightened by the birth of four interesting children. Alma M., William F., Jr., Ida I. and Arthur D. Mr. Maag's fondness for fraternities and other social fellowship is manifested by his membership in a number of the more prominent orders. He is especially enthusiastic in Masonry, having reached the thirty-second degree in that ancient order, is a member of St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T., and also holds membership in the Elks and the Improved Order Knights of Pythias. He is also a trustee of the Youngstown Glenwood Children's Home. Mr. Maags' German geniality has commended him as generally in social circles as have his ability and energy in the world of business, philanthropy and politics.

#### GEORGE N. BOUGHTON.

The Canfield Manufacturing and Novelty Company of Canfield, Ohio, is one of the concerns upon which the material success of that town depends, furnishing, as it does, employment to a number of hands and increasing the commercial activity of the place. The firm was organized in 1882 by Mr. Boughton, and in 1891 it became a stock company, and at present the employes number about thirty. The plant is conveniently situated on the Erie Railroad, covering about an acre in extent, and the products find their way to nearly all the states, but especially to Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York. The life and soul of the concern centers in its superintendent and manager, George N. Boughton, to whom its success can in large measure be attributed. He is so closely connected with historical families of this section of Ohio that a brief sketch of his antecedents and his own career would be interesting.

The Boughton ancestors came to America in 1635 and settled in Connecticut; this section of Ohio, under the name of Western Reserve, was at one time owned by that state, and the first one of this family to migrate to Ohio was Eli T. Boughton, who made his arrival in 1808. He was a tailor by trade, and when he came he had, besides his sartorial outfit, fifty cents in money. By the following year he was permanently settled, had built a home and embarked extensively in the mercantile business, and he finally became a large landowner and speculated in real estate. His home was especially noted for cordiality and open-hearted hospitality, and the itinerant preachers of the day were in particular favor at his hearthstone, he himself being a member of the Congregational church. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Julia Mygatt, he had three children, and by Mrs. Jerusha

Church had four. Two daughters of this last union married prominent Ohio men; Charlotte married General R. P. Buckland, a distinguished leader of the Union forces in the Civil war, and Julia became the wife of E. J. Estep, an able attorney of Cleveland.

One other member of this family deserves particular notice in the person of Charles E. Boughton, who was born in Canfield in 1819 and died there on December 18, 1902. During this long lifetime he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, owning a fine one hundred acre farm, and although his career was devoid of any stirring events as the world would view them, he stood high in the estimation of his fellow citizens and faithfully performed the part allotted to him of the world's work. He was a deacon in the Congregational church, served as a bank director for a number of years, and was an active anti-slavery man and always an upholder of Republican principles. In 1843 he was united in marriage to Miss Sylvia Smith Tanner, with whom he spent a happy wedded life of sixty years; the Tanners were also from Connecticut and located in Canfield in 1800, being almost the very first to settle there. Horace, who was born to this union on February 22, 1844, offered his services in the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862, and his remains were the first to be brought to Canfield from the front.

This brings us to George N. Boughton, the second and only surviving son of the last named parents, who was born in Canfield, June 30, 1848, and was reared and educated in his native town. At a very early age he began working in his father's store and there became acquainted with business principles. His father was at that time in partnership with Dr. Jackson Truesdale. In 1872 he went to Cleveland and was employed by the Backus Oil Company, but ten years later returned to his native township and organized his present enterprise.

Reference has been made above to the Tanner family, to which Mr. Boughton's mother belonged, and a more detailed account of them would add to the completeness of this biography. It is said that two brothers by the name of Tanner emigrated from Wales to Rhode Island about 1640, and about a quarter of a century later settlers of that name began to ramify in the direction of Connecticut and New York. About 1729 or 1730 there was born in Rhode Island Thomas Tanner, who became the ancestor of the branch of the family with which we are at present concerned, and in 1740 he moved to Cromwell, Connecticut. His family consisted of William, Melitabel and Hannah. William became the father of Tryal, who held the rank of captain in the Revolution and did valiant service for the freedom of his country.

Tryal was very prominent and after the war came to Ohio, where he was sheriff of Trumbull county and very popular with his fellow citizens. He had eight children by his wife Hulda Jackson, and at his death, which occurred November 22, 1833, his estate was large enough to bequeath to each heir one hundred acres. One of these heirs was Edmund P., who was born in Cromwell, Connecticut, in 1815, and was an anti-slavery advocate, and his house was often used as a station on the underground railroad. He and his wife were both members of the Congregational church, in which he was deacon, and he was in accord with all the advance movements of the day; he was a practical farmer and owned three hundred acres of land. His wife was Fanny Chapman, and by her he had eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity. His death occurred October 24, 1872. One member of his family was Mrs. Sylvia (Tanner) Boughton, who was born on July 31, 1822, and died April 8, 1903.

The Boughton and Tanner families have been so closely identified with, and such active supporters of the Congregational church at Canfield, and it has become so intimately connected with their history, that a brief mention of its history would be fitting as a closing remark to this article. It is claimed that this church is the third oldest in the state of Ohio. It was organized on April 24, 1804, by Rev. Joseph Badger and Rev. Thomas Robins, missionaries from Connecticut. In 1820 an edifice was erected costing about two thousand and two hundred and fifty dollars. During the early history of the society the Presbyterians and Congregationalists combined their efforts, and the church grew and prospered and became an important factor in moulding the moral and religious life of the community. In 1835 the Presbyterians established a church of their own. The Congregational body has a marked history financially, never having a standing debt, which for a church nearly one hundred years old is remarkable. Though not strong at this time, its influence is well sustained and in the support of which none have been more conspicuous than the two families and their relatives which have been duly sketched.

#### JAMES D. GIBSON.

Among the many important industrial enterprises in the thriving city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, is that of the Ohio Stone & Paving Company, of which the subject of this review is general manager, and he is one of the representative business men of the city and as such merits consideration in the compilation of a work of this province; but there is another element which renders this representation all the more consistent, for

he is a member of one of the pioneer families of the county, the name having been identified with the annals of this section of the state from the early years of the nineteenth century and having ever stood in exemplification of sterling integrity and marked usefulness in connection with practical affairs.

James D. Gibson was born near the city of Youngstown, on the 8th of February, 1845, and he was reared to maturity in Mahoning county, receiving his early educational training in the public schools, which he continued to attend during the winter months until he had attained the age of about nineteen years, while during the summer seasons he assisted in the work of the homestead farm, which was located about one mile southeast of the city. To the defense of the Union at the time of the war of the rebellion Mahoning county contributed a due quota of her brave and loyal sons, and one of the gallant young men who showed his loyalty and patriotic ardor in this crucial epoch was Mr. Gibson, who in May, 1864, when nineteen years of age, enlisted as a private in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he proceeded to take up active duty, but it was his misfortune to soon succumb to severe illness, which rendered it necessary to send him to the hospital at Camp Denison, Ohio, and there he remained until he received his honorable discharge on account of physical disability; for more than a year after his return to his home he was practically an invalid. The next year, having to a large degree recuperated his energies, he drove a herd of one thousand sheep through from Ohio to the state of Illinois, where he remained a year, after which he returned to his home and here devoted his attention to farming for the ensuing two years. At the expiration of this period he became the proprietor of a flouring mill in Trumbull county, successfully operating the same for five years and then disposing of the property and returning to Youngstown, where he engaged in the manufacturing of brick, building up an enterprise of wide scope and importance and continuing the same successfully for the long interval of fifteen years, within which time he became recognized as one of the progressive, energetic and capable business men of the locality. About this time Mr. Gibson became the pioneer in the introduction of cement paving in this section of Ohio, and when the Ohio Stone & Paving Company was organized in 1884, he was made the manager of the same, and has ever since been incumbent of this position. It is largely due to his discriminating, systematic and careful management that the business of the company has grown to be one of such marked scope and importance, its operations extending into the most diverse sections of Ohio and also into adjoining states, while the concern has built up the highest commercial reputation and has never violated the least item of its contracts,

thus begetting public confidence and insuring the expansion of the business. In politics Mr. Gibson is an advocate of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party has stood sponsor, but he maintains an independent attitude and is not a strict partisan, particularly in local affairs, where no definite issue is involved. He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church, as is also his wife, and both take an active interest in its work.

On September 15, 1875, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Frances C. Heasley, of Youngstown, and they became the parents of two children, Louis D. and Frances J., both of whom survive their mother, who was summoned into eternal rest in 1882. On the 26th of October, 1887, Mr. Gibson wedded Miss Maria L. Brown, of Youngstown, no children having been born of this union.

Samuel Gibson, father of our subject, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1819, then a mere village in the midst of a practically unreclaimed section of heavily timbered land, and here he has passed his entire life, being now one of the honored and patriarchal citizens of Youngstown, where he is passing the grateful evening of his life in that dignified repose and comfort which constitute a fitting crown to years of earnest and honorable endeavor. In 1844 he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Erwin, who died the following year, leaving one son, James D., who figures as the immediate subject of this sketch. In 1849 Samuel Gibson consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Nancy J. Gault, of Youngstown, a daughter of Major Gault, of Pennsylvania, who was an officer in the war of 1812. Of this second marriage six children attained maturity, namely: William T., Minnie A., Benjamin M., Harry G., Ella and Robert A., all of whom are living except the last mentioned, who died in 1899. Samuel Gibson was for many years prominently identified with the state militia of Ohio, having been a captain in the same. He is a son of Robert D. Gibson, who was born in Connecticut and who became one of the pioneers of Mahoning county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his long and honorable life, having been a soldier in the war of 1812. His death occurred in Youngstown when about seventy years of age.

#### SILAS SCHILLER, M. D.

This name recalls one of the most celebrated men of Germany, whose poems and plays have shed immortal luster over his native country and become familiar throughout the civilized world. It will be remembered as long as "William Tell" is enacted on the dramatic stage or sung in opera to the melodious music of Rossini. As a friend and companion of Goethe, author

of numerous poems of the first rank and one of the brilliant coterie whose literary achievements first made the German language familiar throughout Europe and America, he occupies a place of especial honor in the ranks of scholarship. Of the same stock and name of this celebrated man are the family who left their German fatherland early in the nineteenth century and cast their lot with the then youthful but promising commonwealth of Ohio.

John George Schiller, born in Germany in 1769, crossed the ocean about 1812 accompanied by his wife and several small children. Locating in Ohio, he became the owner of a large farm and derived his support from its cultivation until the time of his death, which occurred about 1859. The five children were: Gotlieb; Israel; Mattie, who married George Bacher and died in Youngstown in May, 1902; Joanna widow of Gotlieb Lipp, of Petersburg, Ohio; and Christian, who died in 1900. Israel Schiller, second of the above enumerated family, was born at Wittenberg, Germany, in 1806, and was only six or seven years old when brought to the United States by his parents. After a brief sojourn at Philadelphia, the family came on to Ohio and located in what was then Columbiana, now Mahoning county, where Israel grew up and learned the carpenter's trade, which furnished his means of livelihood until his marriage to Elenore, daughter of Captain Joshua Hahn. After this event, which occurred about 1834, he engaged in agricultural pursuits and followed that business until 1890, when his earthly career was terminated by death. Of his twelve children, the following named eleven grew to maturity: Mary, the wife of Charles Hartung, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Gideon, now a resident of Pittsburg, in the same state; Catherine H., wife of George W. Penn, of Braddock; Servilla, an unmarried daughter; Silas, the subject of this sketch; Eliza H., wife of Tobias Beight, of Columbiana county, Ohio; Ira, deceased; Odelia, a single daughter; Tobias; John H.; and Andrew W., a physician of Salem, Ohio. The mother of this large family survived her husband seven years and passed away in 1897 at the old home in Petersburg, Ohio.

Silas Schiller, fourth in age of the living children, was born on a farm in Springfield township, Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1846, and there remained until the completion of his preliminary education. In addition to the primary schools, he had the benefit of attendance at the Mahoning Academy in Canfield, then the county seat, and also the Union Seminary at Poland, Ohio. As early as the sixteenth year of his age he obtained a teacher's license and was engaged in teaching at intervals during the succeeding five years. He began the study of medicine about 1867, pursued it steadily for several

years and was graduated at the Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati with the class of 1870. After a period of probationary practice at New Middletown, Ohio, for one year, he located at North Lima and remained there until 1895, when he took up his permanent residence at Youngstown. Since that time Dr. Schiller has prosecuted his profession so attentively and energetically as to have achieved a flattering success in his business and a creditable reputation as a physician. This is attested by the fact that he rose to such popularity as a member of the Ohio State Medical Association that he was made president of that honorable body in 1902, a dignity only conferred upon the prominent and influential of the profession.

In 1871 Dr. Schiller was united in marriage with Mary E., daughter of John Welker, of New Middletown, Ohio, and this union has been blessed by the birth of four children: Charles F.; Dorothy, wife of Rev. Virgil Boyer, of Marietta, Ohio; Harley H.; and Grace G. In his political predilections Dr. Schiller had always been a devoted Democrat until the springing of the silver issue in an acute stage, when his conscientious convictions compelled him to differ with his party platform on that point. His fraternal connections are with the Knights Templar, St. John's Commandery No. 20, of which he is an enthusiastic member, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which also receives a considerable share of his time and attention.

#### HARMON E. BLOTT, M. D.

The position of coroner in a populous county like Mahoning is an arduous one and full of most grave responsibilities, since the incumbent is frequently called upon to render first judgment in cases which involve the good order of the community, and possibly the lives of the parties interested. Thus the duties devolving on this officer require a calm and judicial mind, a comprehensive grasp of medical and surgical jurisprudence, coupled with no small degree of knowledge of the law, and the ability by shrewd questioning to uncover crime if it exists. In this office Mahoning county is fortunate in being served by a gentleman who combines in a marked degree these necessary qualities.

Dr. Harmon E. Blott is a native of the county, born of German stock in North Jackson, in 1865, where he was reared and educated. He is the son of John Blott, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1836 and came to Ohio with his parents in infancy, where he died in 1873. His wife's maiden name was Amanda Craver, and she was the mother of three children, our subject; William L.; and Ella J., wife of Daniel B. Umstead. Passing back along



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the line, the grandfather was Samuel Blott, born in Pennsylvania in 1812. After living out a long life full of good deeds and noble purposes, he died in 1896. He was a farmer by occupation, as have been all of the family. The further history of the Blotts runs back to the fatherland, names and dates being indistinct, though it is known that they came to Pennsylvania at a very early day.

Harmon Blott commenced life as a school teacher at the age of seventeen years, teaching two full terms. This was followed by a course in the medical department of the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, upon the completion of which he located in Youngstown, where he soon built up a most desirable and lucrative practice. He is a popular physician and is making a success in his chosen profession. His Republicanism was of such a vigorous stripe as to cause the party managers to seek him out for ticket material in a close campaign, and in 1901 he thus became the coroner of his county, by a majority of 2,280. Dr. Blott is a valued member of the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Golden Eagle. The family life of the Doctor dates from 1888, when, in Mahoning county, he was married to Miss Cora Strouse, daughter of Josiah and Caroline Strouse. Three children lend attraction to their home, Myron S., Caroline S. and Edgar M.

#### WILLIAM N. ASHBAUGH.

William N. Ashbaugh was born in the town of Freeport, Pennsylvania, in 1854, on the 14th day of May. In this village he lived until a lad of eighteen years, when he came to Youngstown. He had been given a good common school education, and had decided to make law his profession. He entered the law office of Hon. D. M. Wilson in Youngstown, and after studying the required time, took the examination and was admitted to the bar of Mahoning county. This was in 1877, and he immediately began the practice of his profession in this city.

Mr. Ashbaugh has always taken great interest in the public life of the city and in 1882 was elected clerk of the board of education, which office he has held to the present day, being one of the most efficient and painstaking servants that body has ever had. In connection with his duties as clerk of the board, he has continued the practice of his profession. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and fraternally is a member of the Masons and Elks. He is a member of no particular church organization, but affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church. In Youngstown, in 1884, he was married to Clarice V. Butler, daughter of I. M. Butler, and to the marriage have been

born five children, of whom William B., Clarence V. and Russell G. are now living.

Dipping somewhat into family history, the great-grandfather of our present subject was Henry Ashbaugh, whose father Frederick was a native of Holland, and came to America with his family in 1769; he located in Pennsylvania, and continued to live there until his death. His son, William Ashbaugh, was the next member of this particular branch of the family, and was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and died in that county at the age of sixty-four years. The Ashbaughs have always belonged to the agricultural class and have been men prominent in their own particular sections. The father of our subject was William Ashbaugh, the second child of his family, and he was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the old home farm, in 1833. In 1876 he came to Youngstown, Ohio, where he has since lived, enjoying in retirement the competence he has gained. He was married in 1853 to Ann E. Weaver, and to this marriage were born six children: William N.; Cordelia, wife of Thomas Peat; Charles C.; Lawrence B.; Mabel T., who is the wife of Ora Howard; and Homer T.

#### GEORGE W. STROCK.

In enumerating the enterprises which have made Canfield township, Mahoning county, so prosperous and have caused it to take such a prominent place in commercial and industrial affairs of this part of Ohio, one should not omit the large sawmill of Strock and Osborne. The mill has a capacity of four thousand feet of lumber per day, has an engine of thirty horsepower, and there is a steady demand for the product as fast as they can turn it out. The proprietors are both capable business men and well adapted to the prosecution of this enterprise, so that they have reaped gratifying pecuniary rewards from their mill.

George W. Strock was born in Jackson township, Mahoning county, in 1845, and was reared and educated in Austintown. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, but in 1885 he embarked in his present enterprise and has devoted his energies to it ever since. The Strocks are a well known family of this part of Ohio, and some of the members have been men of great intellectual power and high standing in their communities, of whom we might mention Charles Strock, a near relative of George W., who was a representative of Trumbull county to the state legislature and a leading attorney of the Ohio bar, and in whose early death a great loss was experienced to the county. Politically the fam-

ily are divided, some adhering to the Democracy and others to the Republican party. In 1870 George W. Strock was married to Miss Laura J., the daughter of Abraham and Harriet (Strock) Osborne, but no children have been born to the union. Mrs. Strock is a member of one of the prominent and old families of Ohio, and some remarks concerning her people would be appropriate here.

The progenitor of the American branch of the Osborne family was Nicholas, who came from England in the eighteenth century and in 1804 settled in Canfield, Ohio, a very early time in the history of that region; he was a large landowner and did much for the development of the county. John, his son, came to the county with him, and by his wife, whose first name was Eve, he had a large family, one of whom was Conrad. The latter was fourteen years old when he came to Canfield with his parents, and on becoming of age learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he worked for many years and at the same time operated a farm of seventy-five acres, which he had cleared up in his youth. He was a man of considerable political influence in his community and held the office of constable for fifteen years, was trustee for several years, and served in various other minor offices. He married Mary Osborne, who was, like him, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and of their six children four are living. One of the survivors is Abraham, now a resident of Canfield township, where he was born November 2, 1822. He has been engaged in the carpenter's trade most of his life, as many substantial buildings over Mahoning county bear evidence. On December 24, 1846, he was married to Miss Harriet Strock, who bore him three children: the first was Laura J., who became the wife of George W. Strock; the second was Allen C., who became the husband of Hattie Brobst and the father of Elmer and Edmund, and his death occurred in 1875; the other daughter is Mary A. McCollom, whose children are Edith, Nora, James and Blanch (deceased).

#### DAVID JAMES MORGAN.

The subject of this brief review is another product of this utilitarian age, in which every man may be the architect of his own fortune. Mr. Morgan is a young man, but he has so impressed his worth on the citizens of Youngstown township by his sterling qualities of citizenship as to cause his selection for the important position of township trustee, a position which he has filled most acceptably for the past three years. Mr. Morgan is a Welshman and is possessed of all the qualities which mark that vigorous strain of the Anglo-Saxon race. He was born in Youngstown in 1868. He was reared there

and received a good common school education. At the age of sixteen he went to work in a coal mine in Mahoning county as "trapper," working a year in that subordinate position before he took up the more skilled work of the regular shift miner. After a year and a half at this service, he began work above ground, entering the Valley Rolling Mill as a puddler's helper. He worked, altogether, in the various rolling mills about the city about thirteen years. Leaving this work, in 1898 he was elected to his present office, having served, several months before his election, to fill an unexpired term of a gentleman who had been elected county commissioner.

Mr. Morgan was married in Cleveland, Ohio, the other contracting party being Miss Mary Morgan, the date being December 22, 1892. Miss Morgan was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Morgan, and is a native of Wales. To the marriage of our subject have been born two children, Irene, May 17, 1894, and Doris, in 1896. It goes without saying that Mr. Morgan is a Republican of the stalwart stripe. He is fraternally a Knight of the Golden Eagle.

The family of which Mr. Morgan is a member is from Wales, his father, William T. Morgan, having come to America from that country in 1858, locating in Mahoning county, Ohio. He was a coal miner by trade, and now resides in Youngstown. He married in Wales Miss Ruth James, a daughter of William James, and to the marriage were born seventeen children, six of whom now survive: Thomas J., Reese, David J., John, May and Morgan. Authentic information as to the prior history of the Morgan family, so far as our subject can give it, ceases with his grandfather, Thomas Morgan, a native of Wales, born in 1795. He lived out the measure of his days in Wales, dying in 1878.

#### HUGH A. MANCHESTER.

The Manchester family is at present a commingling of Scotch-Irish blood on the maternal side and of English on the paternal, and one of the ancestors of the present generation was the famous Lord Manchester of English history. Great-grandfather Isaac Manchester was a resident of Rhode Island in colonial days and about 1795 settled in Washington county, Pennsylvania. His son Benjamin crossed the line into Ohio in 1805 and became one of the very first settlers of what is now known as Canfield, Mahoning county, then a part of Trumbull county. He was a thrifty and industrious man and displayed much fortitude in enduring the privations which were necessary that future generations might live in comfort in the land.

Isaac, the son of the last mentioned, was born in Canfield township

in 1810, and became a useful citizen of the community, serving as a justice of the peace and holding other minor offices. His family by his wife Ellen became, in turn, also good members of society, and one of these is the person of the Hon. Hugh A. Manchester, who first saw the light of day in Canfield township, Mahoning county, on March 5, 1837. His early life was spent on his father's farm, where he became familiar with all the details of agriculture. He was always noted as a bright student and after he had obtained a thorough training in the public schools, in the Poland and Mahoning academies, his intellectual fitness prompted him to embark in teaching. That he excelled in this branch of intellectual activity is amply proved by the fact that for twenty-seven years he was engaged in the delightful task of teaching the young idea; but the most remarkable record is in the fact that twenty-five years of this time were spent in one school, which shows how well those who had been trained by him in their youth appreciated his work and desired their own children to receive instruction from the same hand. During this time he had also served as county school examiner for twenty-three years.

In 1899 the Democrats of Mahoning county selected Mr. Manchester as their candidate for the legislature, and he was duly elected, and during his term was a most excellent representative of the wishes of his constituents. He has been honored with the office of justice of the peace in his township for thirty-six years and has held nearly every office in the gift of the people; when the Farmers National Bank of Canfield was organized in 1887, he was chosen its cashier, and is still retained in that capacity. On November 8, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Rose Squier, to whom were born seven children, and six of them are still living; two of the sons have been admitted to the bar and one other is studying for the same profession. Hon. Manchester is a member and has served as worshipful master of Canfield Lodge, F. & A. M., is a member of Youngstown Commandery No. 20, K. T., and stands high in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church at Canfield and in countless ways has exerted his influence for good in the town and community.

#### MARGARET HILL ROEMER.

Mrs. Margaret (Hill) Roemer is a highly esteemed lady residing in Struthers and is the widow of the late Henry Roemer, who for so many years was a prominent citizen of Mahoning county. The latter was the son of a German physician and minister of the Presbyterian church. This gentleman, J. J. Roemer, was a college-bred man and came to this country about 1854. He resided in Pittsburg and was a practicing physician in Lowell-

ville, Ohio, for two years. The Roemer family is of royal blood, and the coat of arms is in the possession of one of the household in Pittsburg, while the seal is in Henry Roemer's family. J. J. Roemer reared all his three sons and nine daughters, but the eldest daughter died in Germany, and all but one son and one daughter were married. The father died at the age of eighty-four, and his wife at the age of seventy-eight.

Henry Roemer was born in Prussian Germany in the town of Eberfeld, in 1846, and was eight years old when he was brought to this country. He was still a boy when the Civil war broke out, but he could not be restrained from enlisting, although his father brought him home twice; in 1864 he finally entered the ranks in Company F, Eighteenth Ohio Infantry. He was in the hospital and lost his health, which led to his premature death; he drew a pension of twenty-four dollars a month. He was a Presbyterian and a man of strong character and ability. He died in Struthers in 1900, after a life of usefulness to his country, family and friends.

Margaret Roemer, the wife of Henry Roemer, was the oldest of ten children born to James Hill and Annie Watt, who were worthy Scotch people, he being born in Galaway in 1816, and she in Perth in 1835. They were married in 1853, and in 1864 they came to Struthers, Ohio, where he was a boss in the coal mines, having been brought up to that business in the old country. Their three oldest children were born in Scotland; the second in order of birth was Elizabeth, the wife of Raymond Oswald, and she died August 17, 1898, leaving two children; John J. Hill resides in Struthers and is sketched elsewhere in this volume; Anna is the wife of R. S. Graham, near Lowellville; George is the husband of Lillie Armitage and is a roller in the mills at Struthers; the remaining children died young. Their father died in 1887, but his widow is still living at the age of sixty-seven.

There were eight children born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Roemer, as follows: Annie, the wife of Angus McPhee, of Youngstown, has two living children; John J., who married Lola McPhee and resides next door to his mother, has two daughters and twin sons, and is a roller in the American Sheet Steel Mills at Struthers; Lottie is the wife of Charles Kimmel, of Struthers, and they have one daughter; James, an employe in the rolling mill in Struthers, married Alice Gough and has one daughter; Henry is also a mill employe in Struthers; Pauline is a teacher in Boardman township; George is employed in the mill; and Robert, who is only ten years old, is in school. Mr. and Mrs. Roemer settled in Struthers after their marriage, but later resided in Lowellville for eleven years, and returned and took

up their residence here in 1890. A few years ago they bought a piece of land consisting of nearly four acres in this town, paying nine hundred and fifty dollars for it, and there are now four dwellings on the place. The following year a fine modern residence was erected for the accommodation of the family, and one of the sons now has his own house next to it. Mrs. Roemer is a member of the United Presbyterian church.

#### L. TEMPLIN & SONS.

The firm name which appears above at once brings to mind one of the most important business concerns of Mahoning county. The company has extensive greenhouses at Calla, Ohio, and the firm of L. Templin & Sons is known as the leading seed and plant house in the country, doing a retail mailing and express business. Not only are the partners in the enterprise conducting an extensive trade, but they are also carrying on their business efforts along lines which commend them to the confidence and good will of all. Honored and respected in commercial circles, the enviable position which they occupy is not only due to their success but also to the straightforward course which they have ever followed. They have always had an ideal before them and have worked toward this until the term ideal has become almost synonymous with their business. They have adopted as the motto of the firm "worthy of your patronage," and they have endeavored to make their business live up to this sentiment. The trade has constantly grown from the time of its inception by Lewis Templin in 1860 until now the house stands among the most prominent in the entire country doing a mailing and expressing business.

In 1822 Richard and Mary Templin removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, locating in what is now known as Goshen township, Mahoning county. They purchased a tract of land which Mr. Templin afterward converted into an excellent farm, for at the time it came into his possession it was in its original condition, as it came from the hand of nature. The tract comprised one hundred acres. Richard Templin was a molder by trade, but abandoned that work to establish a home in this new country in order to get his children away from the temptations of the city, and to allow them to grow up in a new country, where they might have better advantages for securing business success. Richard Templin died in 1860, having for about four years survived his wife, who passed away in 1856.

Lewis Templin, the founder of the extensive business now owned and operated by the present firm, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and was a lad of ten years when he came over the mountains to Ohio with

his parents. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for about seven years. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He had a real fondness for nature in its various phases, and this undoubtedly led him into the department of business life in which he afterward became so active. In 1836 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Small and to them were born eleven children, eight of whom reached years of maturity, namely: Alexander P., Lucinda, Mary, Andrew, Elizabeth J., Richard L., Mark B. and Samuel C. The first named was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and was never heard from after the battle of Stone River.

In 1860 Lewis Templin turned his attention to the nursery business in Green township, conducting his new enterprise about one mile from the Erie Railroad, with Greenford as his postoffice and shipping point. At the beginning of this enterprise he had little or no experience, but an abundant courage served as an excellent supplement to the ideal which was ever prominent in the foreground. With the hope of his success he built up one of the largest nurseries in this part of the state, and the secret of his almost phenomenal success was his close adherence to the ideal which he has always kept before him, and which now finds exemplification in the motto "worthy of your patronage." His honesty proved an excellent foundation upon which to build a business and he was also energetic, determined and resolute. His sons were in hearty sympathy with him in the work and co-operated with him to the benefit of all. In 1876 a small greenhouse was erected and the cultivation of flowering plants soon became an interesting as well as profitable factor of their business. Year by year this department of their enterprise increased, and year by year another greenhouse was added, until the plant reached its splendid proportions of today. There is now one acre under glass. For several years the nursery and greenhouse business was continued, but in 1885 it was decided to discontinue handling nursery stock, and from that time to the present the entire attention of the firm has been devoted to a careful study of the best methods of caring for and shipping plants, seeds, bulbs and small shrubbery. Their trade comes from all parts of the United States. In 1892 the entire establishment was burned to the ground and in the same year the firm removed to their present site on the line of the Erie Railroad in order to enjoy better mailing and shipping facilities. They built their own depot and called it Calla. They have twelve acres, ten of which are devoted to the cultivation of plants out of doors, while two acres are covered with buildings and greenhouses. In connection with the conduct of this important enterprise they employ fifty people and the

relation between the company and those in their service is a most commendable one. They have also furnished a reading room, which is supplied with all the standard periodicals of the day. For twenty-two years the firm has made a close study of the art of sending plants by mail to all parts of the Union, and today their mailing business probably exceeds that of any other house. In connection with the growing of plants and shrubs, the firm does all its own printing, having a fully equipped printing department. They buy their paper by the car load and issue their own catalogues, having a composing room, presses, folders, and everything belonging to a printing office. They also manufacture their own mailing boxes.

Lewis Templin was a man of remarkable determination, discrimination and persistency, and carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by honorable effort. His sons have followed in his footsteps, and the firm has thus maintained this splendid record. In public service Mr. Templin was also loyal and energetic. He served as one of the commissioners of Mahoning county from 1873 until 1878 and discharged his duties with fidelity. He belonged to the Christian church and was strongly attached to the denomination, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. His Christian spirit permeated every act of his life, and few men have ever more closely followed the golden rule. The death of this upright and honorable man occurred on the 9th of May, 1898, but he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, to his friends an example well worthy of emulation, and to his city and county the record of patriotic devotion to all that pertained to the general good.

The firm of L. Templin & Sons was at first composed of the father and his three sons, Richard L., Mark B., and Samuel C. In 1900, however, the last named sold his interest and was succeeded by Wilbur W. Templin, a son of Richard Templin, and he is now connected with his father and his uncle. Out of respect to the founder of the establishment, and also because the house had become so well known under that name, the style of L. Templin & Sons has been retained unchanged. The present partners have largely extended their business. Their mail in catalogues alone amounts to fifty tons per season, and they send through the postoffice a proportionate amount of seeds and plants. The postoffice at Calla was established there through their efforts, and is the second in size in the county when the amount of mail matter which passes through it is considered.

Richard L. Templin, who is now the senior member of the firm, was born in September, 1853, and was united in marriage to Miss Mary E.

Shaefer. They have had four children: Wilbur W., who is the junior member of the firm and attends to the correspondence; Mrs. M. Crocket; Edna, and Purl. Mark B. Templin, who has supervision of the mechanical part of the establishment, including the printing room, seems to possess much natural mechanical ability and ingenuity. He was born in 1856 and was married in 1878 to Miss Alice Cook, by whom he had four children, but only two, Ethel M. and John L., are now living. Wilbur W. Templin, the junior member of the firm, is a wide-awake, enterprising young man, who was graduated at Hiram College, after which he served one and one-half years as assistant state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Dayton, Ohio, and is now proving an active and helpful factor in the conduct of the extensive business of the firm of L. Templin & Sons.

N. H. CHANEY, A. M., Ph. D.

In the educational circles in Ohio, Dr. N. H. Chaney has gained prestige, occupying an enviable position in the ranks of the profession in this state. It is a widely acknowledged fact that the most important work to which a man can direct his energies is that of teaching, whether it be from the pulpit, from the lecture platform or from the schoolroom. Its primary object is ever the same,—the development of one's latent powers that the duties of life may be bravely met and well performed. To the labor of instructing the young Dr. Chaney devotes his time, energies and thought, and his labors have had far-reaching effect not only in the dissemination of the knowledge gleaned from books but also in the establishment of principles of growth and of mental concentration which will have effect upon the life of the student after leaving the schoolroom. In 1902 he accepted the position of superintendent of the schools of Youngstown, and already the educational system of this city has felt the stimulus of his efforts and has been advanced to a higher standard.

Dr. Chaney is a native of Highland county, Ohio, born on the 4th of March, 1856, a son of John A. and Mary C. (Holmes) Chaney. His father was born in Pennsylvania, March 7, 1825; and the grandfather was James Chaney, who died in Highland county, Ohio, in middle age. The family is of Scotch-Irish lineage. The Doctor's father was but a boy when his parents took up their abode in Highland county, where he was reared to manhood and then took up farming as a life work, following agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. He passed away April 21, 1880. His wife was born in New Jersey in 1832, and with her parents came across the mountains to Ohio in her girlhood days, the family settling in Fayette



*W. H. Lacey*



county, Ohio. She still survives her husband and now resides in New Vienna, Clinton county.

Dr. Chaney is the third in order of birth in a family of four living children, and like the others of the household he attended the common schools of Highland county in his youth. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school and was thus engaged until twenty years of age, when desiring to add to the knowledge he had already gained, he entered Wilmington College, in Clinton county, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1880; three years later, in the spring of 1883, he received the degree of Master of Arts from his alma mater, after three years of advanced critical study of the German language and literature. He then entered upon a careful and extensive study of English literature and speculative philosophy in the Ohio Wesleyan University, which conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree in 1892, for the work which he had done in the former branch, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1893 for his attainments in the latter branch.

Dr. Chaney believes that education is a matter of a life time, and his extensive reading and investigation are continually broadening a mind whose possessions have already reached the classification of the scholarly. He has studied to a considerable extent in the University of Chicago and he holds a life state certificate in Ohio. As an educator he has attained distinction as a recognition of his superior ability, and under his guidance several schools of Ohio have made rapid, satisfactory and practical advancement. After completing his first course in Wilmington College he became superintendent of the schools of Clarksville, where he remained until 1884. From 1885 until January, 1887, he was superintendent of the schools of Blanchester, Ohio, and from January until June, 1887, was principal of the high school at Washington Court House. He was then advanced to the superintendency of the schools of that city, where he remained until 1898, covering a period of eleven years. He then accepted the superintendency of the schools of Chillicothe, continuing there until he secured his present position, coming to Youngstown in 1902.

Dr. Chaney makes a close and thorough study of his work, its needs, its conditions and its possibilities, and he bases all of his labors upon thoroughly practical methods. He has taken as his motto: "First a man, then a scholar," and he has made it his aim to develop in the pupils character that shall form the basis of upright manhood and womanhood. He believes with Sydney Smith that "the real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that time will ameli-

orate, not destroy; occupation that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible." Dr. Chaney is a fine scholar, a superior teacher, a close organizer and a fair minded but firm executive. He inspires teachers and pupils with his own zeal and interest in the work, and he makes, as far as possible, a study of each pupil, insisting that his individuality shall be preserved and his latent powers of selfhood shall be developed.

In 1880 Dr. Chaney was united in marriage to Miss Anna Roush, of Sabina, Ohio, and they now have three daughters, Bertha, Opal and Emma. The Doctor gives his political support to the Republican party and keeps well informed on the great problems affecting the nation's welfare. Fraternally he is a Mason, having been raised in the lodge at Clarksville, Ohio, in 1883. The following year he took the chapter degrees and in 1884 he also became a Knight Templar in Hillsboro Commandery. He is likewise an Odd Fellow, having become a member of that order in Washington Court House. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has labored effectively and earnestly for the moral as well as the intellectual development of the race. He realizes that the intellectual and moral natures are so closely allied that it is impossible to instruct the one without in a measure influencing the other, and certainly the best results are accomplished when the work goes hand in hand. He has therefore endeavored to create an atmosphere of justice, of truth and of honor not only in the schoolroom but upon the campus, and the good influence of such a course is immeasurable. That Dr. Chaney is a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions,—the dominating elements in his individuality being a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity, which taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained for him the respect and confidence of men.

#### C. M. SHAFFER.

Charles Melville Shaffer, now prominent in Youngstown, Ohio, as a member of the McElroy Company, early became interested in the printing and publishing business. Beginning his business career in learning the printer's trade, Mr. Shaffer's ability and enterprise soon sought an outlet in a channel offering wider possibilities, and he accordingly became ambitious to become an editor. The desire with him was but father of the achievement, and for many years he played a prominent part in the molding of the thought of Youngstown.

He came to Youngstown when one year old, having been born in Poland, Ohio, in 1861. He spent his boyhood days in Youngstown; was there educated and learned the printer's trade in the office of *The Vindicator*. Here he continued for some time and by his energy and ability rose to be its editor in 1887. This position he filled for about one year, leaving to accept a position as advertising manager for *The Telegram*, which position he filled for about two years. He then started the *Sunday Morning News*, which he ably conducted until 1899, when he sold out and went into the furniture business, his present occupation, in which he has since been successfully engaged.

In 1886 at Jamestown, New York, he was joined in marriage to Minnie F. Black, daughter of W. C. Black of that place, and one son, Carl F. Shaffer, came to bless their union. Mr. Shaffer is an ardent member of the Republican party and in his connection with the various papers of Youngstown did much to advance its interests. His articles were always pithy and able and did much to promote the popularity of these publications as well as to support the cause he advocated. He is a charter member of the Elks and is highly esteemed by that organization. He has no church affiliation, but has been ever ready to espouse all measures for the improvement of the community and the betterment of mankind.

The father of Mr. Shaffer was Andrew Shaffer, who was born in Mount Jackson, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and died at the ripe age of eighty years, in 1897. He was a successful photographer and was also township clerk of Youngstown township at one time, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him in his professional and private life. Mr. Shaffer's mother was Nancy Caldwell and she was the mother of four children, two of whom are now living, O. P. Shaffer, the present postmaster at Youngstown, and the subject of this narrative.

#### WILLIAM McCLURG.

James McClurg, an Irishman, was born in that country, and after his marriage he came to America and took up his residence in Mahoning county, Ohio. His first wife, who became the mother of six sons and two daughters, died in the town of Poland, and he then married a Mrs. Jordan, who was mother of children by her first union, and who bore him one daughter, making him the father of nine children in all. He passed away in July of 1849 at Boardman, where his wife also died, and of all his children none are at present living.

One of these children was born in 1800 and received the name of William. He grew up to be one of the strong sons of eastern Ohio and was noted for

his ability as a hard, earnest worker. He found a noble helpmate in the young lady he chose for his wife, Elizabeth Campbell, who was born in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania; to her latest day she remembered how she had ridden on horseback behind her mother when with the rest of the family she came to take up her residence in the new country of Ohio, the other members of the household making the trip in a covered wagon drawn by four horses; they were what might be termed well-to-do people and brought with them about sixty head of live stock. After their marriage this couple settled on a hundred acres of heavily timbered land in Boardman township, paying six dollars an acre for it, and he was for a number of years engaged in the work of clearing sixty acres. He and his wife are both Presbyterians, and from their union, which took place about 1824, there were born five children: James, the oldest, born in 1824, died at the age of fifteen years; the next in order of birth was Mary; then William; Margaret; and Julia, who became the wife of Isaac Williamson and died in 1893, leaving three children. The father of this family died when about fifty years of age.

The worthy people sketched in the preceding paragraph came to Mahoning county when public highroads were unknown and blazed trees guided the traveler, and Indian trails led from settlement to settlement. It is eighty-two years ago that William McClurg, Sr., erected a rough log house on his property, with the customary mud and stick chimney and other scant comforts, and on December 18, 1827, a son, William, was born in this house, a place that he will never forget as the scene of all his childhood days. At the age of ten his father erected the dwelling in which he now makes his home, and here he grew to manhood, alternating between the school and the hard labor of the farm. He has followed the occupation of farming all his life, and at the present time owns fifty-four acres of cultivated land.

On February 8, 1871, Mr. McClurg married Elizabeth Caldwell, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1845; her parents, Samuel and Martha (Chambers) Caldwell, were farmers and lived and died in Pennsylvania, the former passing away in 1864, while the latter died at the age of twenty-five, having become the mother of only one child, the daughter Elizabeth. Lottie McClurg, the first born of this union, is now a young lady and resides at home with her parents. James has taken up the pursuit of farming and is now his father's right-hand man, relieving him of the responsibility which he so well upheld for many years. Mr. McClurg is now past seventy-five, but looks to be much younger, so easily have the cares of life sat upon him. He has been devoted to the interests of the Republican party throughout his voting years, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

## LEWIS S. CRUM.

Intimately concerned in a line of industry which has important bearing on the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community,—the agency which implies operations in the way of real estate transactions and the negotiating of financial loans upon approved realty—the subject of this review occupies a distinctively representative place among the business men of the city of Youngstown, and for this reason, as well as on account of the fact that he is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Mahoning county, of which he is a native son, it is but consistent that he be accorded due recognition within the pages of this volume.

Mr. Crum was born on the homestead farm in Youngstown township, Mahoning county, on February 1, 1864, being a son of John W. Crum, who is one of the successful and honored farmers of this county, where he likewise was born and reared, the family name having been long identified with the annals of the Buckeye state. Our subject grew up under the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the farm, early beginning to lend his assistance in its work, and his educational discipline was received in the excellent public schools of this county. He continued his studies until he had attained the age of eighteen years, when he became eligible for pedagogic duties, putting his scholastic attainments to practical test by engaging in the work of teaching, to which he successfully devoted his attention for a period of six years in Mahoning and Trumbull counties. He then came to Youngstown and took the position of bookkeeper in the office of John Miller, proprietor of a local foundry, and this incumbency he retained about four years, when the concern was sold to a stock company, which was duly incorporated as the Youngstown Foundry and Machine Company, Mr. Crum being advanced to the responsible position of treasurer of the new corporation. At the expiration of two years he withdrew from this office and engaged in the real estate business in Youngstown, while in 1900 the firm of L. S. Crum & Company was formed for the prosecution of the constantly increasing business, of which our subject has the general charge and supervision. Most desirable investments are at all times represented on the books of the firm, both in improved and unimproved city property and farm lands in various sections of the state, while a department of financial loans is also maintained, reasonable terms being given and the securities involved being on real estate basis; the firm also gives attention to the handling of properties for rent, and Mr. Crum has shown marked discrimination in his operations and has conducted the business in harmony with the highest principles of integrity and fairness, so that he has not only gained uniform confidence and esteem but has also insured the constant growth of his enterprise.

He is progressive and public-spirited in his attitude, and his political support is given uncompromisingly to the Prohibition party, of whose cause he is a staunch advocate. His religious faith is that of the Christian church, of which Mrs. Crum also is a member, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In addition to his real estate business Mr. Crum has other interests of importance, being president of the Mahoning Gum Company and a member of the directorate of the Mineral Ridge Manufacturing Company at Mineral Ridge, Trumbull county.

In Austintown township, this county, on the 25th of August, 1887, Mr. Crum was united in marriage to Miss Ella Phillips, who was born in this county, where her father, Isaac W. Phillips, is a successful and prominent farmer, and of this union three daughters have been born: Gertrude E., Ada J. and Lora S. They represent the fourth generation of the family to claim Ohio as the place of nativity, since Nicholas Crum, the grandfather of our subject, was born in this state, whither his parents emigrated from Pennsylvania in the early pioneer epoch.

#### EDWARD HOLBEN.

Edward Holben, of Calla, Green township, is a prominent and energetic farmer of Mahoning county, who owns and operates one hundred acres of choice land, on which he raises excellent crops. He is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Armstrong county in 1859. His parents, Aaron and Catherine (Neese) Holben, are also natives of the Keystone state, where they still reside. In the county of his nativity Edward Holben was reared, and early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, for he assisted his father in the labor of the fields from his youth until he started out in life on his own account. In 1881 he came to Ohio, locating near Calla, where he has since followed farming on his own account.

In 1884 Mr. Holben was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Miller, who was born in Calla in 1854, and is a daughter of Joseph Miler, who was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1805 and in 1812 was taken to Ohio by his parents, George and Anne M. Miller. They located in Canfield township, Mahoning county, upon a tract of land of one hundred acres. George Miller was a weaver by trade and followed that pursuit for some time, but also gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion was a Lutheran, as was his wife. He died in early manhood, but she survived him for many years, living to be more than eighty. In their family were ten children: Samuel, John, Joseph, Catherine, George, William, Anna, Philip, Moses and Jacob. Joseph Miller, the father of

Mrs. Holben, was a shoemaker in his early life, but afterward gave his attention to farming and stock-raising. He owned one hundred and thirty-five acres of land, in addition to a lot in the village of Canfield, and in the management of his farming interests met with fair success. In his family were eleven children, of whom five are still living: John, Philip, Lydia, Sarah and Elizabeth. The father died in 1891, having long survived his wife, who passed away on the 1st of November, 1854.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Holben has been blessed with two children Nola F. and Ernest LaVerne, born in 1886 and 1890, respectively. The family have resided upon their present farm since 1891. It consists of one hundred acres of choice land in Green township, and the fields respond readily to the stimulus of the care and cultivation which Mr. Holben bestows upon them. He annually harvests good crops, and in the care of his land he follows modern methods and uses the latest improved machinery in planting and harvesting his crops. Although he started out in life with little capital, he is now one of the substantial citizens of his community, and all that he possesses has been acquired through his own labors.

#### DAVID PORTER.

This gentleman is a prosperous farmer of the southeastern corner of Boardman township, Mahoning county, where he has about one hundred and thirty acres of excellent land, whose lower strata are veined with coal, and this fact combined with the improvements upon the land would easily make the place sell for a hundred dollars an acre,—a very handsome property. The known Porter ancestry goes back to grandfather Thomas, who was born near Belfast, Ireland, came to this country before the days of the Revolution, and was a well-to-do farmer of Tyrone township, Adams county, Pennsylvania. He reared three sons and four daughters, and all were married and had families with the exception of one son. His wife died before him, and he then made his home with his son until he passed away at a good old age.

This son was named David, and was born on his father's farm near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1781. At his father's death the old homestead was sold, and in the fall of 1815, provided with ample means, he came to Mahoning county and bought the home which his brother-in-law had hewn out of the dense woods five years before. He was engaged in the task of subduing his land to the peaceful arts of husbandry when, at the early age of thirty-eight, in 1819, he was killed by a falling limb, thus depriving his young children of his needed aid and protection. He had married Mary

Walker, and they had five children: James Walker, born in 1811, was a farmer and died at the age of seventy, leaving a fine farm of eighty acres and plenty of stock; Martha was the wife of John Slavin and died at the age of seventy-five in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, leaving four children; Lucinda was the wife of James McComb, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and died in Mahoning county at the age of forty-eight, leaving five children; Harvey C. went to Kansas in old age and died there, and one of his sons is in Kansas and the other in Oklahoma territory. Mrs. Porter, the mother of these children, was a widow for many years, and to her was left the care of rearing them to manhood and womanhood; she died in June, 1873, when nearly seventy-five years old.

David was the fifth and youngest child of this family and was never privileged to see his father, having been born in Boardman township, Mahoning county, then Trumbull county, October 1, 1819. He passed most of his boyhood in the old log house, and he did not move from this home until he built his present more comfortable dwelling in 1868. He has made gratifying success in farming, and from the fine woodland of fifty acres he has cut trees four feet in diameter and seventy-two feet to the first limb, sawing into over five thousand feet of lumber. He is now over eighty-four years of age, but the years sit lightly upon him, and he still enjoys the blessings of life.

On June 27, 1841, Mr. Porter was married to Henrietta Phillips, who was born in Mahoning county in 1820. J. D. Porter, the first son of this union, is a pattern-maker and carpenter in Youngstown and is the father of seven children, four sons and three daughters; George W. is a carpenter in Macomb, McDonough county, Illinois, and has one daughter; Orin died at the age of three years; Mary, the fourth in order of birth, passed away at the age of eight; Ellen died at the age of six of scarlet fever; Charles also died when six years old; and Lemuel is a farmer in Poland township. Mrs. Porter died February 17, 1889, and Mr. Porter is now living with his children and grandchildren, there being nine living grandchildren and three great-grandchildren to keep him company in his old age.

#### JAMES M. THOMAS.

No class of foreign born citizens surpasses the Welsh in quick and appreciative adaptability to American institutions. They immediately enter upon the duties of citizenship with a keen, almost juvenile enthusiasm, insisting on their children having the best education that can be obtained, and rearing them to respect their adopted country and participate in its functions.



*James M. Thomas*



The sheriff of Mahoning county is Welsh "to the manner born," but an American in all that word implies of loyalty to country.

James M. Thomas was born in the south of Wales in 1867 and the following year was brought by his parents to this country. The family remained for three years in New York state and then settled in Youngstown, where they have since resided. After receiving a fair common school education, Mr. Thomas, at the age of twelve, entered a rolling mill and for the next fifteen years was engaged in various departments of that business, becoming an efficient and trusted employe and popular with his associates.

In his association with his fellows Mr. Thomas had discovered qualities which peculiarly fitted him for the responsible and frequently dangerous position of that agent of justice, the deputy sheriff, his work with the Republican party, with which he had always affiliated, having made him easily eligible for appointment, and for four years succeeding 1895 he served in that capacity. In the fall of 1898 he made the race for sheriff on the Republican ticket, but, owing to local complications, was defeated. Returning to the rolling mill for two years, in 1900 he was again selected as the strongest available man for that place on the ticket, and was this time triumphantly elected by two thousand three hundred majority over the same gentleman who had defeated him in 1898. The local popularity of Mr. Thomas can be correctly estimated from the fact that he ran seven hundred votes ahead of the presidential ticket. In 1902 he was re-elected to the office of sheriff by a majority of two thousand eight hundred, his opponent being William Q. Ratcliff. In the conduct of this office Mr. Thomas has become a terror to evil-doers and has more than measured up to the standard set for him by his host of friends. Fraternally he affiliates with the Odd Fellows, the Golden Eagles and the Elks, and is a valued member of the noted Foraker Club. In Youngstown, in 1891, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Sarah McHale, and to the union have been born two children, Earl and Edna.

#### BYRON MOORE.

In the early pioneer days, when Ohio was first being opened up to civilization, Joseph Moore, the grandfather of Byron Moore, came to this section of the state. He was a native of New Jersey and was united in marriage to Elizabeth House. Coming to Ohio, they settled in what was then Columbiana county, but is now Green township, Mahoning county, the year of their arrival being in 1805. Mrs. Moore was a native of Virginia, but for some time prior to her marriage she had lived in Maryland. On coming to Mahoning county, Joseph Moore turned his attention to the tilling

of the soil, and as he was energetic and industrious, he developed a good farm. His children were Elizabeth, William, Adgate, Mary, Joseph, Lydia, Ezra, Samuel, and two who died in childhood. Those who reached mature years became good and loyal citizens, and the sons were classed as practical business men in their several vocations.

William Moore, the son of Joseph Moore, was born in Green township in 1809 and was reared and educated amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. He assisted in the arduous task of developing the home farm and afterward engaged in farming on his own account. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Hannah Dixon, who was born in 1814, and they became the parents of three children, of whom two are now living: DeWitt C., a prominent practicing physician of the west, who was born in 1848; and Byron. The father reached the age of seventy-two years, passing away in 1881, and his wife survived until 1894.

Byron Moore is a representative of one of the oldest families in this section of the state. He was born in 1859 and spent his youth in Green township, while to the public schools of the locality he is indebted for the educational advantages he enjoyed. In early life he learned the plasterer's trade and became an expert workman in that line. For many years he followed that calling, and still to some extent devotes his energies to that work. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Stahl, a daughter of Christian and Mary Stahl, and to them has been born a son, Ernest J., in 1880.

After his marriage Mr. Moore spent six years in California, and his efforts there were crowned with prosperity, but, notwithstanding the mild climate and the many advantages of the Pacific coast country, he desired to return to his native state and the place of his boyhood. Accordingly, he again made his way to Ohio and in 1896 he purchased his present farm. When it came into his possession, it was uncleared and uncultivated, and with characteristic energy he began its development. He at first erected a log house and then began preparing material for a more modern dwelling, which was erected in due course of time. The place is now very inviting and gives indication of his enterprise and thrift. He brings his intellectual as well as his physical powers to bear upon his work, and his intelligence and enterprise have produced good results in his farm methods. Mr. Moore keeps well informed concerning the progress of the times, and his interest is deep and sincere in everything pertaining to the growth and development of his county, state and nation. He and his wife have a very hospitable home and delight to entertain their many friends there.

## HENRY W. DAVIS.

One of the leading representatives of the real estate business in the city of Youngstown is Mr. Davis, who is successfully conducting in this line an enterprise of marked scope and importance, thereby contributing to the material progress of the city and county. Mr. Davis is a native son of Youngstown and has practically passed his entire life here, while in his career he has shown that the old statement that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country" is not susceptible to universal application.

Henry W. Davis was born in Youngstown on the 11th of April, 1863, being a son of Ebenezer Davis, who was born in Wales in 1821, and who was there reared and educated, while as a boy he became identified with the mining industry in his native land. As a young man he emigrated to America and eventually located in the Mahoning valley, Ohio, still continuing to devote his attention to mining work. He was one of the California argonauts in the memorable days of 1849, when he made the long and perilous trip across the plains to the new Eldorado, passing about six years in California, and then returning to Mahoning county, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in the city of Youngstown in 1876, at which time his son, the subject of this review, was about thirteen years of age. He was twice married, his second wife having borne the maiden name of Elizabeth Jones. She, likewise, was born in Wales, being a daughter of Henry Jones, who was born in Llanstephan, Wales, in 1810, and who there passed his entire life, his death occurring in 1840. He married Sarah Davis and they became the parents of ten children, of whom seven are living at the present time, the eldest of this number being Dr. John H. Jones, a representative physician of Youngstown. The father of our subject came from near Darlis, Wales, where the family had been established for many generations. By his marriage to Elizabeth Jones, who died in 1877, he became the father of six children, of whom five survive, namely: Henry W.; John A.; James; Marcus; and Jane, who is the wife of Professor S. P. Orth, of Akron, Ohio.

Henry W. Davis was reared in Youngstown, and attended the public schools until he had attained the age of thirteen years, when his father died, and he then found it necessary to become largely dependent upon his own resources. Thus, when a mere boy, he secured employment in the rolling mill of the Brown-Bonnell Company, where he labored through the day, while such was his ambition and determined spirit that he did not abandon his educational work, since he attended night school for several years and thus gained a good English and business education. He continued in the

employ of the concern mentioned for a period of twelve years, within which time he had acquired an excellent knowledge of the details of the business, being retained in the capacity of roller at the time he resigned. He then engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and it is gratifying to note that he has attained a high degree of success in his chosen field of endeavor, for he has depended upon his own efforts from his boyhood, has had a wholesome respect for the dignity of honest toil and has been one of the world's workers, while he has ever held to that high code of integrity and personal honor which begets objective confidence and esteem.

In 1889 Mr. Davis was the Republican nominee for the office of recorder of Mahoning county and was elected to the office, of whose affairs he gave a most able and careful administration. He was again nominated in 1892, at the expiration of his first term, but met the defeat which attended the Republican ticket in general in the county; but he was again the successful candidate of his party in 1895 and thereafter continued to serve as county recorder until 1898. At the time of his first election he discontinued the insurance department of his business, but his real estate enterprise has been carried on continuously from the start. His official duties were such as to enable him to gain a most perfect knowledge of local realty values, and thus to have exceptional facility in carrying on his individual enterprise. He is thoroughly public-spirited, taking a deep interest in all that touches the progress and material prosperity of his home city, and here he commands the utmost respect and esteem. He has ever been a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In Youngstown, in 1888, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Lenora Thullen, a daughter of Henry Thullen, and they have two children, Helen J. and Fred H. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have a pleasant home in Youngstown, and here a gracious hospitality is extended to their wide circle of friends.

#### CHRISTIAN STAHL.

Christian Stahl is one of the enterprising farmers of Green township, and owns seventy-three acres of land, one of the good farms of his locality. As the name indicates, he is of German lineage. His grandfather, John Stahl, was a native of Germany, born in 1769, and after arriving at years of maturity he married Barbara Hahn, who was also of German birth, born in the year 1780. With their two children, Catherine and John, they crossed the Atlantic to America in 1812. Their son was born in 1797, the daughter

in 1800, and they had lost one child in Germany. On reaching America the family continued their journey into the interior of the country and located in Columbiana county, Ohio. For some years they resided in Beaver township, and in 1820 removed to what is now Green township, Mahoning county, where the grandfather purchased eighty acres of wild and uncultivated land, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon the place. There he built a log house, plastering the chinks with mud. In that house the family lived for about twenty years, and then a more modern and commodious dwelling was erected. John Stahl cleared about one half of his land, and in 1837 he purchased another farm of seventy-three acres, to which he added ten more acres at a later day. Subsequently he again extended the boundaries of this place, and in course of time became the owner of two hundred and ten acres. He had learned the mason's trade in his native country and was also an architect of some note. For a number of years he followed his trade. He and his son John, who was a stonemason, were employed in this way at a time when only fifty cents per day was paid for such labor. In early life John Stahl held membership in the Lutheran church, but afterward became a member of the New Jerusalem church. He died in 1870, and his wife passed away in 1860.

John Stahl, Jr., was but a lad when his parents came to the new world. He was reared under the parental roof, and after arriving at years of maturity was united in marriage to Miss Christiana Baird. His sister Catherine became the wife of Christian Bush. In his early life John Stahl, Jr., learned the stonemason's and brickmason's trades and for a number of years carried on business along these lines, but eventually severed his connection with building interests and turned his attention to farming. He owned two hundred and ten acres of land and became a practical agriculturist and stock-raiser, his farm being well equipped with modern improvements such as were in use at that time. He held membership in the Swedenborgian church and lived an upright and honorable life, which commended him to the confidence and good will of all who knew him. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom six are now living, namely: Mary, Christian, Lydia, John, Barbara and Emanuel; the sixth member of the family was Solomon, who is now deceased. All these children were born in Green township and are residents of Mahoning county. The father passed away in the year 1870, and his wife, who was born in 1800, died in 1880, having reached the advanced age of fourscore years.

Christian Stahl, whose name introduces this record, was born in 1828 and followed agricultural pursuits from early life. When but a boy he

assisted in the labors of field and meadow upon the home place. In 1858 he made his first purchase of real estate, becoming the owner of fifty-seven acres, and for twenty-six years he retained possession of that property. In 1876 he purchased his present farm, consisting of seventy-three acres, and now for more than a quarter of a century he has resided on this place. Under his careful supervision it has been transformed into a very valuable property. He has a comfortable home here and his labors have brought to him a good financial return.

In 1853 Mr. Stahl was united in marriage to Miss Mary Schafenacker, who was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1834. It was about 1830 that her parents, Thomas and Eva Schafenacker, emigrated from Germany to the new world, taking up their abode in Pittsburg, where they remained for fourteen years, or until 1844, when they came from that city to Ohio. The father purchased a small farm in Green township, Mahoning county, in which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a weaver by trade and was also an excellent mechanic. To him and his wife were born the following children: Catherine; Christopher, now deceased; Rachel, who has also passed away; Emma; Rosanna; Mary; William; and John. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stahl has been blessed with six children: Thomas and John, deceased; James; Melinda; Mary A.; and Christopher.

Mr. Stahl is a very practical farmer and has made the most of his opportunities and his advantages, and to this he owes his success in life, for he started out empty-handed and depended entirely upon his own resources for a living. He has made many excellent improvements upon his place, and thrift and industry characterize the farm work in its various departments. He has lived at peace with his fellow men, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Swedenborgian church.

#### NANCY A. HINE.

Mrs. Nancy A. Hine is residing in Boardman township, Mahoning county, upon the farm which has been her home for fifty-four years. Widely known in this locality, the circle of her friends is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintance, and she has reared a family of children who are respected citizens of the locality in which they reside and are an honor and credit to her name.

Mrs. Hine is the widow of Abraham S. Hine, who was born in Youngstown, February 28, 1818, and died upon the home farm, March 9, 1866. His father Homer Hine, was an attorney of Youngstown, Ohio, where he located

in 1806, only a few years after the admission of this state into the Union. He was born in New Milford, Connecticut, entered Yale College, and was graduated from that classic institution with the class of 1799. He then joined one of the early colonies that left the Charter Oak state and removed to Canfield, Ohio, arriving at about the same time the Whittlesies made a settlement. He wedded Mary Skinner, of Painesville, Ohio, and they reared to adult age six children and lost two, twins, in early life. Mr. Hine was a man of scholarly attainments and one of the distinguished lawyers of this part of the state at an early day. He died in 1856 at the age of eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1882, in the ninety-fourth year of her age.

Mrs. Hine was a daughter of Robert D. Gibson, who was born in eastern Pennsylvania, April 8, 1785, and was a son of James and Annabella (Dickson) Gibson, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish ancestry; he was born on the Emerald Isle, and after emigrating to America became one of the early settlers of Mahoning county, Ohio, where he took up his abode in 1799. Robert D. Gibson was reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life, and when a young man married Lydia Marshall, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, in 1796, and in 1805, when nine years of age, was brought to this locality. Her people were well-to-do representatives of the farming class of Pennsylvania, but the father lost all he had in litigation over a soldier's claim to his property. He had a large family of sons and daughters, and after the removal to Ohio they became influential and prosperous residents there. The maternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Hine was in very comfortable financial circumstances in Ireland and was almost ready to set sail for the new world in 1700, having his bag of gold in a chest, when an incident occurred that adds a tragic page to the family history. His wife aroused him from a sound sleep one night, hearing some one at their treasure. He jumped from his bed and grappled with the robber, who stabbed him to death. The man proved to be his foster son, and instead of getting hold of the bag of gold as he had intended doing, he had grabbed another bag, but he was caught and punished for his crimes. The widow afterward came to America in accordance with the plans which had been made by herself and husband.

Robert D. Gibson, the father of Mrs. Hine, died in Youngstown, in 1863, and his wife in 1873, both seventy-eight years of age at the time of their demise. In their family were six children, and among these are: Samuel, a farmer residing in Youngstown, who is married and has six living children; Mrs. Hine; John, a farmer living near Youngstown, and is married and has two sons and two daughters; Eliza E., the widow of James Neilson, of Youngstown, by whom she had two children, of whom one is living.

Mrs. Hine pursued her early education in the district schools and afterward spent two terms in a select school in Youngstown. For a few terms prior to her marriage she engaged in teaching, and on the 19th of October, 1848, she became the wife of Abraham S. Hine. They came to the old home farm which was his father's property, Mr. Hine having twelve years before purchased one hundred and twenty acres of this place. As the years passed their marriage was blessed with the presence of seven children, six daughters and a son: Thalia, the widow of the Rev. Hugh P. Wilson, of Kansas, by whom she had six children; Henrietta E., the widow of George Edwards, of Canfield, by whom she had three children who are yet living; Ada G., who is the principal of the Todd school, in Cleveland, Ohio; Mary, who died in March, 1898, at the age of forty-three years; Mrs. Alice McCarthy, who died in 1897, at the age of forty years, and left four children; Belle, the wife of the Rev. Charles Hook, who resides at the Sweet Valley postoffice and has three sons; and Oliver S., who is at home and is a leading and enterprising farmer, superintending the home place. On both the paternal and maternal sides the children are entitled to membership in the Society of Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. Although now well advanced in years, Mrs. Hine possesses her mental and physical faculties in a remarkable degree. Her mind is clear, her memory retentive, and she can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life in this section of the state, as well as tales of the later development and progress of the county. The qualities which command admiration and respect have ever been manifest in her life, and she is esteemed by all who know her.

#### HON. JAMES KENNEDY.

July 23, 1902, was a great day in Salem, Ohio. Delegates from the congressional district made historic by McKinley were assembled to choose his second successor. It was a notable gathering of representative men from three great, populous and wealthy counties comprising the eighteenth district. The rivalry for the nomination was unusually spirited, there being one candidate from Columbiana, three from Stark and one from Mahoning. They were all able and popular men, backed by stanch friends, and the contest was one of the most stubborn and prolonged known in the political annals of Ohio. Robert W. Tayler, the retiring congressman, who has represented the district since the lamented McKinley left the seat for higher honors, presided as chairman over this turbulent convention with such suavity of manner and fairness in rulings as to elicit praises from all the heated antagonists. Beginning in the forenoon of Wednesday, the balloting lasted all day



*James Kennedy*



and well into the evening, until cut short by adjournment. The vote continued the same, without the slightest change until late in the forenoon of Thursday. Mahoning county from the beginning, had stood loyally by her candidate with eighty-nine votes, without a waver or weakening under the tremendous pressure brought to bear. At length her devotion was rewarded by the triumph of her distinguished son, Hon. James Kennedy, who by a defection in the Stark county delegation was given the nomination on the two hundred and eighth ballot. In the evening of the same day he received a royal reception at his home in Youngstown, where practically the whole population turned out to rejoice and do him honor. At the fall election Mr. Kennedy was successful over two opposing candidates, carrying every county in the district by overwhelming majorities. He carried Mahoning county by over three thousand seven hundred and obtained a plurality in the district of eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

The gentleman thus honored, who will take his seat in December, 1903, as the latest representative of this historic congressional district, comes of a notable family, several members of which have exhibited genius of a high order. His father, Thomas W. Kennedy, a native of Mahoning county, rose to distinction as an iron and steel manufacturer in the early period of the development of that great industry in the west. He was the pioneer furnace builder of the Mahoning valley, and erected the first modern blast furnace of that section at Yellow Creek. He married Margaret, daughter of Squire Hugh Truesdale; her birth occurred in Mahoning county in 1826, and she still resides on the farm in Poland township where she was born. Few parents have been blessed with such a galaxy of brilliant sons as brightened the household of Thomas and Margaret Kennedy. There were seven in all, and every one of them has risen to distinction in his special line, and all occupy at present positions of the greatest responsibility. Julian, the eldest, is a civil engineer of international fame, and was selected by the Russian capital for important work in that country. Hugh T. is almost equally expert in the same high profession, while Walter, the third son, has gained much prominence as a civil engineer. He was appointed by Viceroy Sheng as chemical director of iron and steel and mine inspector of the Chinese empire. In addition to these high positions he was also the first secretary of the Chinese Imperial Railway. John is superintendent of an iron works establishment at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and Samuel is superintendent of the Iroquois Iron Works at Chicago, Illinois. Thomas W., Jr., the sixth in order of birth of this remarkable family, is superintendent of iron works at Dubois, Pennsylvania. It will be noticed that the development of all the

sons was in the line of the mechanical arts, and it is evidently a clear case of heredity, where the father transmitted to all his his offspring his own distinctly stamped genius. The sister of these seven sons is now Mrs. Rachael Becker and resides on the old homestead in Poland township.

James Kennedy, the congressman elect, is the second eldest of these seven boys. He was born in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1853. He, too, inherited a taste and talent for mechanics, and would doubtless have ranked with his brothers in that line had he not chosen a different calling. He had the benefit of a farm training, and in youth acquired that information concerning agriculture and the needs of its devotees which cannot fail to add to his usefulness as a member of Congress. After the usual preliminary preparation in the district school he was graduated at the historic Poland Seminary, made famous by the fact that the martyred president, William McKinley, once studied within its walls. His schoolmates were C. D. Hine, Alfred Kirkland, J. H. Morris, Robert Haseltine, O. P. Shafer and others who have since become noted in the professional and commercial worlds. From Poland he went to Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and after a four years' term was graduated by that institution in the class of 1876. During his stay at Westminster he represented his literary society at the various contests as essayist and orator, and won the first gold medal prize in a college oratorical contest. Having prepared himself for the law, he was admitted to the Mahoning county bar in 1879, and has since devoted himself indefatigably to the practice of his profession. He rose rapidly and soon acquired standing as one of the ablest lawyers in the state. In politics his success has been even more striking, culminating, as stated in the introductory remarks, in his election to represent one of the most famous congressional districts in the Union. Being a life-long Republican, Mr. Kennedy's talents as a public speaker have always been at the service of his party and often displayed in its behalf in the political contests for which Ohio has long been famous. An especially notable appearance of Mr. Kennedy was at the convention held in Steubenville, in September, 1900, to select a candidate for judge of the seventh judicial circuit of Ohio. He was made temporary chairman of this gathering, and delivered a speech so much out of the ordinary line that it attracted wide-spread comment and greatly increased his professional and oratorical reputation. The speech in the main was a caustic criticism of judicial abuses by means of a eulogy upon one recently deceased, and the skillful manner in which Mr. Kennedy used the virtues of the worthy dead to rebuke such abuses attracted the admiration of all who heard this remarkable address.

For several years Mr. Kennedy maintained a legal partnership at Youngstown with William A. Maline, but is at present associated in the practice with attorney Thomas Connell. Aside from his professional ability Mr. Kennedy is a man of varied talents and accomplishments. He has always had a partiality for scientific investigation, and is especially well informed concerning everything relating to mechanics and the iron and steel business, which constitutes such an important industry in his district. He is also unusually well informed on subjects relating to the great basic industry of agriculture, and the farmers of the famous Western Reserve will find in him a friend not only willing but able to help them in the halls of legislation.

In 1884 Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage with Miss Phoebe, daughter of Henry Erwin, of Newton Falls. He is a member of the State and County Bar Associations, of the Order of Elks and the Foraker Republican Club at Youngstown. In his personal intercourse he is modest, unassuming and kind hearted; in business and politics he has proved himself to be honest, brainy and fearless, and his friends will be much disappointed if the historic "Old Eighteenth" district does not find in him a representative who will prove a compeer of his distinguished predecessors.

#### JAMES BUTLER.

Mr. Butler is a member of the board of city commissioners of Youngstown, Ohio, and is also yardmaster of the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, a position which he has attained by careful and painstaking work in the various lower branches of the service. He is a native of this city, having first opened his eyes to the light July 17, 1856. He was, however, reared on a farm, his parents having removed to the country community of Mineral Ridge, Trumbull county. Here he was given a good common school education, and, remaining on the farm until 1880, took service with the Erie Railroad as yard brakeman in the yards at Youngstown. After fourteen months in this trying position, Mr. Butler went to the Lake Shore road, running on the local freight out of Youngstown for a period of six months. A number of years with the Pennsylvania followed, first as brakeman, and in 1885 he was promoted to conductor. In 1887 he accepted a position as brakeman on the Pittsburg and Western, and a month later was made yard conductor. The following year he was advanced to his present important position, which he has continued to hold.

Among railroad men "Jim" Butler is deservedly popular, being secretary of the James Harvey Lodge No. 21, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He is a Democrat in politics, and a communicant of the Catholic church. In

February, 1881, Mr. Butler was married in Mahoning county to Mary A. Stotler, daughter of Michael and Mary Stotler, and to the union have been born six children: Edward T., Frances L., Raymond M., William J., Catherine Irene and Elizabeth Margaret.

The father of Mr. Butler was born in county Waterford, Ireland, in 1828, and emigrated to America in 1847, with his family. He settled first in Canada, but soon found his way to the States, living in the city of Boston several years prior to his coming to Ohio. In early years he was a carpenter by trade, but in later years has been engaged in farming. During the war he was with the "Squirrel Hunters" in their chase after the noted General John H. Morgan. His wife was Miss Catherine Nugent, and she has borne him six children, as follows: John N.; Hannah, wife of Edward Flanagan; James; Margaret A., wife of Patrick O'Brien; Mary and Thomas, the latter two being deceased.

#### JAMES A. BROWNLEE.

James A. Brownlee is an enterprising farmer whose tract of land of two hundred and thirty-five acres annually yields to him good returns. His property is the visible evidence of his life of thrift and industry, for all that he possesses has been acquired through his own labors, and he may well be called a self-made man. His home is situated in the northeastern part of Boardman township, Mahoning county, and in this portion of the state he has resided since his boyhood days. He was born in Scotland on the 4th of February, 1825, and his father, John Brownlee, was a freehold farmer, who died in that country at the age of sixty years, passing away in 1832. The paternal grandfather of our subject came to America and locating first in Washington county, Pennsylvania, whence in 1812 he removed to Trumbull county, Ohio, and he now sleeps in the Mahoning churchyard, having passed away at an advanced age. He reared a family of five or six sons. David Brownlee, an uncle of James A., came with the grandfather to America in 1830, but had previously visited this country in 1812. He became the owner of four hundred and sixty acres of land in Poland and Coitsville townships.

John Brownlee had disposed of his possession in Scotland preparatory to coming to the new world when his death occurred, and the widowed mother, carrying out the intentions of the husband and father, brought their children to America and established a home in Mahoning county. She bore the maiden name of Margaret Wilson, and by her marriage became the mother of five sons, all of whom came with her to the United States, were here

married and reared families of their own, but James A. Brownlee is the only one now living. The mother's death occurred in 1865, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-one years.

James A. Brownlee was but seven years of age when he crossed the broad Atlantic, and in the schools of Mahoning county he acquired his education. He was early taught to work, and industry and integrity have ever remained two of the strongest characteristics of his career. He was married on the 16th of March, 1854, to Miss Rebecca Gilchrist, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1832, a daughter of James and Grace (McGraw) Gilchrist, who were natives of Scotland but were married after coming to this country. The father was a carpenter by trade and for some time engaged in contracting and building, but later turned his attention to farming in Coitsville township, where he settled in 1834. He was twice married and had five daughters and one son by the first union, Mrs. Brownlee being of this number and the only one now living. The father died in 1853, at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife died in 1876, at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee have lost two children in infancy, and have five living sons and three daughters, namely: Mary, at home; James H.; Edwin, a practicing physician; John, at home; Irvin, who is engaged in the real estate business in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Ralph, who is with the American Bridge Company at Haselton; Ena, at home; and Grace, the wife of George W. Hunter, who is a member of the American Bridge Company and lives in Haselton.

Mr. Brownlee carries on general farming and has had a successful career as the result of his earnest labor and careful management. He is the owner of a valuable property of two hundred and thirty-five acres, and his two sons in Boardman township have ninety-six acres and handle beef cattle, buying and selling for the home and other markets. They make shipments to Pittsburg and Buffalo and are doing a good business. Mr. Brownlee has given his entire attention to his business interests, turing aside very seldom to take part in other affairs. He served twice, however, as assessor of his township, and he is always found true to every trust reposed in him. In his political views he is a Republican, and his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church. Both are people who possess many sterling traits of character, and Mr. Brownlee has long been ranked among the reliable and successful business men of his community. In his life he has manifested many of the leading characteristics of the Scotch people, the perseverance, indefatigable industry and honesty, and these have commanded for him respect and admiration.

## WILLIAM PREGENZER.

William Pregenzer, a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Green township, and one of the worthy citizens of Greenford, Ohio, was born in Columbiana county, this state, in 1859, and is a son of the immigrant Jacob F. Pregenzer. The latter was born in Germany in 1834, and his father's name was John. In 1854 he emigrated to America, a poor boy whose stock-in-trade was a thorough knowledge of the business of milling and his determination to succeed. For one year he worked upon a farm, when he was offered an opportunity to resume his trade and in one year more he located in Columbiana county, Ohio, and for two years worked as a miller. He then purchased a half interest in the Waterford mill, which he operated for some years, but in 1860 removed to Canfield, Mahoning county, where he bought a steam mill and conducted it for about eighteen months. During this time he repaired the mill and sold it at a large profit. In 1862 he located at Greenford and engaged as miller for a Mr. Tomans, and the following year purchased the hotel of the place. After successfully operating it for a year, he sold that property at a large profit on his investment. By this time he was able to purchase a half interest in the Tomans mill, his former partner buying the other half, and the two operated that mill for about seven years. Mr. Pregenzer sold his interest in this mill about 1873 and purchased the farm upon which his son William now resides, consisting of sixty acres, to which he later added four acres more. His love for his chosen trade, however, prevented him from settling to the life of a farmer, and in 1876 he bought a half interest in a mill at Salem. This interest a year later he exchanged for a farm of fifty acres in Green township, upon which he carried on general farming. He was a consistent member of the German Lutheran church, to which he gave liberally. In politics he was a Democrat, and took an interest in local affairs, although he never aspired to office. In 1857 he married Caroline Bush, a daughter of Caleb and Christina Bush, and to this union were born the following children: William, Alice and Charles, and four now deceased. Jacob F. Pregenzer died May 13, 1897, but his wife survives.

William Pregenzer was reared and educated in his native township and has always followed an agricultural life. For four years he operated a creamery on his farm, and now makes a specialty of his dairy. On September 19, 1888, he married Miss Lola M. Baldwin, born at Woodville, Ohio, April 27, 1868, and a daughter of Warren and Jemima (Roller) Baldwin. The following children have resulted of this marriage: Floyd C., born November 11, 1891; and Neva F., born July 7, 1894.

The maternal ancestors of Mrs. Pregonzer came of German parentage. The first to emigrate from Germany to America were Jacob and Mary (Hammer) Roller, in 1740. They were natives of Württemberg, Germany, and their children were as follows: Jacob, Michael, John, Balser, Henry, Philip, Caleb, Margaret and Mary. These children settled in various localities, and today representatives of the family are to be found in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and all of them are honorable men and women. Other representatives of this stock were killed in the Revolutionary war.

In 1803 John and Balser Roller removed to Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, purchasing section 36. The first white child born in Green township was Isaac Roller, the great-granduncle of Mrs. Pregonzer. Michael Roller removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1805; Caleb came in 1814. Henry Roller was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Pregonzer, and was a soldier under General Harrison in the war of 1812. Jacob Roller was the first justice of the peace in Green township; was county commissioner for twelve years and was also honored by election to the state legislature and appointed associate judge. William, his brother, served as justice of the peace in the same township, but subsequently removed to Hancock county, Ohio, where he served as associate judge. Joshua Roller, son of Philip, filled the office of deputy sheriff of Mahoning county. Indeed, no more prominent family can be found in this section of Mahoning county than the Rollers. The Baldwins formerly were of Connecticut, but removed from that state to New York, and thence to Ohio, where they became honorable and worthy citizens of that commonwealth.

Mr. Pregonzer is one of the substantial men of his township, and is recognized as a leading representative of the agricultural interests of Mahoning county. His wife and children are also highly thought of by their many friends, and the name of Pregonzer is a well known one in this section of the country.

#### LOUIS H. BLACK, D. D. S.

The profession of dentistry represents both a science and a mechanic art, and such has been the advancement made in the connection that he who would attain the maximum of success in its practice must have had a thorough preliminary training and also a natural predilection for delicate mechanical work. The city of Youngstown has in Dr. Black a most popular and able representative of this exacting profession, and his ability and pleasing personality have been the factors which have insured him distinctive prestige in his chosen vocation.

Dr. Black is a native of the old Buckeye state, having been born in

New Carlisle, Clark county, on the 9th of March, 1874, and in the public schools of that village he received his early educational discipline. This was supplemented by a course of study in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, while he also attended for a time the State Normal School at Ada. Having determined to adopt the profession in which he has gained so signal precedence, he matriculated in the dental department of the Ohio Medical University in Columbus, and was there graduated as a member of the class of 1895, having shown marked aptitude for the technical and practical work of his profession and sparing no pains to attain the highest possible skill in the same. In 1896 he entered upon the active practice of his profession in the city of Youngstown, and his novitiate was of short duration, for popular recognition of his ability was soon forthcoming, and he today controls a practice of distinctively representative order. His finely equipped offices are nicely located at 110 West Federal street, and here is given an exemplification of the highest type of workmanship in both the surgical and mechanical, or laboratory, branches of the dental profession.

In politics Dr. Black gives his allegiance to the Republican party, his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, of which his wife likewise is a member, and fraternally he is identified with the local organization of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He enjoys distinctive popularity in both business and social circles, commanding the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is thrown in contact in the various relations of life. On the 25th of May, 1898, Dr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude M. Sutch, a daughter of Robert Sutch, of Youngstown, and of this union one daughter has been born, Helen L.

The Doctor is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Ohio, being a son of Charles and Harriet (Baugh) Black, the former of whom was born in New Carlisle, Clark county, in the year 1824, a son of William Black, who was born in Henrico county, Virginia, where the family was founded in the colonial epoch, becoming prominently identified with the annals of the Old Dominion, where was cradled so much of our national history. The grandfather of the Doctor emigrated to Ohio in the early years of 1800 and located in Clark county as one of its early settlers, and there he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the rest of his life. The father of our subject also followed farming and stock-raising in his native county, being one of the prominent and honored citizens of New Carlisle and having retired from active business life in 1890. He and his estimable wife became the parents of ten children, of whom seven survive, namely, Harvey J., Albert S., Charles A., Clinton B., Frances M.; Jean, the wife of Orville L. Allen; and Louis H.

## WARREN L. COOK.

At the beginning of the last century Stacy and Lydia Cook, natives of New Jersey, joined the ranks of the pioneers of Ohio and settled in what is now known as Mahoning county. They began their new life in the wilderness with cheerful hearts, and bent their energies to provide a good home for their children, who were as follows: Stacy, John, Daniel, Osborn, Jacob, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Pearson.

Many were the hardships which formed part of the daily life of this staunch pioneer family, and Jacob Cook, the grandfather of our subject, was often chased by wolves when on his way to call upon the lady who afterwards became his wife. All of the sons became in time large land-owners, and Jacob alone had about seven hundred acres. In personal appearance he was a large man, fine looking, and possessed a kindly, even tempered nature. Being a lover of stock, he dealt extensively in all kinds, especially horses, which he bought in Ohio and drove to eastern markets. In various ways he gained an extensive business experience, and at the time of his demise was very wealthy. His wife, Elizabeth Cook, bore him eleven children, and of them three are now living, namely: Jacob, a resident of Goshen township; Mrs. Charlotte, of Greenford; and Jane Kenrich, of Missouri. Jacob and his wife were members of the Disciples church and were highly respected by all who knew them. Jacob Cook was born in New Jersey, April 23, 1796, and died August 19, 1872, while his wife was born January 22, 1798, and died March 13, 1886.

John C. Cook, their son, was born in Green township, March 30, 1830, where with the exception of two years he lived all his life, and these two years were spent in the same vicinity, as he was then in Beaver township. Like his father, Jacob had dealt extensively in fine horses, but civilization having by this time extended further west, he was able to ship his stock instead of driving it to market. Being a man of broad views and wide experience, his counsel was sought and followed upon many occasions. His real estate amounted to some two hundred acres, upon which he erected excellent buildings and a fine residence, still standing to-day. He was practical in all that he did, and reaped the benefit of his good management and thrift. Although unable to leave his many business cares, during the Civil war he paid a man a large sum to take his place, and gave liberally of his means to support the Union cause. From the organization of the Republican party, he ardently supported its candidates. While not a member of any church, he contributed toward the support of many, and always relieved want and suffering, his charities being large and numerous.

In 1856 John C. Cook was united in marriage with Miss Caroline, daughter of Michael and Margaret Keck, and the following children were born to them: Alice (Mrs. Templin), January 15, 1858; Semilda K. (Mrs. Paulin), August 5, 1859; and Warren L., May 19, 1861. Mrs. Cook was born March 31, 1839, Mr. Cook died in 1897. Michael Keck, Sr., was a native of Holland and came to America at an early day. He married Catherine Kern, by whom he had six children, all of whom grew to maturity. Michael Keck, Jr. was born in Pennsylvania and was twice married, first to Miss Margaret Hummon, who was born in Ohio; she bore him nine children. By his second marriage he had two children, and of these eleven children, two only are now living, one of each marriage. Mr. Keck owned a section of land in Beaver township, and became a wealthy man and one of considerable influence. During his life he built a large and comfortable house of bricks that he himself manufactured. The Kecks were divided in their politics, some being Democrats and other Republicans, but they were all members of the Methodist church.

Warren L. Cook was reared and educated in Green township and finished his scholastic course in Canfield Academy. He is a practical farmer, as were his father and grandfather, and he is meeting with success both in his farming and stockraising. He makes a specialty of horses. He resides upon the farm owned by his father, and the younger man is maintaining the high standard set by his progenitors in the cultivation of their acres and caring for their premises and buildings.

In 1883 Mr. Cook was married to Miss Etta E. Knauf, born in Green township, June 29, 1862, a daughter of John and Amelia A. Knauf. Four children have been born to this union, Grace T., May 15, 1885; Omar A., January 29, 1889; Nora A., March 20, 1892; and Stacy E., November 22, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are consistent members of the United Evangelical church of Calla, and are important factors in the social life of their township.

#### FRED B. REBMAN.

It gives us great pleasure to insert a short sketch of Dr. Rebman which recently appeared in a prominent publication: "Dr. Fred B. Rebman, eye specialist and optician. Individuality is a far more decisive force in professional life than in the fields of mercantile endeavor. It is true that firms and persons forge to the front in trade and industrial endeavors through unusual energy and the capacity to embrace opportunities, but such prominence in most instances merely reflects the power to earn money, while the suc-



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cessful professional man represents individual talent and rare skill in his chosen branch of science.

"As an eye specialist and optician, Frederick B. Rebman, 23 North Phelps street, Youngstown, occupies an honored position in his profession in northeastern Ohio, and his success has been such as to attract a steadily enlarging patronage drawn from a wide area of territory. Mr. Rebman has been in business on his own account for the past twelve years and has met with a most encouraging degree of success. He has met the requirements of the most exacting oculists with rare proficiency and is the preferred optician of many."

Dr. Rebman was born at Danville, Pennsylvania, in 1871, and after two summers had passed over his head, removed with his parents to Philadelphia, in which place he was reared and educated, graduating from the public schools in the year 1885. Afterward becoming much interested in optical studies, he entered the Queen Optical School, from which he graduated in 1890. He then traveled through Pennsylvania for a period of from five to six years and in 1896 permanently located in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1895 he was married in that place, to Miss Anna Harris, the daughter of John Harris. His father, John Rebman, was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1845 and came to America with his parents when a lad of thirteen, locating in Philadelphia, where he died in 1900. The mother of Dr. Rebman was Amy Sechler, and he was one of five children born to her, of whom three now survive: Fred B., Samuel C. and Harry J. Rebman. Dr. Rebman's paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, where he spent his whole life.

The Doctor is a prominent member of St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T., of the Elks, Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in all of which societies he is accounted one of the most genial and enthusiastic members. Though not a member of any religious denomination, he attends the Episcopal church and gives it his hearty support. He has risen to a position of great prominence as an eye specialist and has met with extraordinary success in treating persons who have long been afflicted with eye troubles.

#### JAMES E. DUNCAN.

This gentleman is a representative farmer of Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, and three generations of the Duncans are connected with the life of this part of the state. Grandfather James Duncan was born in Scotland or Ireland, but removed to this country and died at Northeast, Erie county, Pennsylvania, when ninety years old. He was a prosperous farmer,

and reared all his ten children, six sons and four daughters, all but one marrying and having families. He had a son who was also named James, and who was born in Northeast, Pennsylvania, in 1801. In the early thirties he made his initial purchase of sixty-five acres and later bought seventy-five acres. He and his father entered into a contract to construct a mile of the Pennsylvania and Ohio canal near Lowellville, Mahoning county, and after they had completed this undertaking he began in a small way as a merchant, the firm being H. and J. Duncan. He married Miss Rebecca Shepherd, who was born in this township and died March 13, 1887. James E. was the oldest of their five children; the second in order of birth was Elizabeth, who was born March 15, 1840, and died October 18, 1875; William died in Poland in October, 1898; Henry S. is in the iron business in Pittsburg as a member of the Canonsburg Iron Company and is unmarried; Nancy M. lives in Pittsburg.

James E. Duncan, the third of the name in three successive generations, was born in Poland township, October 6, 1837, and was reared on the farm which his father had purchased in the early half of the century. He began at the age of nineteen to clerk in his father's store, which he continued for ten years. For two years he was in the hardware and tin business in Lowellville, but with this exception he has been engaged in farming on the home place up to the present time. He does a general farming business, but makes a specialty of selling milk from his eleven thorough-bred Jerseys. He owns his share of his father's estate, but it has never been divided, and the old frame house on the place was erected before his father came, but the modern two-story dwelling was built by him in 1879.

In April, 1870, Mr. Duncan was married to Mary S. Brownlee, who was born in Struthers, and bore him three children: James Alexander is unmarried and a farmer in this township; George Brownlee is at home; Catherine Rebecca, who has had an excellent education, is a teacher in Toledo and resides there with her aunt. The mother of these children died December 14, 1888, and the father and his son live alone on the place. He is a Democrat in politics and is an exemplary citizen in every sense of the word.

#### GEORGE A. BAKER.

We introduce this review with a clipping from a publication of prominence recently appearing in Youngstown: "The power of one man to make or unmake a city is nowhere more pronounced than in the career of a hotel-keeper, particularly if his patronage is largely derived from commercial men. It is an indisputable truth that a man measures the attractions of a

city by the manner in which he is entertained. The town may lack attractiveness in its physical features, and even trade may languish, but the combined effect of these two conditions is as nothing compared with unsatisfactory hotel accommodations. Youngstown's trade accommodations at present are such as to satisfy almost every commercial traveler whose operations are along legitimate lines, and so long as George A. Baker remains at the head of the Tod House, the traveler will find at his disposal as good hotel accommodations as can be had anywhere in the country. The Tod House has been one of the features of Youngstown for more than a quarter of a century. The property has been gradually enlarged to meet the demands of a growing patronage, and further improvements are under contemplation at present. \* \* \* It is proper to state that the prominence and popularity of this house dates from the time George A. Baker took hold of it in 1885. He came here with a valuable and extended personal acquaintance and from the day he took charge until the present he has given close personal supervision to all its affairs, and this has been no small element in contributing toward the success of the house."

Mr. Baker was born in Marion, Ohio, in the year 1848 and removed in infancy with his parents to Delaware, Ohio, where he passed his early boyhood days until he had arrived at the age of sixteen, meanwhile attending school and receiving a very fair education. He then went to Corry, Pennsylvania, where he worked for three years as a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Leaving this employment he accepted a position at Concord, Pennsylvania, as ticket agent for the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, in which capacity he served for about a year, returning to Corry, Pennsylvania, as night operator at a salary of sixty dollars a month. After a short term of service here he was promoted and his salary raised to seventy-five dollars a month, and he was transferred to Tidioute, Pennsylvania. Leaving this position again, he went to Columbia, Pennsylvania, where he obtained the position of freight and ticket agent for the Oil Creek Railroad, his salary being advanced to one hundred dollars a month. In this position he rendered able services for about three years, in recognition of which the same road transferred him to Mayville, New York, as agent at that place. This road was then known as the Buffalo, Corry & Pittsburg Railroad. Finding the duties of this position in conformity to his desire and its salary a fair compensation, he continued in this position for eight years, being again removed by the same road and made freight agent at Buffalo, New York, a much more responsible position, and here he remained two years.

In 1883, the company having a vacancy as general freight agent of the

whole system, cast about among their employes to ascertain who was the most competent to fill the position, and by consent of all Mr. Baker was selected for the position, which he filled to the complete satisfaction of the railroad until 1885, when he resigned to accept the position which he has since occupied as manager of the Tod House in Youngstown. In 1876, in Buffalo, he was joined in marriage to Julia Brewster Hurlbert, and to them were born four children. Horace Fords, George A., Jr., Marie E. and Crawford H., all of whom are now living and reflect much credit upon their parents.

The father of Mr. Baker was Horace Walker Baker, who claimed Vermont as the place of his nativity, being born there in 1818. He married Elizabeth Thomas in 1842, and by her had four sons, of whom three died in infancy, leaving the subject of this narrative as the only survivor. His father went to California at the time of the gold excitement in 1849, and died within a year in that state. The mother married, in 1855, Andrew J. Crawford, and four children, only two of whom survived, were born to them. The mother died in 1893. His grandfather was born in Vermont.

In recognition of his ability, in 1890 Governor Foraker appointed Mr. Baker a member of the board of elections of Mahoning county, in which position he rendered efficient and satisfactory services. He is a member of Hillman Lodge, F. & A. M., Youngstown Chapter, St. John's Commandery, No. 20, Alkoran Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and a Scottish Rite Mason of Cleveland.

The exceedingly varied life of Mr. Baker in the world of railroading necessarily has given him a wide experience, and his residence in so many towns and cities has taught him the objections and difficulties encountered in hotels throughout the country. This schooling he has well profited by in his management of the Tod House, and the common drawbacks and unpleasantnesses of hotel life are wholly wanting here. Personally Mr. Baker is well liked and has hosts of friends among the public. He was president of the Ohio State Hotel Association for the year 1901, and is now a member of the executive committee of that association.

#### FRANK G. McCONNELL.

Travel is the best educator, and the youth who is fortunate enough to gain his education and the earlier experiences of his life in a variety of locations and among people of diverse occupations, training and customs, is indeed fortunate. This great country of ours, with its innumerable towns and cities, while constituting a homogeneous whole, yet exhibits a great

variety both of men and of conditions. Mr. McConnell profited by his sojourn in the south and by the many lessons learned in early manhood in the various places and occupations where circumstances led him. In the year 1861, in Youngstown, he began life's journey and four years later accompanied his parents to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in which place he spent the following fourteen years of his life in going to school, and in the usual aimless pursuits of youth. At this age his father died, and his mother then took him back to her home in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where he lived upon the farm for about five years, attending school and assisting in the farm work.

At the age of seventeen he was well advanced and was given a position as teacher, where he continued during one fall term and the winters of the three years following. Seeking a wider field of action and opportunity affording, he joined a corps of railway contractors engaged in work throughout the states of Mississippi and Arkansas. He continued about three years in the commissary department of the work. Then upon the death of his mother he returned to Ohio and in 1878 located in Youngstown, where in that year he was married to Jennie Hillman. He at once opened a retail grocery and carried on the business successfully until 1892, when he sold out at a good figure in order to accept a position as city commissioner. This he held for about two years and a half, during which time all of the duties of his office were discharged with dispatch and ability. In 1895 he was selected as the best man who could be obtained to assume the position of special agent of the Central Union Telephone Company, and after three years' service was given the position as manager of that company, which position he still holds to the satisfaction of all.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, Maude, Charles D. and Florence. John C. McConnell, father of Frank G., claims Londonderry, Ireland, as the place of his nativity, being born there in 1831 and coming to America with his widowed mother in 1835, locating at Clarion, Pennsylvania. He died in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1875 and was eminently successful in his business as a general contractor. While at Youngstown, in 1861 he enlisted in the army as a private in Company B, Nineteenth Ohio, where he served until the close of the war, being promoted for bravery to the rank of second lieutenant. During his service he contracted consumption, of which he afterward died. The mother of Mr. McConnell of this review was Mary E. Kimmel, a daughter of Isaac Kimmel, and to her were born three children beside our subject, as follows: Frank G., Mattie E., Lemuel C. and Catherine A. She died in the year 1884.

Mr. McConnell is an ardent advocate of Democracy, its principles and candidates, and in times past has been of great service to the party. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in all of which he is esteemed as one of the most popular and active members, and he is also a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has accomplished much good.

#### ISAIAH PAULIN.

Isaiah Paulin, a farmer of Green township, Mahoning county, owning and operating eighty acres of land, of which forty acres lie in Beaver township, was born in the latter township on the 11th of May, 1849. He comes of English stock. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Paulin, was a native of England, and after coming to the new world married Miss Ann M. Starry, who was born in Maryland. They were people of the highest respectability and were greatly esteemed by all who knew them.

Jonas Paulin, the father of Isaiah, was born in Beaver township, Mahoning county, February 17, 1817, and was a practical and prosperous farmer. He became the owner of about one hundred and seventy-two acres of land, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, and in addition to its improvement he engaged in the operation of a sawmill. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Hannah Candel, who was born in Beaver township, in November, 1826. Both were members of the Evangelical church, in which Mr. Paulin served as an officer, and he donated to the denomination the ground upon which the house of worship now stands. His political support was given to the men and measures of the Republican party. To him and his wife were born nine children, seven of whom are living: Jeremiah, Emanuel, Isaiah, George H., Anna M., Sarah A. and Alice; those deceased are Susannah and Keturah. The father passed away in 1881 and the mother's death occurred in 1899.

Isaiah Paulin spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, working in the fields through the summer months and when not engaged with the duties of the schoolroom. When he was three years of age his parents removed from Beaver to Green township. After arriving at years of maturity he operated and owned a farm in Beaver township for several years. The first real estate which he ever purchased lay in the same township and became his property in 1883. In 1900 he purchased twelve acres more, and in 1903 thirty more were purchased, the last two tracts being situated in Green township, where he makes his home. Here he devotes his attention

to general farming and stock-raising, and has a good farm, the fields being well tilled, while substantial improvements have been added to the place.

Mr. Paulin was united in marriage to Miss Lydia A., the daughter of Levi and Lydia Toot, in 1873. Three children were born to them: Harvey O., who was born November 29, 1873; John D., born May 31, 1879; and one that died in infancy. Mrs. Paulin's birth occurred in Green township, December 3, 1850. Both Mr. Paulin and his wife are well known in this locality, where their many excellent traits of character find recognition in the high regard which is uniformly given them.

#### JOHN EWING.

John Ewing, one of the enterprising and successful farmers of Mahoning county, Ohio, and a man who commands the confidence of all who know him, descends from one Archibald Ewing, a native of Ireland but of Scotch parentage. Archibald, with one brother John, two sisters and their mother, emigrated to America in 1792, landing at Wilmington, Delaware, September 5. They first located in Center county, Pennsylvania, but in 1803 they removed to Austintown township, Mahoning county, where they entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government. In addition to this, Archibald entered one hundred and sixty more. He married Sarah Pauley, who bore him seven children, five of whom grew to maturity: Alexander; John, who died when about thirteen; Thomas; Archibald; William; Ann and John. By calling, the father of this family was a farmer, and showed ability in the management of his property and gave his children what opportunity he could to secure liberal educations. His death occurred in 1842, while his wife died in 1853. The sons all settled in the township in which they were born, forming quite a community.

Of the sons born to Archibald, Alexander became the father of our subject; he was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, in 1798, and was also a farmer. While his life was uneventful, he was a good and charitable man, universally beloved. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Fenstermacker, who was also American born, but of German parentage. The family born to these two consisted of six children, namely: William, deceased, Mary, deceased, Thomas, John, Archibald, Ameliann. Alexander became a man of some prominence in the township, and successfully conducted a farm of about three hundred and twenty acres. His death occurred in 1871, and ten years later his wife passed away.

John Ewing, the son of these parents, was born on the farm he now owns, July 28, 1827. This farm consists of one hundred and ten acres of fertile

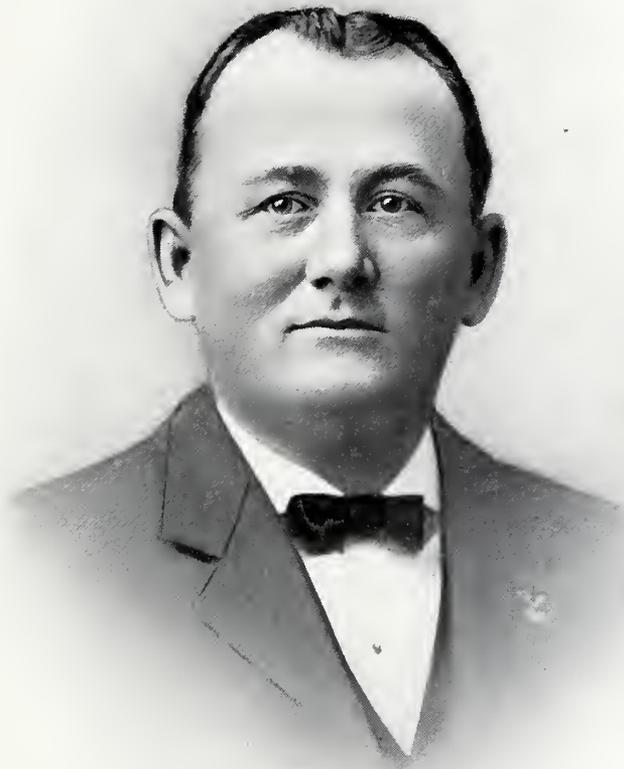
land, which is underlaid with veins of coal, each twenty-four inches thick, and laid eight feet apart. Owing to the richness of his land in coal deposit, Mr. Ewing has been extensively engaged in coal mining for over half a century, and also carries on general farming.

In 1871 he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Knauf, and six children were born of their union, namely: Almedus J., Elmer E., Oran D., John A., Rebecca A. and Charles A. Mrs. Ewing was born in 1841 and is a charming lady, beloved by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Ewing is a progressive farmer and business man, who believes in having all improvements in his work. His pleasant home was built under his personal supervision, and is a model of convenience and comfort. The entire premises indicate that a man of excellent judgment and good executive ability is at the head of affairs, and he is justly regarded as a representative of the best agricultural interests of Mahoning county.

#### H. F. DUESING.

This gentleman is one of the vigorous young business men of Youngstown, who by superior ability and a peculiar fitness for the position has attained merited prominence in the public eye. He is a product of the public school system of his city, and for that reason is keenly alive to the responsibilities of his position as member of the board of education, a position which he has held continuously since 1895. He was born in Germany in 1867 and came to America with his parents at the age of two years, locating at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and two years later at Youngstown. Here he was reared and educated in the public schools of the city. At the age of fourteen years he commenced his business career as a clerk in a grocery store, and in 1890 he began business for himself at the village of Brier Hill. In August, 1901, he opened a shoe store at 2230 West Federal street, which he conducts in addition to his present business of groceries and dry goods at 2246 West Federal. These business ventures have proved successful. He is now president of the Retail Grocers' Association.

He was elected to his present position as member of the board of education in 1895, and has since been re-elected three different times, now serving in his fourth term, and as a member of that body he has done most efficient service. He takes great interest in the social life of the city. He belongs to the Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the R. E. Johnson Lodge, No. 614, K. of P., to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which different orders he has frequently served in the prominent offices. He is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and is past grand of the



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Odd Fellows lodge. In political life Mr. Duesing adheres to the principles as set forth in the platform of the Democratic party. He has served as chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Mahoning county, and in 1900 his county was the only one of a few in Ohio which showed a gain.

The home of Mr. Duesing is graced by a wife and two children, Mrs. Duesing having been Bertha S., daughter of Captain John Bayer. This gentleman was Captain of Company A, Forty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. The names of their two children are Vera M., and Frederick H. The father of Mr. Duesing is Fred Duesing, born in Germany in 1840, and emigrating to America with his family in 1870. He is at the present time a trusted employe of the Youngstown Steel Company. His wife's maiden name was Louisa Vogelsang and to them were born six children, of whom five are now living: Herman F.; Elizabeth, wife of Fred Luther; Anna, wife of Fred Stoll; Lena, wife of William Consoer; Minnie, wife of Herman Steinfurth.

#### ALEXANDER STEWART.

There is no family in Mahoning county which has a closer tie of union and has a more honorable ancestry than that of the Stewarts. They trace the line of their descent back to the seventeenth century, when religious freedom was not yet secure, and man might still be persecuted for righteousness' sake. John Stewart was a native of Scotland, was a Covenanter, and fled, on account of persecution, to Ireland, where he died in 1720, leaving, as far as can be ascertained from the records, one son Robert. The latter was born in Glasgow, Scotland, 1665, and died in Ireland in 1730. One of his sons was Samuel, who married Mary McClay, and he and his wife, with his brother Hugh, who was only sixteen years old, were among the Scotch-Irish emigrants who came to America and formed a substantial element of the population of Pennsylvania. They were farmers and influential people of the state, and held government positions. They had ten children, nine sons and one daughter, three of whom were born in Ireland. One of these was Robert, born in Ireland in 1732, settled in Adams county, Pennsylvania, with his parents in 1735, and died in 1811, his remains resting in the old Piney creek cemetery.

There were six brothers and two sisters in this last mentioned Stewart's family, and one of these, James, came with his brother John from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to eastern Ohio in 1802. The latter negotiated a purchase of three hundred and seventy-four acres of land at two dollars and a half an acre, and there is an old deed in the possession of Alexander Stew-

art, bearing date of December, 1802, with a receipt on the back for twenty-four dollars' interest paid in May, 1804. These two brothers divided this land, and James cut away the heavy timber and built a rude log cabin which is still standing as a memento of those early times. James was born in 1768 and was twice married, his first wife being Miss Smiley, of Washington county, Pennsylvania. By her he had four children, Robert, John, Anna and Sarah, and all lived past middle life but are now dead. He was married the second time to Jane Buchanan, of this county, and they had eight children, all of whom married except Jane, who died at the age of twenty; in order of birth they were: William L. Stewart, M. D., who died at an advanced age in Oregon; Jane; Mary married William A. Stewart, no relative, was the mother of two children, and died at the age of seventy; James was at the last Stewart reunion in August, 1902, on the last Wednesday of the month, and died the following Monday night, when very close to his eighty-first birthday; Joseph is an extensive farmer in Iowa, where he went in 1854, is an active man in spite of his seventy-nine years, and reared eleven children; the sixth was Alexander; David, a farmer in Brookfield, Trumbull county, Ohio, has two sons and one daughter; Samuel went to Iowa soon after his brother and died at the age of forty, leaving one daughter, his second wife, and a fine property. The father of this family died on the old place in 1852 and his wife survived him for some years.

We now come to the member of the family whose name heads this sketch, Alexander, who was born in Coitsville township, Mahoning county, September 3, 1825. He had a good education in the public schools, and when he was twenty-five years old taught for one year. He came to Poland township in the early part of 1863 and purchased two hundred and twenty-three acres; for the first twenty-five acres he paid twenty-seven hundred dollars, paid sixty dollars an acre for twenty-five acres, eighty dollars an acre for seventy-seven, and seventy-two dollars an acre for ninety-six. There is a four-foot vein of fine coal under this land, which accounts for the high price paid for it, and he has sold over eight thousand dollars' worth of this staple product. He has been a successful business man, and although close to eighty years old, takes an interest in all that goes on around him.

On November 17, 1854, Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Mary Hammond, who was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1831; her parents were John and Margaret (Nelson) Hammond, farmers, who both passed away in Pennsylvania, he at the age of sixty and she at the age of ninety-one; they reared seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart became the parents of five children: James Rankin is at home on

the old farm, has his second wife and two children; Laura Jane was a teacher for several years and died at the age of twenty-eight; David Hammond, a farmer near the home place, has two daughters; William Henderson, who lives in Poland, has two children, but their mother is deceased; Lillie Gertrude died at the age of ten. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the United Presbyterian church, in which he is a deacon; he is a Republican, but has voted for prohibition whenever that was an issue.

The many members of the Stewarts are wont to gather at yearly meetings on the last Wednesday of August; these have been held at different households since 1887, with an average attendance of one hundred and fifty, and have been most productive of good in cementing the family tie and making those of one blood what they should be, a united whole assisting each other and fighting together the battles of the world. A "Stewart book" was published in 1899, which contains the will of grandfather Robert, the coat of arms of the family, the genealogy from the earliest times to the present, and many other interesting reminiscences in connection with the Stewarts.

#### FREMONT AND ENSIGN BAIRD.

It affords the genealogist and biographer great pleasure to record the lives of the above mentioned gentlemen in a work of this kind, not only because of their own personal worth as men of business acumen and public-spirited citizens whose influence has already been felt in their vicinity, but also because they are descendants of one of the first settlers in what is now known as Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio.

The great-grandfather of Fremont and Ensign Baird, John Baird, left his native country, Germany, and after a long and tiresome voyage came to Green township, where he erected a log cabin; he married a native of Ireland and began the life of a pioneer of Ohio, his wife's first name being Hannah. The space allowed would be all too short to detail the hardships endured bravely and patiently by these heroes of the wilderness, who made possible the ripe civilization of the present day. Among the great woods of the virgin forest these parents reared their family of sixteen children, and these in turn went out into the world to make new homes and bear their part in the development of that section of country. Not only did John and Hannah Baird look carefully after the physical well-being of their children, but they brought them up in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which they all became members.

Henry Baird, one of this family, was born in Green township in 1800, and was always an active and industrious man from the very beginning of his

business life. After receiving his share of his father's property, he began to accumulate property and at one time was the owner of one thousand acres of choice land. While he never took advantage of any man, he understood the market and in time became immensely wealthy. One of his delights was the raising of fine stock, and in this branch of activity he was successful as in all his undertakings. For a number of years he was a member and elder of the Lutheran church, and politically was a Democrat. In early manhood he married Miss Sarah Sechrist of Columbiana county, Ohio, and they had six children, namely: Solomon, John, Jacob, Catherine, Samuel and Sarah A.

Jacob Baird was born in Green township, February 13, 1829. He started out in life a poor boy, but possessed good health and a determination to win, and success crowned his efforts to an unusual degree. Through his efforts, before he received any of his father's estate, he accumulated houses, land and other valuable holdings, and at the time of his death in March, 1901, his children had eight hundred acres of land in addition to his other possessions to divide between them. Like his father, he was very fond of raising stock and took a pride in having the best the market would afford, and his product met a ready sale at high prices. According to his religious training he was a Lutheran and gave liberally to the church of that denomination. Jacob Baird and Sarah Fullwiller, born in 1830 in Canfield township, were united in marriage and ten children blessed their union, namely: Urias, Sarah A., deceased, Henry, Charles F., Mary E., Emma, Fremont, Ora, Iri and Ensign. Mrs. Baird, the mother of this family, died in 1895.

Fremont Baird was born in Green township, May 8, 1865, and was reared and educated in his native township, where he has always followed agricultural pursuits. On November 1, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Unger, a daughter of John and Sarah Unger, of Green township. To this union have been born two children: Edna, born September 11, 1895, and Daisy, born February 14, 1900. Mrs. Baird was born in Green township, on her father's farm, July 29, 1872. Mr. Fremont Baird owns and operates a farm of sixty-nine acres and a half, and devotes it to general farming and stock-raising. He has built a beautiful house upon his property and is erecting a commodious and convenient barn for his stock.

Ensign Baird, the youngest of the family, was born on the homestead farm, February 7, 1871. He, like the other members of his family, received but a limited education, but his own intelligence and business tact stand him in good stead. Raising of fine stock seems to be a family trait, and he is regarded as an authority on shorthorn cattle, in which he deals extensively.

Until the death of his father, Ensign Baird lived with him, but he now owns and occupies one hundred acres of the home farm.

Both young men are numbered among the leading farmers of this locality and they have many friends throughout Mahoning county, where their name is so closely connected with the history of the country.

#### WILLIAM S. BAIRD.

William S. Baird, a prosperous and substantial young farmer of Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, who operates all, and owns an interest in one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, was born on this farm December 1, 1868, and was reared and educated in his native township. John Baird, his great-grandfather, founded the family in this country; he was born in Germany, emigrating to America at an early day, and located in what is now known as Mahoning county, Ohio. Here he entered a section of land from the government and began to improve the soil and establish a home for his family. In all of his work he was ably assisted by his wife Hannah, an estimable woman of Irish birth, and by his sixteen children, many of whom grew to be leading citizens of the several communities in which they made their homes.

Of these sixteen children, one was Henry, who was born in Green township in 1800, and married Sarah Sechrist, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio; six children were born to this union, namely: Solomon, John, Jacob, Catherine, Samuel and Sarah A. Henry Baird was very successful, accumulating one thousand acres of land, and becoming an excellent farmer and stock-raiser. No better business man could have been found in his locality and when he died his heirs divided a very large estate which had been amassed through his efforts. He was a member of the Lutheran church, in which he held the office of elder. Politically he was a Democrat, but never took an active part in local affairs.

One of the sons of Henry was Solomon, father of William S., and he was born in Green township, Mahoning county, October 13, 1826. He owned one hundred and fifty acres of good farming land, which he inherited from his father, and upon it his widow and son William S. now reside. Like his father, Solomon was a practical farmer and successful stock-raiser, and a man highly esteemed throughout the neighborhood. His name was enrolled upon the books of the Lutheran church, towards which he always contributed liberally. On December 5, 1847, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hively, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hively, and they had these children, namely: Matilda, born April 16, 1849; Catherine, October 21,

1854; Lucy A., June 8, 1858; Mary E., July 16, 1861; Lydia E., March 9, 1866; William S., December 1, 1868. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Baird was born in Green township, September 29, 1829, and is still living. Solomon Baird died in 1888, aged sixty-one years.

The house in which our subject, his mother and wife reside, was erected about 1802, and was originally intended for a tavern, being operated under the name of "The Half Way House," it being located half way between Salem and Canfield and on the old plank road. The Hivelys, as well as the Bairds, are of German extraction, and located in America a short time after John Baird, about 1800. They settled in Beaver township. Jacob Hively owned two hundred acres of land and was a very successful farmer. His family consisted of ten children, four of whom are still living.

On April 19, 1894, William S. Baird married Miss Florence Clay, the daughter of Isaac and Clorinda Clay; there is no issue. Mrs. Baird was born in Canfield township, January 22, 1874, and both she and her husband are members of the Reformed Lutheran church. They are both very highly respected in their community and are numbered among the leading agriculturists of Mahoning county.

#### WILLIAM H. SLAGLE.

William H. Slagle, who now carries on general farming near New Albany, in Green township, Mahoning county, and is also engaged in the operation of coal mines, was born in September, 1855, in the township which is yet his home. His parents were Jonas and Nancy (Adair) Slagle, and the former was born near Baltimore, Maryland, in 1811, while the latter was born in Ohio in 1812. The father on removing westward took up his abode in Green township, Mahoning county, where he secured a half section of land in 1835. The tract was still wild and unimproved, but he at once began its cultivation. Soon afterward he disposed of all of this with the exception of one hundred and fifty-seven acres, which is still in the possession of the family. In early life Mr. Slagle had learned the miller's trade and followed that pursuit for many years after coming to Ohio. In his business relations he was eminently successful, and his labor and enterprise brought to him an excellent financial return. In 1837 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Nancy Adair, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Elizabeth, Sarah J., Catherine, William H., S. E., Eli M., Solomon B., and Samuel F. The last named is now deceased. The father of this family was a Democrat, and gave an earnest support to the principles of the party. He believed firmly in the platform upon which Andrew Jackson was elected,

and voted for him in 1832. At the age of eighteen years he became a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and throughout his entire life was a faithful member and earnest supporter of that church. He passed away January 12, 1890, respected by all who knew him. His wife, Mrs. Nancy A. Slagle, passed away in December, 1890. Mr. Slagle was a worthy man and his wife was equally esteemed by friends and neighbors.

William H. Slagle obtained his early education in his native township and entered upon his business career in 1870 as proprietor of the store in Greenford in connection with his brother-in-law J. J. Paulin. This enterprise was conducted successfully until 1878, at which time Mr. Slagle disposed of his interest and began farming. He now owns and operates two hundred and twenty-five acres, which he devotes to general agricultural pursuits. His fields are well tilled and the place is neat and thrifty in appearance. His farm is underlaid with bituminous coal, varying from thirty to forty inches in depth, and he operates two mines.

In 1873 occurred the marriage of Mr. Slagle and Miss Idelia Bean, a daughter of Boyel and Susan Bean. Her father was a native of Virginia and came to Ohio as early as 1830. He was a shoemaker in early life, but for fifty years carried on agricultural pursuits on his farm of forty acres. He married Mrs. Susan Callahan, whose maiden name was Susan Koler. She was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1811, and in 1829 became a resident of Ohio. She became the wife of Mr. Callahan in 1832 and six children were born of this marriage. In 1849 she gave her hand in marriage to Boyel Bean. They became the parents of three children, and eighteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren survive her. She lived to be ninety-one years of age and was remarkably well preserved up to the time of her death, which occurred on the 14th of February, 1903.

To Mr. and Mrs. Slagle have been born six children: Howard, Sylvia, Ralph, Frank, Ada and Dewey. Mrs. Slagle was born in Green township in March, 1853, and has been a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband. They have resided upon their present farm since 1881 and theirs is a hospitable home. They hold membership in the Lutheran church and also attend the services of the Union church of New Albany, of which Mr. Slagle is a trustee. He has held the office of township clerk for six years, and in all offices of public trust and honor he is found reliable and worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

#### JOHN CHARLES KELLY.

City civil engineer and county surveyor, East Liverpool, Ohio.

## CONRAD F. BRENNER.

The subject of this sketch, whose name is above given, has been a resident of Youngstown for thirty-five years and during that time has been a conspicuous figure in the business and political life of the city. His principal prominence has been gained in connection with county politics, he having been an influential worker and leader in the Democratic ranks and a successful candidate for various important offices. He has been auditor of the county for two terms and was postmaster at Brier Hill under President Cleveland. Meantime he has been active and influential in various lines of business and altogether a citizen who has made his energy and progressive spirit felt both for the betterment of himself and the community at large.

His father, Conrad Michael Brenner, was born in Baden, Germany, in 1824, came to America in 1852 and was shortly afterward located in Columbiana county, Ohio. He was a German school teacher by profession and followed that occupation during his residence at various points in Ohio. In 1855 he was married at Pittsburg to Catharine Siegle, a native of Würtemberg, Germany, and by her had nine children, of whom the six living are: Emanuel J.; Conrad F.; Wilhelmina, wife of Sherman L. Ripple; Hannah M., wife of Lewis Bosser; Ernest J. and Frank S. The father was an earnest abolitionist conductor on the "underground railroad," and was anxious to enlist in the army, but was rejected on account of physical disability. He came to Youngstown in 1872, but only survived three years after arriving, his death occurring in 1875.

Conrad F. Brenner, second in age of his surviving children, was born on a farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, May 23, 1858, and remained there until he had reached the tenth year of his age. His educational advantages were obtained in the primary grades of the country schools and at Hull's Commercial College. He commenced his business career at Youngstown in 1868, his first ventures being as an employe in the greenhouse owned by John Manning, with whom he remained for four years. During this period he attended night school and took a course in Hull's Commercial and Business College, where he obtained a training which proved of value in his future life. After leaving the conservatory he found employment for three years in a milk and cream depot under George T. Lewis, followed by a year in a grocery business with W. J. Edwards & Company. He remained with this concern until 1881, when he formed a partnership with Fred C. Weller and opened a general merchandise store at Brier Hill, continuing in this connection until 1885, when his partner retired, and Mr. Brenner conducted the business alone for the five following years.



*C. F. Zimmey*



In 1890 Mr. Brenner disposed of his grocery investment, entered into real estate dealing and insurance and has made that his chief employment up to the present time. In 1890 he was made his party's nominee for commissioner, but was defeated by ninety-six votes in a county usually giving a majority of twelve hundred for the Republicans. In 1892 he was elected auditor of Mahoning county by one thousand and eight majority, a striking triumph, considering the usual political complexion of the county, and the result was a strong testimony to Mr. Brenner's personal popularity. After serving three years to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, Mr. Brenner was endorsed by a re-election in 1895 for another term. He was again nominated in 1898, against his inclinations and was defeated by only two hundred and forty three votes.

In 1882 Mr. Brenner secured the establishment of the postoffice at Brier Hill and four years later was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland and held the same for several years. In 1900 he was one of the organizers of the Equity Savings and Loan Association, of which he became the first secretary, and after holding that position for one year was made vice president and treasurer, which office he has since continued to fill. Since 1880 Mr. Brenner has been an active and enthusiastic Democratic partisan, and during that period has served as chairman both of the city and county executive committees of his party. In 1889 he made a trip to Germany and Switzerland, during which he associated business and pleasure.

In 1880 Mr. Brenner was married to Rebecca M., daughter of Captain John Bayer of Youngstown, Ohio, and has had ten children, of whom the seven survivors are: Emma Wilhelmina, wife of Wade Christie; Carl L.; Thurman S.; Kate; Conrad F., Jr.; Earl William; and Fritz. Mr. Brenner's religious affiliations are with the Lutheran church, and he is a member of the Odd Fellows, Elks, Improved Order Knights of Pythias and Tribe of Ben Hur. None stand higher than he in the local business or political circles and none can claim a larger number of sincere and devoted friends.

#### GEORGE H. DAVIDSON.

George H. Davidson, one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Mahoning county, was born in the house in which he still resides, on the 19th of December, 1871. His paternal great-grandfather, John Davidson, was one of the early pioneers in this locality, his residence here dating back to 1805, and he was the first shoemaker in Boardman township. Upon his arrival here he purchased the farm now owned by the subject of this review and built a log cabin just across the road from the present residence, while

in 1824, seventy-nine years ago, he erected the present Davidson homestead. John and Charlotte Davidson became the parents of three children, two sons and one daughter, the sons being Orlando and Norman. The last named became the grandfather of our subject, and he was born in Washington, Litchfield county, Connecticut, on the 7th of August, 1803, and his death occurred in the old family home in Mahoning county, January 31, 1887. Among his children was Edward Davidson, who was born in the old homestead January 4, 1838, and was married to Martha Patrick, George H. Davidson being the only child born of this union. The mother was called from this earth on the 24th of July, 1887, and on August 3, 1891, her husband joined her in the spirit world.

After his parents' death George H. Davidson became the sole owner of this valuable old farmstead, which consists of one hundred and forty-five acres of fertile and well improved land. He follows diversified farming and also conducts a large dairy, keeping a number of head of high-grade Jersey cattle, the product of this dairy being sent to the Youngstown creamery. His fine large bank-barn was erected in 1902, the structure being forty by fifty-six feet, with an "L" thirty-seven feet, and it is built of the most substantial timber, and the other buildings which adorn this old homestead are of the most substantial character. Mr. Davidson has prospered in his business dealings, and today stands among the highly respected and leading agriculturists of the locality.

On the 3rd of May, 1894, Mr. Davidson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Shaffer, who was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, near the Pennsylvania line, being a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Warner) Shaffer, residents of Poland, where the father is employed as a rural mail carrier. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer lost one son, John J., who died at the age of four years and nine months, and two of their daughters are: Lula, the wife of Fred L. Brainard, of Canfield, Ohio, and Pamilla, a student in the Poland high school. Mrs. Davidson also received her education in that institution of learning, and for one term prior to her marriage was a successful teacher. The union of our subject and wife has been blessed with two bright little sons, Joseph Edward, who was born May 29, 1900; and Herbert Livingston, whose birth occurred on the 2nd of May, 1902. Mrs. Davidson is a member of the Poland Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Davidson gives his political support to the Republican party, and is now serving as the clerk of his township, which office was filled by his father for eighteen years. His life has been one of activity and industry, and his methods have been in keeping with the highest principles of fair dealing and with conscientious regard for the rights of others.

## GENERAL EPHRAIM S. HOLLOWAY.

The gentleman here named, now deceased, was one of Columbiana county's most distinguished sons for a period of six decades. He was a man who left his impress upon society, and whose descendants are also men of fine repute in the different communities of which they are citizens. General Holloway was the son of John and Lydia (Dixon) Holloway, and was born in Fairfield township, July 27, 1833. He was reared to agricultural life, and pursued that calling until 1857. He received but a limited education, but his lack of proper educational advantages was compensated in part by a resoluteness of purpose. From 1857 to 1861 he followed the carpenter and joiner business.

He was most distinguished in the event which now occurred in his life, and upon which he entered with all the enthusiasm born of sympathy for a down-trodden race. In October, 1861, he enlisted as a private soldier in Company F, Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and upon the organization of the company was elected first lieutenant. He had hardly entered upon his duties when he was promoted to the captaincy of the company, a position which he retained until the campaign of 1864, when he was advanced to the command of the regiment. During four and a quarter years of service he was almost constantly on duty, participating in the following engagements: Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, Woodbury, Chickamauga, Browns Ferry, Bald Knob, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge; then followed the Atlanta campaign, in which he participated in most of the hard-fought battles, and returned in pursuit of Hood to Tennessee, where he was at the bloody battles of Franklin and Nashville. On the 28th of July, 1864, his brigade commander, General Hazen, selected him to lead an assault on a strongly posted line of the enemy, the feat having failed the day previous. General Holloway with one hundred and fifty-six men dashed across an open field, through the marsh and into the enemy's line, capturing twenty-eight prisoners with a loss of but two men. General Holloway's official record is as follows: Commission first lieutenant, October 10, 1861; captain, September 8, 1862; major, November 26, 1864; lieutenant colonel, March 18, 1865; colonel, May 31, 1865. On retirement from the service he was breveted brigadier general of volunteers. In endorsing the recommendation for this brevet, General Stanley said: "As commander of the Fourth Army Corps I have for the last year and a half known Colonel Holloway. I fully concur with the recommendation of General Beatty, and commend him to the government as a gallant, energetic and meritorious officer." General Holloway was an exceedingly popular officer with his men, the officers of

his regiment upon separation presenting him with an engrossed testimonial, very warmly tendering him "the homage of grateful hearts and wishing him prosperity, happiness and honor in the future." The enlisted men of his regiment testified their love for him by presenting him with a solid silver set costing one hundred and fifty dollars, as a testimonial of their regard for him as their commanding officer.

On returning home General Holloway resumed the carpenter trade, which he followed for three years, and then accepted an appointment as superintendent of the Enterprise Agricultural Works, which he held for the following five years. In 1871 he purchased a half interest in the Independent Register office, and in addition to his duties as superintendent, took editorial charge of the paper. In 1872 he became sole owner of the paper, associating with himself two of his sons under the firm name of E. S. Holloway & Sons. In political faith he was a Republican, and was active and influential. In 1873 he was elected to the state legislature, and re-elected in 1875. Of his career in the general assembly it was said "that he was not only a faithful but a most conscientious member in that body, and was admitted to be one of the most useful and able men of the sixty-first and the sixty-second general assembly."

In April, 1887, he was admitted to the bar, and for the remainder of his lifetime was one of the leading lawyers of his section. On the 29th day of April, 1852, he married Miss Margaret Windel, of Fairfield township. Five children were born, as follows: John W. Holloway, now a mail clerk on the Lake Shore Railroad, born in 1853 in Columbiana; upon arriving at maturity he engaged with his father on the newspaper spoken of above; in 1881 he became a mail agent for the government, in which service he has since been engaged; he married in New Waterford Miss Christiana H. Campbell, daughter of Rev. William B. Campbell, minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. The second child was Orlando T. Holloway, now superintendent of the Fifth Division of the railway mail service, headquarters at Cincinnati. Theron A., the third son, died in boyhood. Owen B. is assistant financial manager of the American Cereal Company of Chicago. Carrie G. is Mrs. M. E. Nolan, of Leetsdale, Pennsylvania. General Holloway died in the year 1895.

Touching briefly now upon the early family history of the Holloways, the father of General Holloway was named John, and was born near Lisbon, Ohio, in 1806. He died in 1874. His father was Ephraim, a native of the Old Dominion state, Fauquier county. He emigrated to Ohio in 1801, and settled in Salem township, where he died in 1848. On the Dixon side of the

family the great-grandfather of General Holloway was Joshua Dixon, who emigrated from Redbank, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and settled on Section 4, Fairfield township. His son, John Dixon, married Hannah Beal, and was a prominent citizen of Columbiana, having held the position of postmaster in 1811. The family of which General Holloway was an immediate member consisted of eleven children. There were two sets of these, the mother of the first being Lydia Dixon, the names of her children being: Leonard D., deceased; General E. S. Holloway; Lucina; Eliza Ann; John D.; Lydia Ann. The second wife's name was Rebecca Secrist; this lady is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, and is the mother of Susana, Lott, Amanda, George W. and Park H. Such is the record of an honorable and influential family of Columbiana county, and it has left its impress for good upon the society of northeastern Ohio.

#### ENSIGN N. BROWN.

Ensign N. Brown, though a native of Ohio, received from infancy the advantages of a life and education in New York city. Here he grew up amid the commercial strife of the business capital of the United States, and here he obtained the experience in its complex machinery which in later years helped so much to give him breadth of vision and professional skill.

Born of distinguished ancestry, which for generations removed discloses a continuous chain of men of more than common bravery and attainments, he was equipped by nature with the qualities necessary to a successful career as an attorney. It was at Canfield, Ohio, on the 9th of December, 1854, that Mr. Brown was born, and within a short time thereafter he was taken to New York, where he was reared until he reached the age of twenty-three, at which time he was united in marriage, on September 17, 1876, to Jeannette Cooper, a daughter of John Cooper, a merchant of New York. About two years later he removed with his family to Canfield, Ohio, at which place he attended to some business of importance for his grandfather, and continued his residence in Canfield until about 1887, when he went to Youngstown, Ohio, at which place he had been practicing law for about ten years previous. He was admitted to the bar in 1880, at Columbus, Ohio. Two children, Genevieve N. and Bessie H., were born to him, and have ever proved a source of gratification and pride to their parents.

He is a Republican, and though not a politician in its common sense, has had the interest of the party deeply at heart and has rendered it many valuable services. He belongs to the Masons, and also to the Episcopal church, in

both of which he has been prominent and has won many admirers and friends.

Richard Brown, his father, was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1817, and came to America about thirty years later, and was an importer in New York for many years, until 1880, when he retired to Ohio, where he died at Canfield, Ohio, in 1888. It was here that he was married to Thalia Newton in 1853, who was a daughter of Judge Eben Newton, the first judge called to preside over the court of common pleas of Mahoning county. Judge Newton was one of the great men of the west. At one time he was a law partner of Rutherford B. Hayes, president of the United States. In 1852 he filled a seat in Congress, and during his career as an attorney was involved in many cases of great magnitude, in all of which he acquitted himself in a manner which won the admiration of all who knew him.

Mr. Brown was one of twelve children, nine of whom are now living, he being the oldest of all. His mother died in 1889 in Canfield, Ohio. His paternal grandfather was John Brown, who also was born in Derbyshire, England, about 1756. The grandfather was a captain in the English army and served with distinction in the American Revolution, but during his sojourn in the United States he became so interested in our institutions, and so much taken with our great country and its future, that, soon after the cessation of the war, he came back to America with his family, settling in Canfield, Ohio, where he died in 1885, at the advanced and honored age of ninety years.

The subject of this history has combined many of the qualities which have made his forefather successful, and in his varied experience as an attorney in the courts of Ohio has made for himself a reputation of which any lawyer might well be proud.

#### FRANK M. LILLIE.

Mr. Lillie's family is of Connecticut origin, but long connected with Ohio, by reason of early emigration. George Lillie, grandfather of our subject, was born in the old Nutmeg state in 1780 and died about 1868. His son, William A. Lillie, who was born in Connecticut in 1816, came in early manhood to Ohio and spent the remainder of his days in the Buckeye state. He was a minister of the Church of the Disciples and did much pioneer work in the cause of religion among the people of Ohio, being regarded as a pious and deserving man. Aside from his preaching and pastoral duties, he farmed on a small scale for some years. His death occurred in 1887 at Willoughby, Ohio. He married Laura A. Roberts, who bore him six

children. She died in 1864; she was of Welsh descent, her parents having been born in Wales.

Frank M. Lillie, the youngest child, was born at Bainbridge, Ohio, February 15, 1855, but soon after was taken by his parents to their new residence in Lake county. There he received his training and early education, his life being that of a farmer boy, and he learned something of value as to agricultural affairs by this early experience. At the age of seventeen he embraced an opportunity to enter Oberlin College, and received much benefit by his attendance at the excellent institution, where he was graduated in the class of 1880. Immediately thereafter Mr. Lillie came to Youngstown and engaged in civil engineering, in which he exhibited a commendable proficiency. For several years he did work in the line of his profession and in 1893 received the appointment as city engineer, which he has held ever since.

Mr. Lillie was married at Youngstown in 1900 to Miss Mary Whitehead, and their household has been brightened by the birth of one daughter named Laura. Mr. Lillie is not connected with any church, but is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Order of Elks; and in his political affiliations he is a Democrat. During nearly the whole time of his residence in Youngstown he has been connected either with railroad or municipal engineering.

#### FRANCIS R. PAULIN.

Francis R. Paulin, of Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, is one of the young and enterprising farmers of this locality; he was born in Beaver township, Mahoning county, in 1863, and is a son of Azariah and Mary (Ackerman) Paulin. Azariah Paulin was born in Springfield township, this county, and was descended from English and German ancestors. His wife was born in Beaver township, and she is a daughter of parents who were born in Germany. Azariah Paulin is a wealthy farmer of Beaver township, and is well and favorably known in his community.

Mr. Paulin was reared and educated in Beaver township, and during his early business life devoted his attention to coal mining, at which he became an expert. Later he became interested in the manufacture of iron in Youngstown, Ohio, and from that city he removed to his present farm of eighty acres, which he purchased of Rachel Cook in 1894. On this farm he has erected a beautiful home, planted a promising orchard of apple and peach trees, and has made many needed improvements, now owning one of the finest pieces of farming property in the county, and he spares no efforts to add to its value and to the comfort of the house.

In 1887 Mr. Paulin married Miss Mary A. Rupert, born in Beaver township in 1866, and three sons have been born of this union: Seth, Ralph and Earl, all promising and bright young fellows, who are destined to make their mark in the world. In addition to being recognized as one of the thoroughly practical and successful farmers of his township, Mr. Paulin is a man who has won the confidence of his neighbors, and his future is a very promising one, to judge by the past. Mrs. Paulin is a consistent member of the Lutheran church, to which denomination Mr. Paulin contributes very generously.

#### THOMAS PROSSER.

Mahoning county is fortunate in having installed as director of the county infirmary, in Youngstown, an incumbent who is fully alive to the responsibilities devolving upon him and who has administered the affairs of this eleemosynary institution with marked discrimination and ability, giving to the wards of the county, the unfortunates, the best attention possible to accord with the facilities provided and ever aiming to preserve harmony and due economy in the management of the institution committed to his charge. Such a capable officer is Mr. Prosser, whose course has gained to him uniform endorsement on the part of the local public, and whose kindness and justice of discipline have been such as to secure to him the confidence and good will of those whom misfortune or improvidence have thrown upon the charities of the county.

Mr. Prosser is a native of England, having been born in Herefordshire, on the 19th of December, 1839, a son of Philip Prosser, who was born in the same county in 1769, and who was there united in marriage to Miss Mary Wheel. They removed thence to Monmouthshire, Wales, when the subject of this sketch was a mere boy, and there both passed the remainder of their lives, having been people of energy, industry and sterling character. The father died about 1853, his devoted wife having preceded him into eternal rest by about six months. They left two children, Thomas, the subject of this sketch; and James, who died in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1890.

Thomas Prosser was reared in Monmouthshire, Wales, receiving his educational discipline in the schools of that locality, and there he retained his residence until 1879, when he emigrated to America. He located first in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he tarried about three months, and then came to Youngstown, where he secured employment in mill No. 4 of the Brown-Bonnell Company, serving in the capacity of puddler and being thus engaged until 1895, when he was elected to the office of trustee of



*Thomas Crosser*



Youngstown township. He gave efficient service and was chosen as his own successor in 1898, being thus incumbent of the office for a period of six years. At the expiration of his second term, in the fall of 1901, he became the candidate of his party for the office of infirmary director, was elected by a gratifying majority and entered upon the discharge of his duties January 6, 1902. His tenure of the office is for a term of three years, and he has already clearly demonstrated his eligibility for the position. He has instituted numerous improvements in the management of the institution, has adopted new methods of discipline as the necessities of the case have demanded or his judgment suggested, and his regime is proving not only creditable to himself as director but also to the county. Mr. Prosser has ever exercised his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party from the time of becoming a naturalized citizen of his adopted country, and he has been an active and efficient worker in the party cause for many years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias. He has won a large circle of friends since taking up his residence in Youngstown, and it is a pleasure to note that the infirmary is placed in such capable charge. He is now chairman of the infirmary board.

In 1869, in Monmouthshire, Wales, Mr. Prosser was united in marriage to Miss Jane Hobbs, who was born in that country and who proved to him a devoted companion and helpmeet. She died in Youngstown in 1893, leaving her husband and their four children to mourn the loss of one who had been a loving and devoted wife and mother and one whose gentle womanhood had endeared her to all who came within the sphere of her influence. Of the four children we record that Mary J. is the wife of William Bew; Alice is the wife of Carl Campbell; Thomas married Eva Taylor; and Albert is in Youngstown.

#### ELMER HIVELY.

Elmer Hively, one of the enterprising young farmers of Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, resides with his mother on her fine farm, in which he possesses an interest. He was born in Goshen township, Mahoning county, in August, 1876, and is the only son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Knauf) Hively. He was reared and educated in his native township, and chose to follow the calling of a farmer.

Jacob Hively was one of the industrious farmers of Green township, whose life was confined to his home circle, although he was always ready to lend assistance to neighbors, and bore his part as a loyal American citizen.

He was born in Mahoning county, and his demise occurred in 1880, in Green township. His wife, Elizabeth (Knauf) Hively, was born in Ellsworth township, April 7, 1849; she was married to Jacob Toot in 1897. Jacob Toot was born in Green township in 1843, and in his early life learned the trade of shoemaker, at which he worked for fifteen years. Mr. Toot has taken a prominent part in local politics, having served in the office of supervisor for fifteen years. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church, in which body he has served as deacon for a number of years.

Prior to his marriage to Mrs. Toot, Mr. Toot married Mary M. Clay, January 29, 1869, and five children were born of this union, namely: Austie A., Curtis L., Levi O., Lewis M. and Frederick F. Mr. Toot is a son of Levi and Lydia (Baird) Toot, the former of whom was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Green township. Levi Toot owned a farm of eighty-five acres, and held the office of trustee of the township for some years with credit. His family consisted of eleven children, namely: John, Solomon, Elizabeth, Jacob, Peter, Levi, Mary (deceased), Sarah, Christine, Anna and Rebecca. The Hively homestead is one of the best farms in Mahoning county, and under the able management of Mr. Hively the returns from the broad acres are excellent.

#### JOHN JAMES THOMAS, M. D.

During his twenty-one years' connection with the life of Youngstown, Dr. Thomas has achieved high standing as a professional man, besides participating in the religious and business activities of the city. Possessing a popular personality, a courteous address and genial manners, he has had no difficulty in making and holding friends, and his example as well as practice have been worthy of the best citizenship of his adopted home. He comes of the best stock of Great Britain, his grandfather, John Thomas, having been a sergeant in the British army and wounded at the battle of Waterloo. The Doctor's father, Rev. John M. Thomas, was born in Glamorganshire, Wales, in 1825, and was married in England in 1850 to Sarah P., daughter of Thomas P. James, a native of that country.

In 1852 they emigrated to the United States, locating first in New York city, where the father was for several years pastor of a Congregational church. His next pastorate was in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he served the Congregational church for a term of years. Later he entered the service of the Methodist denomination in missionary capacity, establishing churches which have since become strong and influential. When the war

of the rebellion began, he was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Braddock, Pennsylvania. Resigning his pastorate, he became actively engaged in the work of recruiting troops and entered the army as chaplain of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, served for a period of one year or thereabouts, but from deprivation and exposure became broken in health and was compelled to resign his commission. Returning to his home he fully recovered in the course of a few months, and again took up the work of recruiting and re-enlisted as chaplain of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, with which he served until again compelled to resign on account of ill health. After the war he held various pastorates at different places and died in 1894 at Alliance, Ohio. He was a good man, in the best sense of the word, spending his whole life in work for others and doing his best to win devotees to the cause of truth and morality. Rev. John M. and Sarah (James) Thomas became the parents of nine children, of whom the following named are survivors: John J.; Sarah C., wife of J. N. Parker; Clarabel, wife of A. D. Brosius; William A., Congregational minister in Trumbull, Connecticut; Agnes L., wife of Robert C. Morris; and Alice C., wife of Rev. Sheridan B. Salmon.

John James Thomas, eldest of the above enumerated children, was born in Monmouthshire, England, in 1852, and was brought in the same year by his parents to the "promised land" for all the discontented of earth. The first years of his life were spent in New York city, followed by short sojourns at Pittsburg and Braddock, Pennsylvania, until he reached the ninth year of his age. He obtained his education at his father's various residences in Ohio, such as New London, Gomer and Ironton, attending high school in the last mentioned place. Later he lived at Lansford, Pennsylvania, and from there went in 1878 to the Jefferson Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1881. Returning to Lansford, he practiced there a year or two, and in 1882 came to Youngstown, which was destined to prove his permanent abode. He entered actively upon the practice of his profession, pursued it steadily and undeviatingly and has achieved a decided success as a physician. He is now, and has been for some years, surgeon of the police, and has discharged the duties of this position with such efficiency as to defy criticism. He is a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, participates actively in its meetings and discussions and uses his utmost endeavor to advance the cause of medical science.

In 1876 Dr. Thomas was united in marriage with Anna Evans, who died in 1882, leaving one daughter named Pearl A. In 1888 he took a second wife in the person of Miss Mary Davis, by whom he has two chil-

dren: Arthur W. and Ellen M. Dr. Thomas, like his lamented father, is religious in his tendencies, and has long been a member of the Plymouth Congregational church, in which he holds the position of trustee. He is also vice-president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is enthusiastic in advancing the efforts for good so continuously put forth by that celebrated organization.

#### PORTER WATSON.

The Watson family in America goes back to the great-grandfather William Watson, who was born in Tyrone county, Ireland, in 1713, and about thirty years later sailed for America. He married Rebecca Torrence and they settled on a farm near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1802, having reared a large family. In 1803 his son James, with his brother Hugh and four sisters, Sally, Katy, Mary and Rebecca, left the old homestead and came to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, settling on a farm near Pulaski (now in Lawrence county). James married Mary Porter, who was an immigrant to this country with her father and family some time previously.

William, a son of the last named parents, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1807, in a log cabin about two miles west of Pulaski. The first five years of his life were spent in this cabin, and in the summer of 1811 he went to school, the first reader being the New Testament. Being left fatherless in 1818, he was reared by his mother, who did a noble part in bringing her children to maturity and giving them good school advantages. William Watson was a man of remarkable memory, and in the possession of the family is a book of fifty pages written by him when he was advanced in years, which records many pleasing incidents in his long life; from the age of three to six his recollections were perfectly distinct, but from then till his eleventh year he could recall nothing of his boyhood days. He engaged in various occupations during his life, being compelled to earn his own way from an early age. In 1829 he married Peggy Jane Wallace, daughter of William Wallace, whose wife's name was Breckinridge. Their first born was James, who died in Pulaski when a child of four years. John W. Watson died May 16, 1902, aged sixty-eight; he had been controller and treasurer of the Jersey Central Railroad for many years; his wife died in June, 1901, leaving no children. Albert Watson died in 1896 in Cleveland, Ohio; he was the credit man for the Root and McBradbury commercial house; his wife and four sons and a daughter survived him. Cordelia died at the age of sixty in 1899, unmarried. The

next son was Porter. Angeline married Major Brown, who is in the regular army and is at Havana, Cuba; they have one son and one daughter; Thomas their son, is a first lieutenant in the army at Manila; he is only twenty-three years old and when he was raised to his present rank was the youngest officer of that grade in the army. Kate Watson died at the age of six. Hugh died at the age of forty-four in 1887, was married, and was the superintendent of five furnaces at St. Louis. Charles E. is a bookkeeper for a steamship company in New York city, and is married.

Porter Watson was born in Lowellville, Mahoning county, July 6, 1841. He was educated in the public schools and learned the machinist's trade in Youngstown. He was twenty years old when the war broke out, and he was one of the first volunteers to enlist, entering Company I, Seventh Ohio Infantry, April 22, 1861, for four months' service; at the close of this term he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Ohio and served until his discharge on June 3, 1865. He entered Company A as a private, was soon promoted to second sergeant, then to sergeant major, to second lieutenant, and to first lieutenant, and was in command of Company D during the latter part of the war. He was once hit on the belt-plate and knocked down, but was fortunate to escape injury, hospitals and prison pens. At the battle of Chickamauga he captured Brigadier General Adams of the Confederate army and brought him into the lines on his horse.

After his return from the war Mr. Watson was married and was then for a year in partnership with his father in the general merchandise business; but finding this business too confining he bought a canal boat and ran it for three summers. He sold out and engaged as shipping clerk with the Brown Iron Company at Mineral Ridge, but later took the contract of making iron by the ton for three years. In 1872 he came to Lowellville and ran the furnace here for a year, and for some time following was a general contractor, building roads and bridges. In 1880 he again engaged in furnace superintendence, was in and about Pittsburg for three years, at Pilot Knob, Missouri, a year, at different places in Alabama and in Ohio, and in 1897 returned to Lowellville to accept the position of postmaster. He entered upon his duties on the first of the year and is still the honored incumbent of the office. One of the enterprises in which he embarked was the purchase of the Meehan Boiler and Construction Company; he got up a subscription to purchase the site. He has been an impetus to many objects of a public nature within the last four years.

On October 19, 1865, Mr. Watson was married at West Meriden, Connecticut, to Lois M. Barclay, a native of Mahoning county, and the daughter

of Alexander Barclay, also born in Ohio. Helen C., the first child of this marriage, is the widow of Lyman Cowden and is the assistant postmistress; Mary M. recently became the wife of J. K. Mitchell, of Aurora, Ohio; Grace W. died in 1889 at the age of eighteen; and John E. is a telegrapher in the dispatcher's office of the Erie Railroad at Youngstown. They all had the advantage of good schooling at home. Mrs. Watson died January 2, 1899, at the age of fifty-four. Mr. Watson has filled all the offices of his town from school director to mayor, and has the honor of having lived in Lowellville longer than any other living inhabitant. The modest but comfortable cottage in which he makes his home he built over thirty years ago, and like his father he has taken much interest in all matters of public concern. In politics he is a Republican, is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias, belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Veteran Legion, has been a past commander of this, and is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

#### FRANK LYNN BROWN.

The population of Youngstown is as cosmopolitan as that of the largest American cities. There is a strong native element here, but that drawn either direct or through descent from foreign countries is also very large and represents a great number of nationalities. Naturally in a city of this character there is a wide diversity of opinion as to what constitutes good, or what might better be termed correct government. These opinions run from the most narrow-minded Puritanism to the most liberal view. To meet these conditions, a strong, yet liberal local government is necessary, and under the existing administration the city has this in the broadest sense in which the term can be applied. Mayor Frank L. Brown is an exacting, but consistent executive, and is aided in the enforcement of the laws by an unusually alert detective and police service. He enjoys the confidence of all classes and has succeeded in placing the city on a moral plane equal to that of any of equal size in the country. Possibly no other mayor has a closer personal acquaintance with his constituents than Mr. Brown. He is a product of the iron mills of the city. He is known by every workman, and his political preferment has in no wise destroyed a genial personality and frank companionship. He is plain "Mr. Mayor" to all classes, and his judicial determinations,—the duties of a mayor here being largely judicial,—are given with a degree of unbiased carefulness which could not fail to inspire the utmost respect for his administration, and naturally increase his personal popularity.

Mayor Brown was born in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1849. Here he lived until he was ten years old, when he removed to Cleveland with his family, where his father built the Lake Erie Iron Works, familiarly known as the Whiskey Island Mills, which were owned and operated by Charles A. Otis. In 1863 he removed from Cleveland to Youngstown, and as a boy worked in the Brown & Bonnell Mill. He later went to Portsmouth in this state, and engaged in a rolling mill with his father, who was associated with Charles D. Arms and John Swambaugh, both now deceased, and Caleb B. Wick and Paul Jones, in the Portsmouth Iron Company. In 1870 Mr. Brown went to Paducah, Kentucky, and after working at this place for some eighteen months he returned to his native home, Newcastle, where he remained until 1874. At that date he came to Youngstown, since which time he has resided here permanently, and was steadily engaged at the Brown & Bonnell plant until elected to his present office in 1900, by a majority of one thousand and eighty. Mr. Brown was re-elected in April, 1902, by a majority of one thousand and fifty, his opponent being Bayer M. Campbell. Mr. Brown has always been a consistent Republican, but has always been fair and conservative in his views, so that he has not antagonized any particular elements in the city. Socially he is affiliated with the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Maccabees, the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters of America, the Woodmen of the World, and is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur.

The home life of Mayor Brown began in 1868 at Portsmouth, Ohio, when he was fortunate enough to receive the consent of Ella L., daughter of Sampson Eagon Varner, to preside over it. Mr. Varner, the father of Mrs. Brown, was a soldier in the Civil war, colonel of the Fifty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. To the marriage has been born a family of three children, of whom but one survives, Natalie Varner Brown.

The first member of the family of which Mr. Brown has authentic information, was John Brown, his grandfather, who was born in England in 1804, and came to America in 1845, when he located in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and after a long life of usefulness, chiefly passed in the iron business, died in that city in 1865. The father of Mr. Brown was Nathaniel E. Brown, born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, in 1832. He died in Youngstown in 1887. During his lifetime he was a man of very great business activity, was at various times connected with some of the largest iron concerns in the Western Reserve. He married Jane W., daughter of James Squier, and to the marriage were born six children, five of them now living: James A., Frank L., Charles B., Mrs. T. J. Nicholl and Mrs. William Smith, who with her sister resides in Chicago. The mother of the family died in 1894.

## HUGH L. McELROY.

Among the progressive and representative business men of the city of Youngstown, the attractive capital city of Mahoning county, is numbered Mr. McElroy, who is president and general manager of the H. L. McElroy Company, which was organized through his efforts and which conducts a large and important business in the handling of all kinds of furniture, the fine establishment of the concern being of metropolitan equipment and one which would do credit to a city of greater population than Youngstown can claim. The enterprise has been carried forward with marked discrimination and ability, and the success which has attended the same is due in large measure to the projector, whose business career has been one of signal integrity and honor, and who commands unqualified confidence and esteem in the community.

Hugh Lytle McElroy traces his lineage back to stanch old Scotch-Irish origin, the founder of the family in America having been James McElroy, who emigrated from the north of Ireland and established his home in Pennsylvania prior to the war of the Revolution, and the family name has ever since been prominently identified with the annals of the old Keystone state. The paternal grandfather of our subject is James McElroy, who was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1811, and he now resides at West Fairfield, that state, having been prominent and influential in his community and having served for many years as a member of the state legislature. Hugh L. McElroy was born at Fairfax, Linn county, Iowa, on the 19th of November, 1866, being the son of William B. and Jane G. (Lytle) McElroy. His father was born in Pennsylvania in 1841, and he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, having removed to Iowa when a young man and having there passed the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1889. At the time of the war of the Rebellion he manifested his intrinsic loyalty and patriotism by enlisting as a private in the Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, in which he rose to the rank of adjutant and with which he served until the close of the war, having participated in many of the notable engagements of the great conflict which resulted in the perpetuation of the integrity of the Union. He was four times wounded, receiving a severe injury at Cold Harbor and being also wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was captured by the enemy, but soon effected his escape and rejoined his command. He took part in many other important engagements and his record was that of a brave and loyal son of the republic. The mother of our subject is now living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was born in the state of Pennsylvania, being a daughter of Hugh Lytle, and by her marriage



*H. L. W. Gray*



she became the mother of eight children, namely: Hugh L., James I., Edward H., Harry A., William B., John A., Ralph G. and Susan M.

Our subject received his early educational training in the public schools of his native county and supplemented the same by a course of study in Monmouth College, an excellent institution maintained under the auspices of the United Presbyterian church at Monmouth, Illinois. He left this college at the age of seventeen years and returned to his home, and during the ensuing two years he devoted his attention to teaching in the district schools of Linn county, proving successful in his pedagogic labors. He then went to the city of Cedar Rapids, the metropolis of the same county, and there assumed a clerkship in a department store, receiving five dollars per week in recognition of his services and paying for his own board out of this diminutive stipend. Such was his fidelity and ability that he soon gained recognition, for at the time when he gave up his position, at the expiration of eighteen months, he had charge of a department, while he had gained valuable business experience.

In February, 1888, Mr. McElroy came to Youngstown to take charge of the carpet department in the establishment of J. W. Euwers & Sons, in whose employ he continued for three years. He then entered into partnership with the widow of his uncle, Frank Lytle, and thus became identified with the conducting of a furniture store in this city, the enterprise being continued for two years under the firm name of Lytle & McElroy. The following year Mr. McElroy was in charge of a department in the department store of the E. M. McGillan Company, and at the expiration of this interval he went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was given charge of the carpet and upholstering department in one of the extensive mercantile establishments of the city, and where he remained two and one-half years. He then returned to Youngstown, and here effected the organization of the H. L. McElroy Company, which instituted business upon a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars, and the company opened a general furniture and house-furnishing establishment, with a large and admirably selected stock of goods. Mr. McElroy was made the president and general manager, and he brought into play his thorough knowledge of the business, his marked energy and discrimination and that honorable and courteous plan of dealing which gained public support and appreciation. The enterprise rapidly expanded in scope and importance, and eventually it became necessary to increase the capital stock, which is now seventy-five thousand dollars—a representation of investment which indicates to how extensive scope the undertaking has grown. The establishment is a credit not only to its projector

but also to the city, and Mr. McElroy stands high in the business circles of the city, being essentially progressive and public-spirited and taking a lively interest in all that conserves the advancement and material prosperity of his home city.

In politics, while having no personal ambition in the way of official preferment, he gives a staunch support to the principles and policies of the Republican party, and fraternally he is prominently identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church. In the city of Niles, Ohio, on the 20th of June, 1894, Mr. McElroy was united in marriage to Miss Anna Benedict, who was born in that city, a daughter of James S. Benedict. They have no children. Mrs. McElroy was born in the same house in which the late President McKinley was born. For thirty years her father carried on a general store in part of the same building, and the property to-day is still owned by the family.

#### OWEN D. JONES.

The merited reward of long years of consecutive toil and endeavor is an honorable retirement from the active cares of business, and this is the portion of the subject of this review, who was for many years a prominent contractor of Youngstown, Mahoning county, where he still maintains his home, and where, at the venerable age of seventy-five years, he is enjoying that dignified repose which he has earned through his effective efforts during the course of a signally active and useful career.

Mr. Jones is a native of the south of Wales, having been born in picturesque Cardiganshire, on the 15th day of November, 1827, a son of John D. and Margaret (Richards) Jones, both of whom were born and reared in the same county in Wales and were there married. In 1832 they emigrated to America and took up their residence on a farm in the vicinity of Palmyra, Portage county, Ohio, where the father devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits, a vocation to which he had been reared in his native land. He died in 1869, at the age of eighty-one years and ten months, having been one of the honored pioneers of that section of the Buckeye state and having been esteemed for his sterling worth of character. His wife passed away in 1861, at the age of sixty-nine years. Of their ten children, nine lived to years of maturity, but the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor of the family. The paternal grandfather of our subject was David Jones, who passed his entire life in Wales, the family tracing its lineage back through many generations in that country.

Owen D. Jones was a child of five years at the time of his parents' removal from Wales to America, and he grew up on the homestead farm in Portage county, early beginning to contribute to the work of reclamation and improvement, and receiving such educational advantages as were to be had in the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period. He continued to reside in Portage county until 1862, when, at the age of thirty years, he came to Youngstown, which has thus been his home for the long period of forty years, and he has so lived as to gain and retain the implicit confidence and esteem of the people of the community, being a man of sincerity and inflexible probity in all the relations of life. At the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, eventually becoming a skilled artisan in the line, and this figured as his vocation thenceforward until his retirement, in 1901. He inaugurated his independent career as a contractor and builder when twenty years of age, and thereafter he continued operations successfully, building up an excellent business after coming to Youngstown, in which city and vicinity remain many monuments to his skill, while he ever maintained a high reputation for fidelity to his contracts and for honorable and straightforward dealings. In political matters Mr. Jones has been independent of strict partisan lines, and his religious views are indicated in his membership in the Congregational church, of which his wife also has long been a devoted member. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, of whose beneficent teachings he is most appreciative.

On the 6th of May, 1852, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jones, a daughter of Evan D. Jones, the two families having no consanguinity. Of this union nine children were born, and all are living with the exception of Susannah, who became the wife of Frederick Hoehn and who died in 1888, at the age of thirty-one years. The other children are as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of Roger Evans; Margaret, the wife of Robert Knox; Alice, the wife of John Hamilton; Laura, the wife of Samuel Biddle; Olive, the wife of E. S. Hinkson; and Owen R., Daniel J. and Evan W.

#### WILLIAM A. MALINE.

The above named gentleman, who is a prominent attorney at Youngstown, has exhibited quite a versatility of talents, not only being a good lawyer but a skillful politician and a writer of decided literary ability. The possession of these qualities have made him a popular feature of the city's life, and he is a welcome guest in social as well as professional circles. He has been especially conspicuous in local politics, having served for several years

and at different times as city solicitor and had charge of his party's campaign work as chairman of the city committee. He is of German descent and exhibits in his bearing and address the geniality and adaptability to circumstances which make the Germans everywhere such makers and holders of friends.

His father, John Maline, was born on the Rhine, near Zweibrucken, in 1808, and migrated to America in 1832, in the health and enthusiasm of young manhood, which qualities speedily obtained him success in his adopted home. After looking around for some time he finally selected Canton, Ohio, as a good location and was engaged there in the grocery business until 1865. In that year he removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he embarked in the manufacture of agricultural implements, but this business was interrupted by his death, which occurred the next year after his arrival. During his long residence at Canton he became quite prominent in the business life of the city, serving as president both of the board of education and of the city council. In 1835 he was married at Canton to Catherine Pirrong, who is still living at the age of eighty-five years. They had eleven children, of whom the six survivors are: John J.; Charles D.; Frances, widow of James J. Foley; George F.; Augusta, widow of James Rush; and William A.

William A. Maline was born at Canton, Ohio, September 1, 1852, and remained in the city of his nativity until his twenty-third year. He attended school until fifteen years of age, and during the next seven years was employed variously as clerk, teacher or in such other occupation as came convenient. Meantime he had decided to make a lawyer of himself and in 1875 commenced the preliminary study necessary as a preparation for that arduous profession. He entered the office of Henry Wise at Canton, continued his reading later at Youngstown in the office of M. W. Johnson, Esq., and was admitted to the bar March 17, 1877. Immediately thereafter he opened a law office and with his usual promptness and energy proceeded to work up a practice.

Almost from the beginning he has been a very busy man and soon found recognition in connection with the official life of the city. In 1882 he was elected city solicitor on the Democratic ticket and held that responsible position until 1884. After an intermission of two years he was again called to the same office by the suffrages of the people and discharged its duties with efficiency from 1886 to 1888. During the last campaign he was entrusted with the principal management of his party as chairman of the Democratic city committee.

June 27, 1880, Mr. Maline was united in marriage to Miss Mary L., daughter of George Rudge, of Youngstown, and they have had ten children, of whom the following named still survive: Mary L., John F., Paul, William E., Helen, Ruth, Julian and Frederick Eugene. The family are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Maline has been quite prominent in connection with the Knights of Columbus, of which society he has long been a member. and of which he has been the organizer and leading spirit in Ohio and adjoining states. This society was first organized in 1882 at New Haven, Connecticut, as a fraternal insurance order. In 1895 an associate rank was added, so that the order has now become national in its scope and has a membership of more than one hundred thousand. In 1898 Burrows Brothers of Cleveland published from the pen of Mr. Maline a volume entitled "The Nineteenth Century and Other Poems."

#### GEORGE L. FORDYCE.

George Lincoln Fordyce was born in Scipio, New York, September 29, 1860. He lived in this township during the period of boyhood. He made the best use of his opportunities to acquire an education and at the same time prepare himself for business. At the age of fourteen years he commenced helping in the country store at Scipio Centre, outside of school hours, for which he received no pay. In 1876 he contracted for a year in this store, for which he received one hundred and fifty dollars. His duties were varied and many, from sweeping and scrubbing the store, waiting on customers, assisting with the mails,—the postoffice being in the store,—and taking care of his employer's horse and barn. This kept him busy from six o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock, and sometimes later, in the evening, but the arduous duties which he performed while employed in and about this country store had much to do with fitting him for his greater business responsibilities in later life.

When his year was finished he had a position offered him in a large grocery establishment in Auburn, New York, which he accepted and filled for some time. This experience fitted him for a position which he secured in the Cayuga County National Bank of Auburn, in which he served until 1883, acquiring an experience in financial matters that accounts, to some extent, for his business success.

In 1883 Mr. Fordyce came to Youngstown and embarked in the dry-goods business at the corner of West Federal and Phelps streets, having two partners who remained with him for a time, but for several years he has been the sole owner of the business, which is being carried on under

the name of George L. Fordyce & Company. Beginning with the corner store, room space has been added in the rear as well as the adjoining store room, so that the business now occupies more than three times the area it did for the first few years. Mr. Fordyce now employs about fifty people, many of them having been with him for a number of years. To their faithfulness, ability and development he attributes much of the reason for his success, especially to those at the heads of departments.

He is a member of the Methodist church and has been superintendent of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school for the past five years. It is a well organized Sunday-school, having the largest enrollment and greatest average attendance of any Sunday-school in eastern Ohio. He is president of the Young Men's Christian Association and a trustee of the Youngstown Hospital Association. His business interests outside his dry-goods store are quite extensive, he being a stockholder in several of the banking and manufacturing institutions of the city. He is first vice-president of the Peoples Savings and Banking Company, a director of the First National Bank, also director of some of the manufacturing corporations. He has taken some interest in political affairs, having been chairman of the Mahoning county Republican executive committee two terms and a member of the city council for one term.

He was married in Youngstown, June 25, 1890, to Grace Walton, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Oyer) Walton. To them have been born one son and two daughters: George Lincoln, Jr., born August 18, 1892, died October 11, 1900; Rebecca Walton, born May 20, 1894; Louise Horton, born August 3, 1898. The family reside at 40 Lincoln avenue in a residence which was built during the year 1899.

His earliest ancestor in America on the Fordyce side was Benjamin Fordyce, who served as a private in Captain Nathaniel Horton's company, Western Battalion, Morris County, New Jersey Militia, during the Revolutionary war. Benjamin Fordyce married in 1790 Rebecca Horton, daughter of Nathaniel Horton. In 1795 the family moved from Chester, New Jersey, to Scipio, New York, and settled on the farm on which the subject of this sketch was born. The country at that time was a wilderness and they had to cut a road for nearly a mile into the forest to reach the place where they built their house. John Fordyce, their eldest son, was born in Chester, New Jersey, in 1791. He married Anna Wilkinson in Scipio, and to them was born John Horton, August 23, 1835, he being their only child.

John Horton Fordyce married Louisa Close, January 12, 1859, and to them was born a son whom they named George. John H. Fordyce en-

listed in the service of his country in August, 1862, going to the front with Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteers. He was tendered the captaincy of his company, but declined to accept it. He died near Washington, November 13, 1862, of typhoid fever, only nine weeks after he enlisted. When he was leaving home he said: "If Lincoln proves to be a good president, I want George's middle name to be Lincoln." This accounts for the subject of this sketch being named George Lincoln.

Beginning now with the Horton side, Rebecca Horton having been his great grandmother, there is an unbroken line back to his (George L. Fordyce's) tenth generation:

Barnabus Horton, son of Joseph Horton, born in Mousley, Leicestershire, England, July 13 (old style), 1600, emigrated to America about 1635, landed at Hampton, Massachusetts, came to New Haven in 1640. He settled permanently on the east end of Long Island, now Southold, in October, 1640. He built a house in 1659-60 at Southold that is still standing and in good condition. Caleb, the third son of Barnabus, born 1640, married Abigail Hallock, lived at Cutchogue, Rhode Island. Barnabus, their first son, born in 1666, married Sarah Hines and moved to Southold. Caleb, their first son, born December 22, 1687, married Phebe Terry, and they moved to Roxbury, now Chester, New Jersey, in 1748, and settled there. Nathaniel Horton, their second son, was born October 13, 1719, married Mehetabel Wells, and their son Nathaniel, who was born in 1741, married Rebecca Robinson, was captain of the company in which Benjamin Fordyce served as a private during the Revolutionary war, and the latter married Rebecca, Captain Horton's daughter. George L. Fordyce, as can be seen, would be entitled to membership in the Sons of the Revolution on account of the service of his great-grandfather Benjamin Fordyce and his great-great-grandfather Captain Nathaniel Horton.

#### JOHN SCHAEFFER.

John Schaeffer, a successful and worthy farmer residing in Green township, Mahoning county, on his pleasant and fertile farm of sixty-seven acres of well tilled land, was born in Green township, January 9, 1835, and has been reared, educated and has made his home in his native township, the farm he now owns adjoining the one upon which he came into the world. His farming is of a mixed character, and his crops are prolific as a result of his good management and knowledge of his calling. All of his buildings are modern in construction, commodious and convenient. The stock shows

the result of good care and feeding, and the entire premises indicate that a man of energy and foresight is at the head of affairs.

In 1863 Mr. Schaeffer was united in marriage with Miss Nina Krauss, and they have had four children; Josephine, born in 1864, married Conrad Thumb; Lydia A., born in 1866; Jonathan, born in 1868; and Sarah, born in 1875. Mrs. Schaeffer was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in 1843, and is a most estimable lady. Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer, as well as their family, are all consistent members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, in which he has served as deacon for a number of years. Prior to his marriage, he removed to his present home from the farm owned by his father, and had a pleasant place to which to take his bride.

John Schaeffer is a son of Christian Schaeffer, who was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, in 1800. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Magdeline Wooster, and he was married to her in Germany. Seven children were born to these parents, namely: Joseph, John and Manuel, Christian and Jacob, and two now deceased. In 1832 Christian Schaeffer with his wife and three children emigrated to America, locating on section 22 in Green township, their farm consisting of thirty-five acres, but they soon added ninety-seven acres more. Christian was a hardworking man who took a pride in his farm and his family, and all of them were members of the Lutheran church, of which he was deacon for many years. His death occurred in November, 1867, and his wife passed away in 1877. John Schaeffer occupies a high position in the confidence and respect of his neighbors, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited.

#### MYRON S. CLARK, M. D.

There are probably few men in the city of Youngstown who are more actively connected with the various public utilities and the fraternal and social life of the community than Dr. M. S. Clark. For thirty years he has been one of the most honored and active members of his profession, his reputation in medical circles being unquestioned and extending beyond the narrow limits of the community. The sketch here given, though somewhat imperfect and rambling, will serve to record the data for preservation as family history.

The family of which Dr. Clark is a worthy member dates back to the days of the Puritans, the line being clear to the seventh generation. The first member of the family of whom we have authentic record in this country was William Clark, who was born in Scotland, and came to America about 1650, first settling in Dorchester, Massachusetts, and later removing



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MRS. HETTIE J. CLARK.



to Northampton, Massachusetts. He was prominently connected with the religious life of that day and was one of the eight charter members of the first Congregational church organized there, June 18, 1661. The family is of great longevity, the six grandsons of this emigrant ancestor averaging in age ninety-four years. Timothy Clark, a son of this first member of the family, was born in Southampton, Connecticut. He lived his days out in that town. The next in line was Noah Clark, who was born, lived and died in the old Bay state. His son John, also born in Massachusetts, was the next member of the family. The great-grandfather of M. S. Clark was Noah Clark, born in Southampton, Massachusetts, in 1761, where he tilled a farm during his life, and died in 1844. He married Eunice Strong, and to the marriage nine children were born. The grandfather of our subject was the eldest child. This gentleman married Tirzah Miller, who bore him nine children, the father of our subject having been the fourth. The name of this member of the family was Parmenas P. Clark, and he also was born in Southampton, Massachusetts, in 1813, where he was reared to man's estate. In 1834 he came to Ohio, locating in Trumbull county, where he resided for a short time on a farm, and then removed to Galena, Illinois, where he lived for some two years and then returned to Trumbull county, Ohio. In the spring of 1840 he removed to Gallipolis, Ohio, where he remained for some eighteen months, and then returned to Trumbull county, Ohio, where he remained until 1849. Later he went to Portage county, Ohio, where he remained until the year 1873. At that date he removed to Fulton county, Ohio, and died in the city of Cleveland in May, 1898. He followed farming as an occupation. He was married in 1839 to Sarah E., the daughter of Myron Barber, and they reared a family of five children, of whom three survive: Dr. Myron S., Ansel A. and Sereno J. The mother of this family died in 1859. Of the Barber family there were two brothers and a sister, Myron Alphonso Barber, deceased in 1848; Amy Ataresta, who married Giles Kneeland, and Sarah E., our subject's mother, who was born on the 12th of January, 1820, and died on the 8th of February, 1859. The Barbers were also an old Massachusetts family, our subject's grandfather, Myron Barber, having been born in New Marlboro in 1789, and died at Freedom, Ohio, September 2, 1855.

Dr. Myron S. Clark, the present vice president of the city board of health, was born at Gallipolis, Ohio, in 1840. He removed with the family to Portage county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, receiving the ordinary common school education in the district schools of his section. At fifteen years of age he entered what was then known as the Western Re-

serve Eclectic Institution, now Hiram College, of which the martyred Garfield was for a number of years president. When the war for the preservation of our Union came on, he enlisted, in October, 1861, in Company K, Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, entering the service as a corporal, serving one year as such, when he was honorably discharged for disability. Recovering, he began the study of medicine in the spring of 1863 and in the fall of 1863 he entered the University of Michigan. Again, in April, 1864, he responded to a call of duty, and was appointed by Governor Brough as hospital steward of the One Hundred and Seventy-first Ohio National Guards. His regiment was sent to Kentucky, where he answered as assistant surgeon at the fight that occurred at Cynthiana. Here he was unfortunate enough to be captured by the enemy, but remained a prisoner but three days, when he was recaptured by General Burbridge. He received his second discharge from the army in August, 1864. Dr. Clark re-entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, October 1, 1864, where he graduated in medicine in 1865. His first location was in Warren, Ohio, where he remained for three years, and then located in Bristolville, Ohio, where he remained for five years. On January 1, 1874, he came to Youngstown and has continued in active practice since that time.

The public life of Dr. Clark has been an active one. He has served as president of the city council, president of the board of education, and is now vice president of the board of health. He married, in 1857, in Portage county, Ohio, Hettie J., daughter of John T. Smith, and to them have been born four children, of whom but one, Louis P., survives. The doctor is a member of a large number of the fraternal and social orders of his city. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand. He is assistant surgeon general of Ohio, on the staff of Major General B. O. Eddy. He belongs to Patriarchs Militant and has held all the chairs in the lodge and camp. He is also past president of the Sons of St. George, and is supreme medical examiner of the Foresters of America, in which order he has held the office of Grand Chief Ranger in the state court. He is also an honored member of Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R., of which he is past surgeon. In medical circles Dr. Clark is a well-known figure. He is past president of the Mahoning Medical Society, is a member of the Ohio State Medical Association, of the American Medical Association, is one of the staff of the Mahoning Valley Hospital, and is examiner for several insurance companies.

It will also be of interest as a part of this sketch to note some of the points in the family history of Mrs. Clark. Her father, John Tune Smith, was

born in 1804, near Baltimore, Maryland, at a place called Lazaretto. His parents died when he was about seven years of age, and he was reared by relatives in the city of Baltimore. Here he married on August 4, 1827, Esther Stroude Cheyney, daughter of Clayton Cheyney, and to this marriage there were born seven children: Edith Ann Eliza, widow of David Robbins; Joseph Trimble, who was a surgeon of the Second Ohio Cavalry and was later brigade surgeon on General Custer's staff; William Hayes, who was a lieutenant in the Fourteenth Ohio Battery, serving until his death in 1863; Frances Cheyney Smith; Hettie J., Mrs. Dr. Clark; John Henry, who was a corporal in the Sixth Regiment United States Army, and served throughout the Civil war, later in the summer of 1864 dying at Hiram, Ohio; Clayton Cheyney, who is now a minister in the church of the Disciples, as was his father before him. The maternal ancestors of Mrs. Clark go back to the old English family of Smedley, which was related to King George III. Mrs. Clark's father, John Tune Smith, was very prominently connected with the early history of the church of the Disciples, having been associated with Rev. Alexander Campbell in its founding. Mrs. Clark is a woman of great activity in social and fraternal circles. She is a member of Tod Corps No. 3, of which she is past president, having served in that position two full terms, and is now past department chaplain for the state of Ohio. She belongs to the Daughters of Rebecca, Fern Leaf No. 464, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which she is a past grand; and has a life membership in the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Christian church, in which society she has served several terms as president, also serving as secretary and district president of the district of Ohio. She has been very active in mission work, having had charge of the children's department of the State Christian Woman's Board of Missions for several years, and is now an active worker in the Sunday-school attached to the local church.

Mrs. Clark was a student at the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute at Hiram, Ohio, now known as Hiram College, when the late President Garfield was at the head of that institution. It was President Garfield who baptized Dr. Clark and preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. Clark's father. Dr. and Mrs. Clark are charter members of the central Christian church of Youngstown.

#### COOPER F. McBRIDE, M. D.

Among the able and honored representatives of the medical profession in Mahoning county stands Dr. McBride, whose home is in the attractive city of Youngstown. For a full score of years he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in this county, and the years have told the

story of a successful career—a success due to innate talent and the application of acquired and specific talent along the line of one of the most important and exacting avenues of endeavor to which man can devote his energies. This is an age of progress in all lines of professional as well as industrial and commercial achievement, and Dr. McBride has kept abreast of the advancement that has revolutionized methods of medical and surgical practice, rendering the efforts of the physician of much more avail in the alleviating or warding off of pain and suffering than they were even at the time when he entered upon his professional career.

Dr. McBride was a native of the old Keystone state of the Union, in whose capital city, Harrisburg, he was born, on the 23d of March, 1851, while his parents were temporarily residing there, their home being in Butler, Butler county, Pennsylvania. Alexander Struthers McBride, the father of the Doctor, was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, on the 3d of March, 1814, his parents having been numbered among the early pioneer settlers in this section, having located here at a time when but little had been accomplished in the way of clearing the land from the heavy forests, and when the work of development and progress was in its initial stage. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they emigrated to Ohio, and here Alexander S. was reared under the discipline of the pioneer farm until he had attained the age of fourteen years, when he went to Warren, Pennsylvania, where he learned the printer's trade. He later took up his residence in Butler, that state, which continued to be his home until his death, on the 5th of September, 1865. He was long and prominently identified with the newspaper business in Pennsylvania and wielded no slight influence in public affairs, having been a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and having served for a number of years as clerk of the house of representatives in the state legislature.

On the 30th of April, 1839, Alexander S. McBride was united in marriage to Miss Maria A. McKee, of Butler, Pennsylvania, where she was born on the 5th of April, 1821, and where her death occurred on the 18th of May, 1881. Of the seven children of this union we enter a brief record at this point. Hugh Walker McBride, who was born on the 9th of February, 1840, died on the 20th of September, 1884. In May, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Antonia Baca, of New Mexico, member of one of the distinguished old families of that territory, and she survives him. Samuel Foster McBride was born on the 15th of May, 1842, and his marriage to Susan Young was solemnized on the 24th of June, 1865. George A. McBride, who was born November 25, 1844, died on the 7th of April, 1883. His mar-

riage to Miss Jane Miller occurred on the 27th of November, 1873. Isaiah J. McBride was born on the 19th of January, 1848, and on the 13th of July, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane McIntosh. Cooper F. McBride is the immediate subject of this sketch. Robert Dunbar McBride was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of April, 1853, and on the 25th of February, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Anderson. Stephen Howard McBride was born on the 23d of July, 1862.

Samuel F. McBride, the eldest of the brothers now living, enlisted in 1861 in the One Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for a term of nine months, during which he was in active service, and at the expiration of this period he veteranized and served two years and then joined the regular army of the United States and was made hospital steward at Frederick City, Maryland, where he was stationed until the close of the war. Finally he removed to Hinton, Summers county, West Virginia, where he was for a number of years editor and publisher of a Republican paper and where also he was incumbent of the office of postmaster. Later he was given a position in the government printing office, in the city of Washington, and he is now assistant superintendent in this department.

The grandfather of the Doctor was Samuel McBride, who was born on the old family homestead farm, in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1786, and his death occurred on the 28th of May, 1827, his vocation having been that of tanner, though he devoted many years of his life to agricultural pursuits. On the 29th of June, 1813, he was united in marriage to Ann Struthers, who was born on the 11th of October, 1776. The original American progenitor of the family was the Doctor's great-grandfather, who likewise bore the name of Samuel McBride, and who was born in county Antrim, Ireland, in 1748, his educational discipline being received in the city of Belfast. He emigrated to America in June, 1772, making the voyage on the sailing vessel Philadelphia, and he located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he turned his attention to teaching school, being a man of talent and excellent education. On the 20th of February, 1776, the year made memorable for all time through recording the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Reed, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and between the years 1793 and 1796 they located on a tract of six hundred acres of land which he had entered in Mercer county, that state, and which, by a subsequent division, became a portion of Lawrence county; there he continued in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his long and signally honorable and useful career. He was a ruling elder in what was known as the Seceder church, represent-

ing the element which seceded from the Presbyterian church of Scotland in the early part of the eighteenth century, and he was one of the prominent members of the church organization at Deer Creek, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cooper F. McBride, the immediate subject of this review, may well take pride in his ancestral record, which has been one exemplifying strong and noble manhood and womanhood of the highest type, and in this century of magnificent progress and ever accelerating rush for the goal of success, we can not afford to hold in light estimation, and should stop to ponder upon and appreciate, the record of worthy lives and worthy deeds in the generations which have preceded. The Doctor was reared in Butler county, Pennsylvania, receiving his early educational training in the public schools of the town of Butler, which was the family home, and there he continued his studies in the Witherspoon Institute, after which he began the work of preparing himself for his chosen vocation. He took up the technical study of medicine in the office and under the able direction of Dr. A. M. Neyman, of Butler, and later matriculated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, in the city of Philadelphia, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1875, securing his degree of Doctor of Medicine in March of that year and being thoroughly fortified for the practical work of his profession. He began the practice of medicine in his home city of Butler, where he remained until May, 1877, when he removed to Harrisville, in the same county, where he entered into a professional partnership with Dr. J. H. Elrick, with whom he was associated in practice at that place until the autumn of 1879. He then removed to Fairview, that county, which was the scene of his successful endeavors until May, 1882, when he became a resident of Youngstown, Ohio, where he has ever since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He is also prominently identified with business interests, having here opened a drug store in the year 1882 and having ever since successfully continued this enterprise, securing a large and representative support, while his professional work is now to a large extent confined to an office practice. The Doctor is held in the highest esteem in professional circles, holding membership in various medical societies and being recognized as a skilful and recondite physician and surgeon, while in the community in which he has so long retained his residence he is held in the uniform confidence and regard, having a wide circle of appreciative and appreciated friends. In politics he gives his support to the principles and policies of the Democratic party, in whose cause he takes a lively interest, though he has never had personal ambition in a political way. He is one of the representative members of the Westminster Presbyterian church, of which his wife also is a devoted member.

On the 26th of May, 1876, Dr. McBride was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Bovard, daughter of George Bovard, a well known citizen of Manorville, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where she was born on the 11th of November, 1856. Dr. and Mrs. McBride are the parents of three children, namely: George Bovard, born August 5, 1877; Frank Fennimore, born September 28, 1889; and Helen Irene, born October 29, 1891. The family is prominent in the best social life of the city, and the attractive home is a center of gracious hospitality.

#### ELI M. SLAGLE.

Eli M. Slagle, a farmer residing in Green township, was born on section 14, this township, on the 3rd day of June, 1853. His parents were Jonas and Nancy (Adair) Slagle, and the father was born in Pennsylvania on the 11th of November, 1811, while the mother's birth occurred in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 11th of September, 1812. About 1830 Jonas Slagle removed from Pennsylvania to the Buckeye state. He was a miller and followed this pursuit for a number of years. Starting out in life for himself as a poor boy, he worked for small wages for some years and finally received some assistance from his father. This, combined with his own savings, enabled him to purchase a half of section 14, Green township, and with characteristic energy he began the development of a farm from the land which was then in its primitive condition. In later years he sold all of this with the exception of one hundred and sixty acres, and this quarter section he developed into a very fertile tract. He lived a sober, upright, honorable life, and was an industrious man, whose example is in many respects well worthy of emulation. He held membership in the Lutheran church and gave his political support to the Democracy. His death occurred on the 12th of January, 1890, and his wife, surviving him for only a few months, passed away on the 10th of December of the same year. They were married on the 18th of May, 1837, and their union was blessed with the following named: Elizabeth, who was born March 18, 1838; Sarah J., born February 12, 1840; George W., who was born August 25, 1842, and is now deceased; Barbara C., born February 15, 1845; William H., born September 3, 1847; Simon E., born September 30, 1850; Eli M.; Solomon R., of Green township; and Samuel, deceased.

Eli M. Slagle was reared and educated in his native township and has always followed agricultural pursuits. Since 1885 he has resided upon his present farm, and his labors have made it a valuable property. He was united in marriage to Miss Ida Inetta Boston, a daughter of William and

Lydia (Weikart) Boston, the wedding being celebrated on Christmas day of 1884. Her father, William Boston, was born in Washingtonville, Ohio, in 1840, and her mother's birth occurred there in 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Slagle have three interesting children: Grace P., born March 21, 1886; Jeremiah C., born October 4, 1887; and Owen C., born January 8, 1890. Mrs. Slagle's birth occurred in Washingtonville, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 9th of May, 1865; she is a most estimable lady, and wherever she has gone has made friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Slagle are members of the Lutheran church, in which he is serving as a trustee. Mr. Slagle feels the importance of keeping in touch with the progress of the times, and he is following advanced methods of farming both in the cultivation of crops and in the raising of stock. His farm comprises one hundred and thirteen acres and will compare favorably with the best in Green township. His fields are well tilled, his buildings are modern, and he keeps the best improved machinery in order to facilitate his work. Everything about his place is neat and attractive in appearance and indicates his careful supervision.

#### JOHN WESLEY VAN AUKER.

The above named gentleman, at present filling the position of commissioner of Mahoning county, has been a life-long resident of Youngstown and vicinity. He is a veteran of the Civil war and made an exceptionally honorable record during the continuance of that tremendous and history-making conflict. Since its termination he has been identified with the growth and development of his native county in such a way as to reflect credit upon him as a citizen and man of affairs. As the name would indicate, the family is of Holland origin, the American brand being founded by Absolom Van Auker, who was born in the Netherlands in 1772, and when a child came to America with his parents, who settled first in Delaware and later in Ohio. Absolom Van Auker's second wife was Ruth Barnes, who became the mother of his four children, of whom the three survivors are: Martha, widow of S. D. Cole, deceased; John W. and Charles W. The father died in 1836, but his wife long survived him, not passing away until 1864.

John Wesley Van Auker, second in age of their living children, was born at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1834, and remained in his native city until fifteen years old. After that age his life was spent on a farm, and most of the subsequent working years of Mr. Van Auker have been devoted to agricultural pursuits. In his case, as in that of millions of others, the great event of his life and crisis of his career were coincident with the outbreak of the Civil war in the spring of 1861. Mr. Van Auker felt the patriotic impulse, and his



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country's call for help summoned him as one of the earliest volunteers from his part of the state. In June, 1861, less than sixty days after the first awakening guns, he had enlisted in Company B, Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained and fought loyally for nearly four years. Though he went in as a private, Mr. Van Auken was soon promoted to the rank of corporal, followed by that of second sergeant, and for



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eighteen months he acted as second lieutenant in the Third Battalion of the Engineer Corps. He took part in many of the great historic battles, including Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Iuka, Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. He was also in the famous campaign from Dalton to Atlanta during the summer of 1864, and participated in the severe engagements at Peach Tree Creek and Jonesboro. He was so severely wounded at Lovejoy Station, Georgia, as to necessitate his transference to a hospital at Atlanta, where he was detained thirty days, followed by a weary detention of four

weeks in the hospital at Nashville. From the latter place he was transferred to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and after remaining there two weeks, was sent to Camp Denison, Ohio, where he obtained his final discharge in June, 1865.

After the termination of hostilities Mr. Van Auker, with health somewhat impaired but a consciousness of duty well performed, returned to his Mahoning county home and resumed his old employment on the farm. These peaceful pursuits were not interrupted by any event of especial importance until 1898, when Mr. Van Auker was elected to the office of county commissioner. He discharged his duties so satisfactorily in this important place and exhibited such good judgment in managing public business that in 1900 he was honored and endorsed by a re-election. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Sylvia A., daughter of Joseph Jackson, by whom he had seven children, six of these growing to maturity, and five still surviving, as follows: Robert T.; John F.; Charles S.; Anna J., wife of Charles Ellis; and Ida M., wife of Frederick Gough. Mr. Van Auker renews old time recollections and the spirit of comradeship by his membership in David Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R. But as a public man and private citizen he enjoys the esteem and good will of his neighbors in Mahoning county. He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, and since that time he has always been an ardent supporter and an active worker for the principles of the Republican party.

#### JOHN DURR.

John Durr, one of the successful farmers of Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, is descended from an old and honorable family, founded in America by George Durr, his grandfather. George Durr, who was a native of Germany, emigrated with his wife and five children to America at a very early day, locating in Maryland near Baltimore. He was a farmer, owning a small property of less than one hundred acres.

In 1804 three of his children, Michael, Elizabeth and Mary, moved to Ohio, purchasing section 7 in Green township, Mahoning county. Michael lived in his wagon for some time, then built a log house. Thoroughly energetic, he began clearing off his land, and continued improving it until he had a fine property of two hundred acres. Michael was born in 1766 and in 1815 he married Elizabeth Snider. To this union there were born nine children, namely: George, 1817; Mary, 1819; Jacob, 1820; Magdalene, 1822; John, September 16, 1825; Elizabeth, 1827; Michael, 1831; David, 1833; Josiah, 1835. Of these Mary, Magdalene, Elizabeth and Josiah are deceased. Michael was a member of the Lutheran church. His death occurred in 1849,

and his wife died in December, 1889, and she was born in Pennsylvania in 1797. Of the two hundred acres owned by Michael in 1804, none now remains in the family, although his descendants have large farms adjoining.

John Durr, our subject, has always followed the calling of a farmer and has met with unqualified success in his undertakings. His first purchase of land was made in 1860 and consisted of thirty acres, to which he added fifty acres which he had received as a gift from an aunt. This land was all in a wild state, but by hard work he reduced it to a fine state of cultivation, and now has one of the most valuable farms in the county.

Mr. Durr was twice married, his first wife having been Ellen Reed, whom he married in 1855. To this union there were born no children, and she died in 1858. The second wife of Mr. Durr was Sarah Fitch, and she died January 26, 1899, having had no children. The Fitch family probably dates back to the Mayflower, and there is definite record of Thomas Fitch of Connecticut receiving a land grant from the British crown in 1665. His son Thomas purchased a large tract later in the same state. A third Thomas was governor of Connecticut from 1754 to 1761, and he was the father of Timothy. Timothy was the father of Thomas, born September 17, 1786, and who married Nancy Carver, born July 11, 1786, and these children were born to them: Henry, March 22, 1807; Nancy, January 17, 1809; Charles, December 10, 1810; Susan, September 23, 1814; Samuel, July 10, 1820; Sallie E., July 19, 1823. Henry married Rebecca Bowman, and they had the following children: Mrs. Sarah Durr, deceased, born in Ellsworth township, August 25, 1831; Cyrus, June 28, 1833; Charles C., March 9, 1835; Lucy A., May 7, 1837; Elizabeth E., August 6, 1839; Rebecca S., February 3, 1842; Laura A., June 6, 1844; Mary B., November 17, 1846; Henry B., April 19, 1849; Alice B., December 10, 1851; Albert H., December 19, 1854. Mrs. Hattie M. (Fitch) Gordon, the daughter of Mrs. Rebecca S. (Fitch) Case and the niece of John Durr was born August 10, 1878, and is a most estimable lady. Her maternal grandmother was Rebecca Bowman, who became the wife of Henry Fitch. The Bowmans are of German extraction, and David Bowman founded the family in Easton, Ohio. David was born in Wuertemberg, and emigrated to America in 1755 with his two children. He located in Philadelphia in 1757. On the voyage over, Philip C. was born, and he afterwards became a soldier in the Revolutionary war, participating in the battles of Monmouth, Germantown and Brandywine. After the war he settled in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and in 1806 he removed to what is now Green township, Mahoning county. He married Catherine Fast, and they had twelve children, and one of his sons,

Christian, was born in 1782 and died in 1852, having been married to Elizabeth Kreager in 1803; she was born in 1781 and died in 1864. Their family consisted of seven children who became useful citizens of Green township.

John Durr is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, to which he contributes very liberally. He is a practical farmer, a quiet, peaceable citizen and one who enjoys in the highest degree the confidence of his fellow townsmen. His father was a prominent man, and prominently identified with the making of Mahoning county, helping to lay out many of the roads and clearing up many acres of land.

#### JONAS M. KNOPP.

Jonas M. Knopp is one of the prosperous young farmers of Green township, where his landed possessions of one hundred and twenty-three acres constitute one of the best farms in the locality. He was born here on the 26th of May, 1856, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine Knopp, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Franklin county, that state. In early life they came with their respective parents to Ohio. Samuel Knopp was a son of Jacob and Rebecca Knopp, who were also natives of Pennsylvania, and about 1838 they came to Ohio, settling in Beaver township, Mahoning county. Here the grandfather purchased eighty acres of land. He was a blacksmith by trade, and become blind from the effects of the fire. All who knew him had for him the highest respect for his sterling worth, and both he and his wife lived in harmony with the teachings and principles of the Mennonite church, to which they belonged. Both were advanced in years when they were called to their final rest. In their family were: Kate, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Barbara, Benjamin, Samuel and Jacob.

Samuel Knopp was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1822. After arriving at years of maturity he purchased a small tract of land, and to this he added from time to time as he found it possible to make further payments upon his property. His first purchase, of seventy-three acres, came into his possession in 1849, and he extended the boundary of his farm until it comprised one hundred and twenty-three acres. His life was one of marked industry, supplemented by economy and perseverance. He married Nancy Metzler, and to them was born a son Abraham. For his second wife he chose Catherine Miller, whom he married in 1850, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom are now living: James M. and Susan. The father died in 1860, and his wife, long surviving him, passed away March 28, 1895. She was born in Franklin county, Pennsyl-

vania, and was a daughter of Tobias and Susan (Lehman) Miller, who were married in 1804 and came from the Keystone state to Ohio in 1827; their children were: Elizabeth, born in 1804; Peter L., born in 1807; Magdelene, born in 1809; Mary, born in 1811; Tobias, Jr., born in 1814; Susan, born in 1816; and Daniel, born in 1818; of this number only Susan is now living.

In his native township Jonas M. Knopp was reared and in the district schools of the neighborhood pursued his education. He is still residing upon the farm on which he first opened his eyes to the light of day, and the occupation which claimed his attention in youth has always been the one which he has followed as a life work. He believes in modern advancement and is a practical, energetic agriculturist, whose labors have made his farm a very valuable property. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Sarah E. Hisey and their wedding was celebrated in 1879. The lady was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 6, 1856, and is a daughter of Daniel and Martha Hisey. They have had six children, of whom five are yet living: Annie, who was born September 3, 1880; Martha, who was born March 24, 1883; Lizzie, born October 1, 1885; Mary, born September 23, 1888; and Ezra, who was born August 9, 1891.

Mr. Knopp is a well known and influential citizen of his community and has served as supervisor and school director in his township. Both he and his wife belong to the Mennonite church, and have many friends who esteem them highly for their sterling worth. They occupy a pleasant and attractive home, and Mr. Knopp is regarded as one of the leading farmers of the community, his well tilled fields indicating his careful supervision, and that the farm is under the management of one who thoroughly understands his business. The fences are kept in good repair, and the lawn will compare favorably with those surrounding the best city property. Everything is neat and attractive in appearance, and Mr. Knopp well deserves to be mentioned among the representative agriculturists of this section of Ohio.

#### S. W. YODER.

S. W. Yoder, one of the young and enterprising farmers of Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, owns and operates one of the best farms in this locality, consisting of seventy acres, which he devotes to general farming. Upon this fertile farm are modern buildings, both convenient and commodious, and his entire property shows the effect of good management, thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Yoder was born in Green township, February 21, 1865, and was reared and educated in his native township, attending school at Greenford. He has always followed farming, and came into possession of his present property in 1885. On February 21, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Cora, daughter of John and Catherine Compton, and four children were born to this union, namely: Ida M., deceased; Emma; Oscar and Osta, twins. Mrs. Yoder was born in Columbiana county, July 20, 1868.

The parents of Mr. Yoder were Solomon and Leah (Whisler) Yoder, both of whom were natives of Mahoning county, where the former was born in 1841, and died in 1866 at the age of twenty-five years, and his wife was born in 1845, and died February 26, 1902. S. W. Yoder is the only child of this union, and grew to manhood without the fostering care of the father, who was cut off in his early prime, having been a sober, industrious farmer. Solomon Yoder was the son of Peter K. and Polly (Knopp) Yoder, and they had four children; David, a farmer of Nebraska, is the only one of the family now living. Peter K. Yoder was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1813, and removed with his parents to what is now Mahoning county in 1816. He owned two hundred acres of land, was a good farmer and devoted his time to the cultivation of his ground and the advancement of the best interests of his locality. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious faith was a Mennonite. He was the son of John and Anna (Koffman) Yoder, and they had a family as follows: Abram, Samuel, John, Peter, Jacob, Polly, Nancy and Susanna. John Yoder with his family removed from Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife had been born, and located in 1816 in what is now Lewistown, Beaver township. John owned one hundred and twenty-one acres, and he and his sons cleared this property and converted it into a fine farm. When he emigrated, John was accompanied by his brother Peter, and two of Peter's sons are still living, namely: Lewis and Peter. All the members of the Yoder family are good citizens, kind neighbors and promoters of the best interests of the several communities in which they reside.

#### CHARLES DAVIDSON.

John and Charlotte (Merchant) Davidson were settlers of Connecticut in pre-revolutionary days, and they became the parents of three children; Orlando; Amanda, who became the wife of Horace Burroughs, but died leaving four children; Norman reached the age of eighty-two years, and his grandson is now farming the old place in Mahoning county. The first mentioned of these children, Orlando, was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, about 1796, and was one of a small colony of three families who came by

wagon to eastern Ohio, each household possessing a yoke of oxen and one horse. His father had been a shoemaker in Connecticut, and on arriving in Ohio, in addition to his trade, he and his children began clearing off the woods and making a home in the wilderness. On January 7, 1819, Orlando married Roxcelana Noble, who was born in Connecticut in 1801, the daughter of David and Rachael Noble. The three children reared by these parents were William Davidson, who died in 1884 at the age of sixty-four; Charles; and Annis Davidson, who died at the age of twenty-seven. Mr. Davidson died in 1863, and his wife in 1871.

Mr. Charles Davidson came into the world over seventy-nine years ago, November 24, 1823, born in the same house where he now makes his home. He has never left his home for any length of time, and since his marriage has devoted himself to the cultivation of his land; he has seventy-eight acres and eighteen acres of timber land, and with his small herd of stock and grain products he has enough to live cosily and comfortably on his place, which is about the center of Boardman township.

On December 21, 1871, Mr. Davidson married Miss Mary Sparrow, a native of Tipperary county, Ireland, born there in 1823 and emigrating to America in 1835, where she landed at New York on the fourth day of July, after six weeks on the ocean. Her parents were George and Mary L. (Burke) Sparrow, and she was the second of ten children, five sons and five daughters. The Sparrow family are descendants from titled nobility, there being a coat of arms still preserved which represents upon an elaborate crest a sparrow, above which is a cat in chains. George Sparrow was the owner of flouring mills in Ireland, but he had met with severe reverses on account of floods, and he came to this country, where he also conducted a mill for awhile. He later went to Canada and ran a broom factory. He died there on January 1, 1863, at the age of seventy-five, but his wife survived for many years and passed away at Boardman Center, November 25, 1887, aged eighty-four. Mrs. Davidson is the oldest of the five living children, and the others are as follows: William Sparrow, in Champion, Trumbull county, Ohio, who is the father of one son and one daughter; James lives in Wyoming and has four sons and a daughter; George is a resident of Crestline, Ohio, and his two daughters are both married; Margaret Frances is single and lives at the old home in Boardman Center. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, and they are passing the remaining years of their life in quiet enjoyment and peace. Both are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, of which he is vestryman and warden, and as a Republican he has taken part in public affairs by serving as township treasurer and township clerk for ten or twelve years.

## HON. BENJAMIN F. WIRT.

Among the older practitioners of the Youngstown bar none stands higher than the gentleman whose career furnishes the material for this biography. He has been practicing law at the county seat of Mahoning county for nearly thirty years, during which time he has obtained a reputation as a man of ability, capacity for dispatching business promptly, and for his general knowledge of legal processes. But it is not only in the line of his profession that he has achieved distinction. He stands well also as a publicist and legislator, a fact fully attested by his service as a member of the state senate for two terms, and influential connection with the legislative affairs. He comes of an old Pennsylvania family long settled in the state of Ohio. His great-grandfather, Adam Wirt, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and fought with steadfast loyalty for American independence. His grandfather was Peter Wirt, a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio about the close of the second decade of the nineteenth century, and identified himself with the farming interests of that section. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a man much esteemed in his day as a possessor of all the virile virtues. William Wirt, son of the last mentioned, was born at Youngstown in 1826, grew to manhood in his native place, and has there since made his home. He was for many years a contractor and builder, achieving success in that line of business, and served as a representative of his ward in the city council. In 1849 he was married to Eliza J., daughter of Joseph and Mary (Gordon) Sankey, their only child being Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch. The latter's mother, who was a woman of rare social gifts and strength of character, passed peacefully away September 23, 1881.

Benjamin F. Wirt was born at West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1852, but was brought to Youngstown in infancy by his parents, and has ever since resided in that city. There, also, he received his primary education, and was graduated at the Rayen school in the class of 1869. As previously stated, his father was a contractor, and the son entered his office after leaving school, and worked there for one year. His ambition, however, was in another direction, and he entered the office of Hon. L. D. Woodworth for the purpose of studying law. He pursued his studies so diligently as to gain admission to the bar in 1873, after which he formed a partnership with his preceptor which continued for seven years. After dissolving partnership with Mr. Woodworth in 1880, he continued business alone until 1896, when he united for practice with M. A. Norris. This firm, also, was dissolved in 1900, from which time up to the present Mr. Wirt has been without a partner in the law. In 1889 he was elected to represent the



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twenty-third Ohio district in the state senate and served so satisfactorily as to obtain a re-election in 1901. He proved a useful member of the upper branch of the Ohio legislature, served on important committees and left his impress on the work of the body.

In 1881 Mr. Wirt was united in marriage with Mary, daughter of Daniel McGeehen, a well known citizen of New Bedford, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wirt's prominence as a lawyer and political leader has made him well known in eastern Ohio, and he enjoys social relations with the best circles of Youngstown's population. He has for the past twenty-five years taken an active part in the political affairs of Mahoning county and Ohio.

#### PHILIP R. CALVIN.

Philip R. Calvin, who is now practically living a retired life on his farm in Mahoning county, has spent the greater part of his life in this locality and is a representative of one of its oldest families. When this section of the country was still wild and unimproved, when its forests were uncut, its prairies uncultivated, its streams unbridged, the Calvins came to Ohio, and representatives of the name have since borne an active part in the work which has brought Mahoning county to its present high state of development and progress.

Joshua Calvin, Sr., a native of New Jersey, born September 14, 1742, removed with his family to Virginia. He married Sarah Updyke and they became the parents of seven sons, Benjamin, Robert, Mahlon, Samuel, Luther, David and Joshua. For a number of years the family continued to reside in the Old Dominion, and in 1816 they came to Ohio, hoping to find better business opportunities in this new country, but recently opened up to civilization. Joshua Calvin, Sr., became one of the sturdy pioneers of Mahoning county and took an active part in subduing the wilderness and making the country to bloom and blossom as the rose. He was an energetic agriculturist and assisted in laying the foundation for the present development of the county, and he also did much for Ohio in giving to her a family of sons who became useful and valued citizens, and whose children are now representative and honored residents of various sections of this state. Joshua Calvin was a man of marked influence, and in his business affairs he prospered, and was at one time the owner of sixteen hundred acres of land.

Of his sons, Samuel and Luther settled in what is now Mahoning county while the others took up their abode in Portage county. Luther Calvin was born in Virginia in 1772, and after reaching man's estate married

Lydia Rose, whose birth occurred in 1770. Like his father, he was a prosperous farmer owning one hundred and sixty acres of land, and his fields returned to him excellent harvests. He was an active, energetic man, looking well to his own interests, yet never taking advantage of the necessities or rights of others. He died November 1, 1841, and his wife passed away in 1857. In their family were seven children: David, Luther, Philip, Joshua, John, Sarah and Mary. All became farming people, were married, and reared families that were of value to the community. All of the children were born in Virginia, before the emigration of their parents to Ohio.

David Calvin, a son of Luther, was born in 1807, and was therefore about nine years old when his parents came to this state, where he was reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. His farm of one hundred acres was always kept under a high state of cultivation, and neatness and thrift characterized the place and gave evidence of the supervision of a careful and painstaking owner. He was an honest and honorable man, who did much for the progress of the community, laboring along many lines that contributed to the general good. His political support was given the Republican party. He married Lydia Roller, and to them were born seven children, namely: Mary, who is now deceased; Jacob W., who has also passed away, dying of disease contracted while serving his country as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Ohio Infantry; Sarah A.; Philip R.; Hannah, deceased; Luther and Elsie J. The father was married a second time, Sarah Morris becoming his wife. The only child of that marriage is now deceased. David Calvin passed away in 1877, and his wife in 1850.

Philip R. Calvin, the son of David, was born on the 8th of June, 1838, on the old family homestead in Mahoning county, and after attending the common schools, he turned his entire attention to farming, which he has followed continuously since. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Mary Mitchelen, their marriage being celebrated on the 8th of December, 1861, when Mrs. Calvin was in her twenty-first year, her birth having occurred in Green township, Mahoning county, in December, 1840. In 1865 the young couple removed to Hancock county, Ohio, where Mr. Calvin purchased fifty acres of land and later bought eighty acres more. For fourteen years he resided in that county, carrying on agricultural pursuits, and then returned to Mahoning county, where he became the owner of one hundred acres. His farm now comprises two hundred and seventy acres and is a very valuable and attractive property, well equipped with modern improvements and good buildings. He is engaged in the produc-

tion of the cereals best adapted to this soil and climate and in the raising of stock of good grades, and both departments of his business return to him a good income. His sons are now largely engaged in the operation of the land, while he is practically living retired, enjoying a well earned rest.

To Mr. and Mrs. Calvin have been born nine children: Anna E., born in October, 1862; Alice C., in 1864; Freeman W., in 1867; Harvey E., in 1870; Henry H., in 1872; Bertha J., in 1875; Melville, in 1877; Oliver D., in 1879; and Carrie B., in 1881. Of these Alice died in 1880 and Melville in 1878. Mr. Calvin and his sons are supporters of the Republican party. The family is one of prominence in the community, because of their sterling worth and their active efforts in behalf of the general good and progress. Throughout almost an entire century the family has been connected with this section of the state, and no history of Mahoning county would be complete without mention of them.

#### JOSEPH G. BUTLER, JR.

Among those who have stood as distinguished types of the world's workers and who have introduced elements of distinct power in the industrial life of the nation is the subject of this review, who is one of the leading citizens of Youngstown, Ohio, and who is identified with enterprises of magnificent scope and importance. The name which he bears has been intimately and most conspicuously linked with the inception and development of the iron industry in America, and in this connection it can not prove other than gratifying to note the precedence which is his in this field of enterprise,—a field in which were exerted the effective efforts of his ancestors in both the paternal and maternal lines. Any work touching upon the lives and deeds of the representative men of Mahoning county, Ohio, would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent mention of Joseph G. Butler, Jr.

Joseph Green Butler, Jr., is a native son of the old Keystone state of the Union, having been born at Temperance Furnace, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of December, 1840, and being a son of Joseph Green Butler and Temperance (Orwig) Butler. His father, a man of sterling character but limited means, early instilled in his mind the fundamental principles of an upright life. He was an original Washingtonian in his temperance views and was an uncompromising temperance advocate. In early life he came to Trumbull county, Ohio, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits and also held the office of sheriff. The educational opportunities of his son and namesake were limited, being confined to a somewhat des-

ultory attendance in the public schools at Niles, Trumbull county, where he was a fellow student of the revered and late lamented President McKinley, of whom he remained an intimate friend until the deplorable tragedy which robbed the nation of an executive of exalted character and the world of one of its noblest men. Mr. Butler early found it imperative to assume the practical responsibilities of life, and when he was but thirteen years of age we find him working in the old rolling-mill store of James Ward & Company, his father being manager of the enterprise at the time. At the age of sixteen he was transferred to the shipping department of the rolling-mill and two years later his ability and fidelity were rewarded by his advancement to the position of bookkeeper of the concern, in which capacity he served until the attainment of his legal majority, when the entire supervision of the office of the firm was entrusted to him, the concern being considered at that time one of wide scope and importance. In 1863 Mr. Butler entered the employ of Hale & Ayer, of Chicago, with the expectation of being transferred to that city. However, this firm owned an interest in the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company, of Youngstown, and here Mr. Butler was sent as their representative. He continued in their employ until 1866, when he entered into partnership with Governor David Tod, William Ward and William Richards, for the purpose of building a blast furnace at Girard, Trumbull county, under the name of the Girard Iron Company and with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, divided into four equal parts. Mr. Butler assumed charge of the financial affairs of the newly organized corporation, and when Governor Tod died, in 1868, the estate disposed of his interest in the enterprise, the same being acquired by A. M. Byers, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to whom, in 1873, Mr. Butler also sold his interest in the concern. At this time, in harmony with the invitation of John Stambaugh and the sons of Governor Tod, Mr. Butler acquired a large interest in the Brier Hill Iron Company, of which he became general manager. The corporation has been very successful in its operations and is to-day in control of one of the most important industrial enterprises in this section of the state, the headquarters being in the city of Youngstown. In addition to his prominent association with this magnificent undertaking, Mr. Butler is interested in what was formerly known as the Ohio Steel Company, having been one of the founders of the same, whose business is now carried forward under the title of the Ohio Works of the National Steel Company, into which great corporation its interests were merged in 1900, Mr. Butler having been vice-president of the original company.

He is also president of the Bessemer Limestone Company, an adjunct of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company, while he is a member of the directorate of the Pittsburg, Youngstown & Ashtabula Railroad Company, the Cleveland & Mahoning Valley Railroad Company and the Mahoning Valley Street Railway system, the last mentioned providing an electric equipment and being pushed forward as an inter-urban system.

As touching the personality of the subject of this sketch another publication has spoken as follows: "Notwithstanding Mr. Butler's prosperity and industry, he is by no means a man of large wealth. His generous nature and open-handed hospitality have in a measure prevented the accumulation of great wealth. His assistance is ever sought by those in need, and all who are acquainted with him know his unvarying kindness, tolerance and generosity to those in affliction or need." A man of genial personality, absolutely free from ostentation, he has never hedged himself in from his fellow men through the exigencies of business or through social conventionalities, ever honoring true manhood and having a supreme respect for the dignity of honest toil. Thus he has gained uniform esteem and confidence and cemented the deepest friendships. In the midst of the thronging cares and exactions of his active business life he has found time to identify himself with various fraternal, civic and social organizations and to derive pleasure through active association with the same. He is a member of the Western Reserve Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; the American Geographical Society of New York; the Union Club of Cleveland; the Duquesne Club of Pittsburg; and the Youngstown Club, in his home city. In politics Mr. Butler has been an influential and uncompromising supporter of the Republican party and has signally aided its cause by the expenditure of time and money, though he has never permitted the consideration of his name in connection with political office. He was a delegate from the so-called "McKinley district" of Ohio to the Republican national convention in Philadelphia in 1900. He was a member of the first city council of Youngstown, in 1868, and twice since that time has consented to thus aid in the administration of the municipal government, ever showing a lively interest in all that concerns the welfare of the city of his home. He was also for many years a valued member of the city board of health.

The Butler family is of Scotch-Irish extraction, and the subject of this sketch is of the fourth generation in America. The original progenitor in the new world was Thomas Butler, who was born in Dublin, Ireland, on the 2d of January, 1740, and who married Ann Dalrymple. As a young man he emigrated to the United States and took up his residence in Pennsyl-

vania, and in Chester county, that state, occurred the birth of his son Joseph, the date of the latter's nativity being January 7, 1779. There he grew to years of maturity and there was solemnized his marriage to Esther Green (or Greene, as the name has been spelled by various branches of the family). One of their children was Joseph Green Butler, who was born near Bellefonte, Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of March, 1814, and who was the honored father of the subject of this review. Joseph Green Butler married Temperance Orwig, whose grandfather was the founder of the town of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom four are living at the present time.

Mr. Butler's ancestors on the paternal side were among those instrumental in building up the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They aided in the formation of the infant republic and incidentally took part in the different political complications that have arisen since the war of the Revolution. Thomas Butler, Joseph Green and James Miles, great-grandfathers of the subject of this review, were among the pioneer iron manufacturers of the Keystone state, a business that seems to be an inheritance of the Butlers and Greens,—General Nathaniel Greene's father having been one of the first iron-makers of New Jersey; and most of the Butlers, from Thomas down to the present generation, have been concerned in the industry. Always loyal and patriotic, the Butlers have ever been found affiliated with the political parties which have conserved the progress of the nation,—first as Federalists, then as Whigs and afterward as Free-soilers and Republicans.

In the year 1791 Colonel Robert Patton and Colonel Samuel Miles, both of whom had rendered distinguished service in the war of the Revolution, the latter being a brother-in-law of Joseph Green, Sr., built near Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, a blast furnace, giving to the locality the name of Center Furnace. The Milesburg Iron works, in the Bald Eagle valley, were already in operation, having been established by Joseph Green, Sr., and John and Joseph Miles. Among those interested in the operation of the above mentioned works was Joseph Butler, a son of Thomas Butler, Sr., who married Esther Green, a daughter of Joseph Green, his business partner. He abandoned the iron business for a time, to serve in the war of 1812, and in 1821 he was elected sheriff of Center county on the Whig ticket.

Joseph Butler's son, Joseph G. Butler, while yet a young man had become associated with his grandfather, Joseph Green, as manager of the Center Furnace. The high tariff imposed from 1824 to 1828 proved most

beneficial to the iron trade, but the tinkering with the tariff, inaugurated in 1832 and culminating in the financial crisis of 1837, caused the practical suspension of the iron business until the Whigs came into power, in 1841, instituting a protective tariff that encouraged the industries of the country and ushered in a reign of prosperity which continued until 1846. About 1838 Joseph G. Butler, removed to western Pennsylvania and built a furnace near Mercer, in the county of the same name, giving to the new establishment, and thus incidentally to the locality, the name of Temperance Furnace, in honor of his wife, Temperance (Orwig) Butler, to whom specific reference has already been made in this article. Losing his property by fire in 1842, Mr. Butler came to Niles, Ohio, and assumed the management of the mills and store of James Ward & Company, whose enterprise eventually became one of the most prosperous of the sort in the west. Mr. Butler identified himself with the Republican party at the time of its organization, and in 1860 he was elected sheriff of Trumbull county, an office to which he was again chosen in 1862. He died in Cleveland, Ohio, in the year 1895, while his wife passed away in 1899.

Joseph G. Butler, Jr., may well take pride in his ancestry, in both direct and collateral lines. Coming from the ancient house of Ormond, in the agnatic line, we also find that he is connected, as has been shown in preceding paragraphs, with Colonel Samuel Miles, who was a distinguished patriot soldier and officer in the war of the Revolution and who became one of the influential citizens of Philadelphia, of which he served as mayor in 1790. One of his kinsmen, John Miles, was the founder of the Baptist church in America. The Greens were of Quaker stock, while other ancestors of our subject in the direct line were of the Griffith family, whose lineage traces back to Llewellyn Griffith, Marquis of Cardigan.

On the 10th of January, 1866, Mr. Butler was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Voorhees Ingersoll, a daughter of Lieutenant Jonathan Ingersoll of the United States navy, and a representative of one of the old and prominent families of New England. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have three children, namely: Blanche, the wife of Edward L. Ford, of Youngstown; Grace, the wife of Arthur McGraw, of Detroit, Michigan; and Henry A., who was graduated from Harvard University as a member of the class of 1897, and who is now incumbent of a responsible position with the Youngstown Iron, Sheet & Tube Company; he married Miss Grace Heath. Mr. Ford is manager of the Youngstown Steel Company, and Mr. McGraw is a member of the firm of Parke, Davis & Company of Detroit.

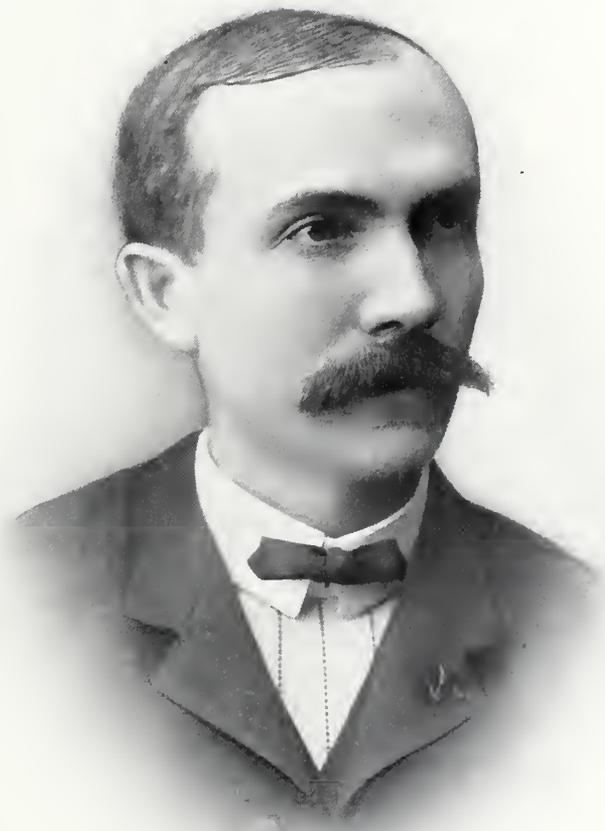
## MARCUS WESTERMAN.

The subject of this sketch, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Mahoning county, is a native of Youngstown, was there reared and educated, and his whole life has been spent in and around that thriving Ohio city. When it is mentioned that Mr. Westerman has been elected and re-elected as township trustee, and, later, twice elected county commissioner and has served in both capacities with marked business ability, service which has been acceptable to his constituents, sufficient will have been said to indicate that he enjoys high standing among those who know him best. In fact, he is a good and useful citizen and a man who loses no opportunity to advance every cause which he thinks will lead to the betterment of the community.

The Westermans are of English origin, the immigrant ancestor being James, the grandfather of our subject. He lived to the advanced age of ninety years and died in 1868 at Sharon, Pennsylvania. His son Thomas Westerman, was born in 1826, and, at the time of his death in 1864, was boss of the puddling department in the Westerman Iron Company at Sharon, Pennsylvania, of which his brother James was part owner. He was a fine mechanic, an industrious and unobtrusive citizen and much esteemed in the circles with which he associated. Thomas Westerman was married about 1852 to Margaret Heckel, who died in Youngstown in 1864 and by whom he had four sons: George, deceased, who left a son named Charles; James, also deceased; Marcus; and William T., more generally known as "Billy" Westerman.

It will be seen that Marcus was the third of the above mentioned brothers, and his birth occurred at Youngstown, Ohio, November 10, 1860. He was reared and educated in his native city and has spent all of his forty-two years in its precincts. In 1893 he was elected trustee of Youngstown township, Mahoning county, and served three years in that office so acceptably that the people honored him with a re-election in 1896. Having made such a good trustee, it was argued that he would make a good county commissioner, so in 1897 he was put forward for that office and chosen without difficulty. Mr. Westerman served as county commissioner of Mahoning county until 1900 and gave such satisfaction that he easily obtained a re-election by a majority of nearly two thousand.

Mr. Westerman is fond of the fraternities and likes to find solace from business cares in the fraternal fellowship afforded by the social surroundings of the different orders. Hence we find him holding membership in the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, the Elks, American Mechanics, Knights of



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the Golden Eagle and the Tribe of Ben Hur. In 1883 Mr. Westerman was married at New Bedford, Pennsylvania, to Anna E., daughter of Emma Atwood, a worthy citizen of Youngstown, and this union has resulted in the birth of six children: James R., Clara, Grace, Margaret Emma, Hazel Blanche and Marcus, Jr. Mr. Westerman is a member of Grace English Lutheran church, of which he is trustee, and takes an active interest in the philanthropic and religious work of the denomination. In politics Mr. Westerman has been a life-long Republican and since he gained his right, by reason of age, to cast his ballot, he has taken an active part in the affairs of his party.

#### SIDNEY DE LAMAR JACKSON.

The above named gentleman has long been connected with the Youngstown bar and at present is a member of one of the strong legal firms of Ohio. Both as practitioner in the civil courts and in the official position of prosecuting attorney he has displayed such energy and ability as to obtain recognition as a leading man in his profession. These professional attainments, supplemented by a genial address and attractive personality, have made Mr. Jackson popular in all circles of society and valued both as friend and companion. Though of Irish descent, his ancestors have been connected with Ohio affairs for several generations and well known in various vocations in Mahoning county.

Joseph Jackson, the great-grandfather of the subject and founder of the family in this country, was born in northern Ireland, but came in childhood to America with his parents, who first located in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and later removed to Mahoning county, Ohio. His son, John Jackson, was born in Mahoning county in 1800, was a cooper by trade and died in 1868. The latter's son, Joseph M. Jackson, was born in New Bedford, Pennsylvania, in 1828, followed the business of farming and lumbering, served during the Civil war for one hundred days as captain of Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in 1896.

Sidney De Lamar Jackson, son of the last mentioned, was born at Hubbard, Trumbull county, Ohio, April 9, 1855, and remained in the place of his nativity until six years of age. At that time his parents removed to a farm in Mahoning county, where he grew to manhood and received his education. Besides the usual routine in the country schools, he had the benefit of attendance in the then famous school at Poland, where he received a good classical training. This was followed by a course in the Grand River Institute at Austinburg, in Ashtabula county, after finishing which

Mr. Jackson devoted several years to teaching. Having decided to adopt the legal profession, he entered the law office of Hon. D. M. Wilson at Youngstown and commenced the study necessary as a preliminary preparation. Being admitted to the bar in 1878, he formed a partnership with his preceptor which continued until the death of Mr. Wilson in 1880. Shortly after that event Mr. Jackson formed a partnership with W. T. Gibson, which firm continued until 1886, when Mr. Jackson temporarily retired from the practice for the purpose of embarking in the business of stock-raising on a Mahoning county farm. He remained in this occupation for seven years and in 1893 returned to Youngstown, where he opened a law office and resumed practice. In 1896 he made the race for prosecuting attorney as candidate on the Republican ticket, was elected and served in that office for three years. After retiring from official position he reopened his law office in 1900 and in November of that year formed a partnership under the firm name of Norris, Jackson & Rose, which has continued up to the present time.

In 1880 Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Mary E. Cushing, who died without issue in 1885. In 1890 Mr. Jackson took a second wife in the person of Miss Lelia McBurney, by whom he has three children: Joseph H., Mary L. and Sidney De Lamar, Jr. Mr. Jackson has long been prominently connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Encampment, in which he has held all the chairs, and is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As a fraternity man he is popular and influential and his family has the *entrée* in the best society of Youngstown. In politics Mr. Jackson is an active member of the Republican party, and since eighteen years of age has been one of the leading defenders of the principles of that party.

#### THOMAS W. SANDERSON.

Thomas W. Sanderson was born in Indiana, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1829. His father, Matthew Dill Sanderson, was of Scotch descent, and followed the occupation of a farmer. The father of Mary Wakefield, his mother, was born in the town of Wakefield, England, which locality Oliver Goldsmith immortalized as the scene of his world-famous tale, "The Vicar of Wakefield." Mr. Sanderson, the elder, emigrated to Ohio in 1834, and settled at Youngstown, where he continued his business of farming, which he followed until his death, which occurred in 1864.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools in Youngstown. In 1848 he commenced to read law in the office of William Ferguson, in Youngstown, and was admitted to the bar in August, 1852. After his ad-

mission, for a short period he followed the profession of a civil engineer. He began the practice of law in 1854, when he formed a co-partnership with his brother-in-law, F. E. Hutchins, under the firm name of Hutchins & Sanderson. This partnership was eventually dissolved. In 1856 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Mahoning county, and served one term. In September, 1861, he entered the United States army as lieutenant and adjutant of the Second Ohio cavalry, and remained in service over four years. He passed through all the intermediate grades, and was made brigadier general in 1864. During the last two years he commanded brigades and divisions all the time. He was with General Rosecrans from Stone River, and participated in nearly all the actions in which the Army of the Cumberland was engaged. He continued with this army when it passed under the leadership of General Thomas, and fought at Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, and when General Thomas was superseded by General Sherman, he was connected with it until the fall of Atlanta, and then on Sherman's march to the sea, and again through Georgia and the Carolinas until the surrender of Johnston and the close of the war. During these years of battle and bloodshed he was always in the field. It is worthy of remark that he was made brigadier general for gallantry on the field. At Bear Creek Station, south of Atlanta, on the second day of Sherman's march to the sea, with one brigade of federal cavalry, against three divisions of Wheeler's Cavalry, he fought the enemy and won a victory.

A Republican in politics, he is warmly interested in the success of that party, though he has steadily refused to enter into the political arena or accept civil office. He served as a delegate at large for the state of Ohio to the national Republican convention that nominated General Grant in 1872. On the 19th of December, 1854, he married Elizabeth Shoemaker, of Newcastle, Pennsylvania. She was a member of one of the old families of that state. Louise, the daughter, died June 21, 1901. She was one of the most highly educated and accomplished ladies of Ohio.

Mr. Sanderson has an excellent reputation as a lawyer. He is very studious, giving to his cases much time, and making a thorough preparation. His practice is large. An eminent judge said: "He is one of the best trial lawyers in the state." A good advocate, possessing quick perceptions, he has enjoyed more than the average success. He was an attorney for C. H. Andrews, one of the defendants in the Hocking Valley Railroad case, with Stevenson, Burk and others, an action brought to recover eight millions of dollars, which was tried at Saratoga, New York, before three lawyers chosen by the parties, who rendered judgment for the defendants. An action, how-

ever, was subsequently brought by the Central Trust Company of New York, claiming to recover the eight million dollars, which had grown to be about fifteen million dollars, in which the subject of this sketch appeared as counsel for the estate of C. H. Andrews. This latter case was so managed that it was dismissed by the court in January, 1899, and involved the largest amount ever claimed in an action in this state. For the past twenty-five years General Sanderson has been counsel for the Lake Shore Railroad and has been engaged in most of the important cases in this and adjoining counties. He is a member of the Loyal Legion.

#### GEORGE S. PECK, M. D.

During his residence at Youngstown of twenty-five years, Dr. Peck has figured conspicuously not only in the line of his profession but in the social and business life of his adopted city. A physician of ability and a man of varied information, he is valued as a companion and esteemed as a citizen. His lineage is also among the best, his ancestry including men of influence and distinction in their day and identified conspicuously with the public and industrial affairs of the state.

His father, Lucius Sherman Peck, was born in 1820 and died in 1891. He married Sarah Tod Ford, daughter of James R. Ford, by whom he had three children: James, who died in 1887; George S., subject of this sketch; and Hobart F. The mother's father was a native of Massachusetts, who died in 1850 when fifty-two years old, and his wife was Julia Tod, daughter of Judge Tod, father of the late Governor Tod.

George S. Peck, second of his father's three children, was born in Akron, Ohio, in July, 1851, and remained at the place of his nativity until the twenty-fifth year of his age. In 1868 he graduated at the high school and shortly thereafter accepted employment with the Akron Forge Works, where he remained five years. In 1873, he entered upon the study of medicine, which he continued until his matriculation in the medical department of Wooster University at Cleveland, Ohio, where he graduated in the class of 1876. His graduation was followed by eighteen months' service as house surgeon of St. Vincent's Hospital at Cleveland. In March, 1877, he located at Youngstown, entered actively into practice and has kept up the same steadily until the present time. Dr. Peck is attending surgeon to the Youngstown Hospital, surgeon to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the National Steel Company, and several of the manufacturing industries. He is a member of the Association of American Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Ohio State Medical Association, the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, the

Northeastern Ohio Medical Association, the Mahoning County Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. In all these bodies Dr. Peck takes an active interest, attending their meetings, participating in the discussions and keeping abreast of the latest discoveries and improvements in medical science.

In 1886 Dr. Peck was united in marriage with Miss Emeline E., daughter of Myron L. Arms, a deceased veteran of the Civil war. This union has been blessed by the birth of two boys: Warner Arms Peck and George Peck, Jr. Dr. Peck is a Knight Templar, a welcome guest in the best social circles and in all the relations of life is a wide-awake and progressive citizen. He is a Republican politically.

#### JAMES HENRY NUTT.

Among the workmen contributed by old England to the iron industries of this country, a deserving example is James Henry Nutt, at present commissioner of labor for the Republic Iron and Steel Company. His duties are responsible ones, the territory included in his jurisdiction quite extensive, and that he has filled the position satisfactorily is ample proof of his discretion and good judgment. Aside from his professional work, however, Mr. Nutt has shown an aptitude for public business during a prolonged membership in the city council and as city commissioner. His father was Thomas Nutt, a worthy and industrious mechanic, whose birth occurred in Gloucestershire, England, in 1815, and his death in Staffordshire in 1885. He married Ann Poultney and by her had five children, of whom the survivors are James H., Thomas and a married daughter, Mary Ann.

James Henry Nutt, the oldest surviving child, was born in Worcestershire, England, November 19, 1848, and twenty years later stood in Castle Garden as a newly arrived emigrant to the new world. Like many another adventurous youth, he had before him "all the world where to choose," but the difficulty was where to begin and how to make a selection. His associations at home having been with workers in metal, he naturally turned toward Pittsburg, then, as now, the center of the iron industries. He remained there, however, but a few months and returned east to Haverstraw, New York, where he found employment in a rolling mill as "heater." After a residence of two years at this place, Mr. Nutt spent a short time in Niles, Ohio, but soon returned to Haverstraw, and from there went again to Pittsburg. He obtained work there as "heater," held that job for three years and in 1876 he came to Youngstown to take a similar place with the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company. He remained in this establishment until 1891, when his ap-

pointment as city commissioner of Youngstown necessitated his temporary retirement from the mill. In 1892 he resigned his city office to become commissioner of labor for the Association of Bar Iron Manufacturers West of Pittsburg, most of which concerns were eventually absorbed by the Republic Iron and Steel Company. After the consolidation Mr. Nutt was retained in his original position, and his territory now extends from Newcastle, Pennsylvania, to Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1871 Mr. Nutt was married in New York city to Sarah Ward, by whom he has four children: Harry W., Albert J., Edith A. and George M. In 1884 Mr. Nutt was elected on the Republican ticket as representative from the fourth ward in the city council of Youngstown, and served until 1890. His religious connections are with the Episcopal church and he is prominent in Masonry, being a member of St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T., and Mystic Shrine.

#### ELIAS KENREICH.

Elias Kenreich, a successful and highly respected farmer of Green township, resides upon a fine farm of two hundred and twenty-eight acres, which he devotes to general farming. He was born in Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, February 15, 1831, and was reared and educated in his native township. This fine farm he now owns and operates, a part of which was included in his father's estate, and he conducts it upon scientific principles, getting out of it all that the land has to give, and yet so arranging his crops that the soil is not exhausted. In politics he is a staunch Republican and has served upon the board of education for several years, being a man of some influence in his community. In the Lutheran church he is a very prominent member and elder and was a delegate to the synod at Cleveland in 1875.

In 1875 he was married to Miss Mary E. Kyser, and the following children were born to them: Charles F., studying for the ministry; Emma A., a musical professor; William W., a poultry fancier; Walter, a teacher; Paul G., also a teacher; Mary A.; Elias A.; Bertha L.; Martin and Victor. Mrs. Kenreich was born in Green township, Mahoning county, in 1854, and was reared in Columbiana county; she was the daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Hisey) Kyser, both natives of Ohio.

Elias Kenreich is the son of Michael and Elizabeth Kenreich, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, and the latter in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and they came to Ohio in 1817. The grandfather of our subject was Casper Kenreich and he married Anna Beard, and their children were as follows: Gertrude, Margaret, Catherine, Anna, Mary, John, Isaac and Michael. Casper purchased one



*Elias Kerssich and family*



hundred acres of land, and was the founder of the Evangelical Lutheran church in that locality, now known as the Kenreich church. His life was a very devout one, and he passed away in 1835, while his wife survived him until 1854. Of his children, Michael, the father of our subject was given an ax as his inheritance. With this stock-in-trade he set out to carve his way in the world, and so well did he succeed that at his death he left an estate of five hundred acres of land. By trade he was a wagon-maker and followed it in conjunction with his farm work. Like his father, he was very active in the Lutheran church and was one of its elders. The family born to Michael and Elizabeth (Dustman) Kenreich was as follows: Lydia, Elizabeth, Elias and Catherine. The mother of these children died in 1833. In 1834 Mr. Kenreich married Mary Martz, and they had these children: John, Isaac, Jacob, Noah and Mary A., and of all the children of Michael only Jacob and Lydia are deceased. Michael was a good and upright man, and his name is still tenderly cherished by those who knew him.

Elias Kenreich moved upon his present farm in 1865 and has made it his home ever since. The buildings upon it were erected by him and are modern in every respect. The property has valuable fields of bituminous coal underlying the fertile soil. While always energetic in his farm work, Mr. Kenreich has not neglected the cultivation of his mental faculties and has paid special attention to the doctrines of his church, so that whenever the pastor is absent, he can propound sound theology from the pulpit. He also enjoys the advantage of possessing a library containing about five hundred volumes, selected from the best authors, and among his collection is a complete set of Luther's works.

#### JOHN S. ORR.

John S. Orr is one of the prominent and popular undertakers of Youngstown. His establishment is one of the best equipped, and he is well skilled in all the varied departments and duties of his profession. Perhaps there is no more difficult occupation than that of Mr. Orr. Trying it is, in many ways, and it necessitates an almost limitless store of tact and insight in the varied conditions encountered. In all of these essentials Mr. Orr is qualified in an exceptional degree.

It was in Mt. Jackson, Pennsylvania, in the year 1842 that he began the battle of life; leaving there in early childhood, with his parents, he lived at New Brighton, Pennsylvania, until 1859, receiving all of his schooling at the latter place. He was but ten years and a half old when his education was stopped through necessity, and he came to Youngstown with his

parents in the spring of 1859. He began work in a woolen factory in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, and continued there for five years, taking up carpentering at the end of that time, in which he soon became proficient, and worked at that trade there and at Youngstown from the spring of 1859 until August 8, 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, as a private, and served throughout the whole of the war. He was put on detailed duty in March, 1863, in the quartermaster's department, which position he held to the last. He was in the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, in December, 1862, and while fighting valiantly received a severe and dangerous wound in the left ankle which incapacitated him for active service, and he was then detailed division forage master of the Third Division, Fifth Army Corps. He remained with the army until June 28, 1865, when, after having participated in the grand parade at Washington, he received an honorable discharge. He was in the Army of the Potomac.

At the close of the war he returned to Youngstown and resumed work at his old trade, which he continued for four years, when his health failed, and he went to Kansas for a year. Returning in 1870 to Youngstown much improved in health, he took up the furniture and undertaking business until 1873, when he was burned out. Since that time he has conducted an undertaking business only, which has been highly successful. This, since January first, 1901, has been running under the firm name of John S. Orr & Son.

The wife of Mr. Orr, Sarah Montgomery, was the daughter of Joseph Montgomery and a native of Youngstown, Ohio. They were married in 1863, four children being born to them, as follows: Edith M., wife of C. H. Kennedy; Sarah Bessie, who is unmarried; Nettie A.; and Fred M. Nettie is the wife of Dr. James B. Orwig, of Youngstown, who has an extensive and successful practice.

The father of Mr. Orr, James Orr, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, and died January 28, 1895. He married Sarah, daughter of John McLaughlin, and the subject of this sketch was one of six children born to them, and he is the eldest and one of three surviving. The father was a carpenter and a private in the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteers, under the hundred days' service. His grandfather was John Orr, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and born on the twenty-ninth day of May, 1791, dying on August 14, 1867, and being buried at the Bethel church in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather of Mr. Orr was Charles Orr, also born in Westmoreland county, in 1754.

and dying in February, 1827, after a life's work of farming. The great-great-grandfather of our subject was William Orr, who claimed Scotland as the place of his nativity. He was born in 1730, and in early manhood came to Pennsylvania, locating in the place which has since been the permanent abode of his son and grandson. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, his wife dying before him, in 1810.

Mr. Orr is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, is a prominent member of St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T., is a Shriner and a Scottish Rite Mason. He is also a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in all of which organizations he has for many years been a highly esteemed factor in all work of development and improvement of these orders and of the community at large. By his fairness in dealings, his sympathy and kindness to all, he has won an enviable place in the esteem of the people of Youngstown, and his ability in his work has earned an ever increasing patronage.

#### JARED E. CONE, M. D.

There is nothing that should be more inspiring to the youth of our country than the record of the life which has filled, in its various activities, honorable positions in public service to the satisfaction of constituents, together with an unsullied private life which meets the approbation of friend and neighbor. Dr. Cone, of Youngstown, is such a one,—a man without guile and whose life is worthy of emulation. He was born in Conesville, Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1856, and continued his residence at that point until he was twenty-five years of age. He received his primary education in the public schools of his section, also attending the University of Iowa at Iowa City as far as the sophomore year. In 1882, having matriculated in the medical department of that college previously, he was graduated. He first located in South Dakota, where he practiced four years in Brule county. He then removed to the east, locating in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1886, where he has since practiced his profession. From 1883 to 1886 he was coroner of Brule county, South Dakota, resigning during his second term. In 1898 he was elected to the board of education, and again in 1900.

Socially Dr. Cone affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, and is a prominent and active member of the church of the Disciples of Christ. He married, in 1880, in Youngstown, Ohio, Lucy A., the daughter of David Simon, ex-auditor of Mahoning county, Ohio, and to the union have been born three children, as follows: Edith L., Rena C., Jared F. Dr. Cone is keenly alive to everything that benefits his profession. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, and is an

ex-president and now treasurer of the Mahoning County Medical Society. He is surgeon in chief of the staff of the Mahoning Valley Hospital at Youngstown, and is examiner for the following life insurance companies: The United States Life of New York, the Michigan Mutual, the Pacific Mutual of San Francisco, the Equitable of Iowa. In politics he is a Republican. He is a Mason, a member of St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T., and Youngstown Chapter No. 93.

The family of which our subject is an honored member goes back to the sixth generation, beginning with his father, Beebe S. Cone, who was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in 1812, and died in 1885. He married, in 1836, Lucinda, daughter of William Davidson, who was a native of West Virginia, and was a major under William Henry Harrison in the war of 1812. His grandfather was Major James Robinson, who was a major in the Revolutionary war and is mentioned in "Jefferson's Notes," Thomas Jefferson, author.

The family born to the parents of our subject comprised seven children, of whom three grew to maturity, as follows: William D., who died in 1899, leaving one daughter, Edna, wife of Samuel Field; James W.; and Dr. Jared E. Cone. The mother of this family passed away in 1889. William D. Cone, the eldest, was a private in the Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, in which he served three years. He was with General M. P. Banks in the famous Red River expedition, and also in the Pleasant Hill fight. James W. Cone is an attorney at Sioux Falls, S. D. Beebe S. Cone, the father, was one of the original directors of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railway. His father was Jared Cone, born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in 1781. He died in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1856. He removed to Ohio in 1818 and entered a farm in Muskingum county, which is still in the family. Passing back now to the great-grandfather Mathew Cone, this gentleman was born at Haddam, Connecticut, in 1740. The great-great-grandfather, who was also Jared Cone, was born in 1715 at Haddam, Connecticut, where he died. The next in line of succession was Daniel Cone, known as Deacon Daniel Cone, who was born in the same town in Connecticut in 1666. He married on the 14th of February, 1694, Mary Gates, and died June 5, 1725. We now arrive to the original immigrant ancestor, Daniel Cone, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1626, and came to America about twenty years later, locating in Connecticut, where he died in 1706. By occupation he was a farmer, as were also most of the family following him. He married Mehitable, the daughter of Jared Spencer. In passing we note also that the maternal grandfather of our subject, Stewart Beebe, was a soldier in the war for independence.

## GILBERT M. DILL.

Mr. Dill is a representative farmer and business man of Mahoning county, who has been active in various concerns during the major portion of his career, but now combines the pleasures of country and town life by his residence on his farm, part of which is in the corporate limits of Poland. The Dills have been tillers of the soil for many years, and grandfather Dill was a farmer in Orange county, New Jersey, where he lived for the greater part of his life and reared four sons and a daughter. His son George E. was born in New Jersey in 1811, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven, tenderly cared for by his son, who provided him a pleasant home for his old age. George E. Dill was married in 1833 to Esther Garrett, who was born in Canada, May 13, 1813, and, although ninety years of age, still retains the use of most of her faculties; her father, Mott Garrett, was a farmer in Canada and in Wayne county, New York, was himself a member of a large family, the youngest of whom at one time was seventy years old, and he, too, reared a large household. There were two children born of this union, and the daughter, Sarah, is the wife of William Roe in Wayne county, New York.

Gilbert M. Dill was the only son and was born on his father's farm in Wayne county, New York, May 30, 1834. He had a good common school education and at the age of sixteen began clerking in a store. In 1868 he left his native place and came to Youngstown, Ohio, where he was one of the prosperous merchants of that city for twelve years. In 1873, in company with Robert Jewel, he opened up a savings bank in Hubbard, of which he acted as cashier for three years. He then returned to Youngstown, where he remained till 1884, at which date he removed to his present home and farm of sixty acres at Poland. He has placed all the modern improvements on this place, and he bought the charming cottage as a quiet home for his aged parents, for whom he has always had such solicitous care. He runs the farm more as a recreation than as a source of profit, and a faithful colored man attends to its details. He has other real estate in the vicinity, and continues his business of former days by loaning money.

In 1869 Mr. Dill was married in Youngstown to Miss Caroline Jacobs, who is a native of this county and is the daughter of Nicholas Jacobs. Their first child, Alice, is the wife of Alfred Stewart, of Poland; George E. is a young man of eighteen and a promising machinist in Youngstown; both children are graduates of Poland Seminary, formerly Poland College. Mr. Dill is nominally a Democrat, but in practice he votes for the man who best represents his political ideals; he has never held office, but at one time he was the unsuccessful candidate for the mayoralty of Youngstown.

## WILLIAM H. KYLE.

The first of the name of Kyle to take up a permanent residence within the present limits of Mahoning county was Joshua Kyle, who came here when the country was almost in its primitive state and got possession of a large amount of land, as is shown by the fact that at his death he gave each of his twelve children a farm of one hundred acres. He was a man of considerable influence in the community, was a Whig in politics, and one of his principal diversions was hunting. One of his sons was Robert, whose birth occurred in Mahoning county in 1805. He became a farmer, and was especially known for his rigid honesty and his kindness of heart to his family. He was married about 1828 to Miss Dina Philips, who was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. They were both members of the Disciples church, and in that faith they passed away, he in 1890 and she in 1895. Their family consisted of ten children, eight of whom are now living, and all in this county.

William H. Kyle is one of the last mentioned family, and was born at the place known as Kyles Corners, in Mahoning county, October 8, 1836. After he had finished his schooling he turned his attention to the cabinet-maker's trade, but the confinement in the shop was not congenial to him and was detrimental to his health, so he sought the freer pursuit of carpentering, in which he was engaged for fifteen years. This was only interrupted by the Civil war, as in 1862 he enlisted in Company I, Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served to the close of the struggle. He participated in the battles of Nashville, Knoxville and Franklin, Tennessee; Resaca, Atlanta, and Lovejoy Station, Georgia; and in many minor engagements. He was honorably discharged and returned to his work, but in 1878 he took up farming in connection with his trade. He is now engaged in the management of his two hundred and forty acre farm in Canfield township, and he is one of the farmers who make the business pay.

Shortly after returning from the army, in 1867, Mr. Kyle was married to Miss Mary H., the daughter of Eli and Lydia A. Hill. She was born September 7, 1842, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, whence her parents removed to Youngstown in 1848 and purchased one hundred and fifty acres; they had a family of seven children, five of whom are living in Mahoning county: Eli Hill died in 1890 and his wife in 1895. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kyle, of whom Melvin C. is deceased, and Arthur E. married Miss Ina L. Warick. Mr. Kyle is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has evinced his public spirit by serving his township as school director and supervisor. Mrs. Kyle is a member of the Disciples church.





Wm. H. Kyle



Mary H. Kyle



## MARGARET KENNEDY.

This lady is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, resident in Poland township, and she is not only highly respected for her own character, but is the widow of one of the prominent citizens of Mahoning county for many years, and mother of children who have since gained high place in their respective spheres of activity. She is the daughter of Hugh and Rachel (Walker) Truesdale. The latter was born in Pennsylvania in 1781 and died in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-six years. She was first married to Captain Isaac Walker, who was a captain in the war of 1812 and died at Fort Meigs, leaving his wife and a daughter who was the wife of John Stewart and the mother of the Rev. Albert Stewart of Newburgh, New York. Her husband's mother, also named Rachael, has often related to Mrs. Kennedy many interesting episodes of the Revolutionary days.

Mrs. Margaret Kennedy was born in Poland township over seventy-eight years ago, July 3, 1824, only a few rods from the site of her present residence, and throughout her long life has never made a move except from her old home to a new one, the latter being, however, no longer a modern, but still an attractive residence. On June 25, 1849, she was married on this old place to Walker Kennedy. He was a man of moderate means at that time, but was very industrious and was possessed of a great mechanical genius, which put him to the forefront in the iron industry, which was then developing at such rapid strides. He assisted in this development by inventing the modern blast furnace, which not only cheapened but increased the production of iron. He was the builder of the first blast furnace in this vicinity, and his sons were brought up to this business and inherited their father's inventive genius to a great degree.

The oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy is Julian, who resides in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He was educated in Poland and in Yale University, and now stands at the head of the engineers in the steel manufacturing business; he is the author of several valuable inventions and has acquired great wealth, being now listed among the millionaires; he married Miss Jennie Breneman and they have three sons and two daughters. James Kennedy is an attorney at Youngstown and was elected to Congress; he married Phebe Erwin. Hugh Kennedy, of Buffalo, New York, has nine children, and is a builder of steel furnaces, being a prominent man in this business and having taken out several patents. Rachael, who was for several years a successful teacher, married John Becker and resides on the old farm here in Poland township; they have three sons and one daughter. Walter Kennedy resides

at Allegheny, has built a number of furnaces in the south, and was in the business for a year in China, but returned before the Boxer riots; he has three children. John Kennedy lives at Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, and has one son and a daughter; he is a very successful operator of furnaces and well-off for a man of his years, being forty years younger than his mother. The son Samuel is a furnace man in Chicago and has one daughter and two sons. Thomas Walker Kennedy is at present building a furnace at Dubois, Pennsylvania, and has one daughter.

Mrs. Kennedy lives on the farm, which is one of the oldest and best known in the country. It consists of one hundred acres of very fertile soil, and part of it was owned by her husband, while the old log cabin of her parents was placed in the dense woods a short distance from the present house. The first house was of logs, but this was replaced about forty years ago by a dwelling which is still one of the most attractive in the country. Here Mrs. Kennedy makes her home during the remaining years of her life, in happy memories of the past, proud of her children who have so well filled their places in the world, and devout in her faith and membership in the Presbyterian church; she is known as one of the best neighbors in the county; she is a well preserved woman for her age, retains her faculties almost unimpaired, and her only affliction is the asthma, which has troubled her for many years.

#### ELIZABETH (LINN) BRENEMAN.

Mrs. Breneman is one of the old residents of Poland township, Mahoning county, and she has resided on her farm for the past forty-two years. Although over seventy-five years old, she is hale and active, and with most of her life behind her she is still cheerful, and is one of the most respected citizens of the community. Her father, Samuel Linn, was born in 1797 and died at the age of seventy-five in 1872. He married Barbary Bouchman, who was born in 1793 and died at the age of eighty-four. They reared six of their seven children, and these in turn all married and had families. Susan was the oldest child and lived to eighty years old. John died at the age of four years; Julia Ann Whittenberger died when thirty-two years old and left three children; Henry lived to be sixty and had a family of five children; Frank was born in 1828 and died in 1891, left one daughter, who is now deceased, and his son had three children; Lydia was the wife of Adam Whittenberger, and died at the age of seventy-two, leaving four of her six children.

Elizabeth Linn was born in Maryland, April 6, 1826, and when she was fourteen years old came with her parents to Middletown, Ohio. Five years

later, on February 24, 1845, she was married to Joseph Breneman in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. He was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, May 2, 1823, and was one of twelve children, his parents being early pioneers and farmers from York, Pennsylvania. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Breneman: Samuel died at the age of three months; Taylor L. lived to be thirty-two, but the last eleven years of his life were passed in suffering; Joseph was the first born, has a wife and two children, and makes his home in Lowellville; Jenny E. Kennedy lives in Pittsburg and has five of her six children, and her husband is a man of much business ability and is a large contractor and builder of iron and steel mills; Harry Isaac is at home, a bookkeeper for the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, and was married in 1896 to Alberta, the daughter of Elias Lomax.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Breneman began life at Middletown, Ohio, on his father's farm, but in 1862 he bought the present farm of fifty acres for eighteen hundred dollars; it had very few improvements to begin with, but now there is a nice two-story and basement house, and excellent barns and out-buildings. Mrs. Breneman managed her two farms for twenty-five years and still exercises her supervision over her interests as few women of many years her junior could hardly do.

#### BURKHARDT P. BUSH.

Burkhardt P. Bush, a successful and practical farmer of Greenford, Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, was born in this township in 1827. B. P. Bush, his grandfather, was a native of Germany and emigrated in 1817 to America to join his son John in Columbiana county, Ohio, where he purchased a quarter section and built on it a little log house, where the family resided until they were able to erect a more comfortable dwelling. The children of this excellent man were as follows: John, George, Christian, Christiana and Doratha. Of these John was born in Germany in 1797 and married Mary A. Hoelich, and they had six children, as follows: Elizabeth, B. P., Frederick, Ellen, Mary and Doratha. John served under the great Napoleon in the French army, and about 1816 he and a cousin, who also bore the name of John, emigrated to America; after many discouragements they made friends and located in Green township, Columbiana county, Ohio, and John secured sixty acres of land, upon which he resided until his death in 1881, his wife having died in 1873. He was a practical farmer, an upright man and loyal citizen. While a resident of Green township, he served very acceptably as justice of the peace, trustee of the township, and at one time was the candidate of his party for treasurer, and was defeated by only eight

votes. Politically he was a Democrat and in his religious convictions he was a Lutheran.

Burkhardt P. Bush, son of John Bush, was born upon the farm he now owns, and was here reared and educated, and has spent his entire life in his native township. In early life he taught the district schools of the county for twenty-three terms, giving satisfaction not only to the school board but also to the patrons of the school and the children themselves, a somewhat difficult task, the accomplishment of which testifies to his ability and tact.

In 1873 he was married to Miss Christiana Wiedmayer, of which union there was no issue. Mrs. Bush was born in Germany in 1831 and was brought to America by her parents in 1832. Mr. Bush operates his fine farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres with ability, and devotes it to stock-raising for the greater part. His stock is carefully selected from the best strains. His sheep are the best merinos, the cattle shorthorn, and his horses of the Percheron strain. Mr. Bush has served his township in various capacities, and is now justice of the peace, which office he has held for several years. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Lutheran church, in which he has held several offices of honor, and he has been both deacon and elder. Few men stand higher in the community than Mr. Bush, not only on account of his success as a farmer, but also because of his uprightness of life and purity of living.

#### BARNABAS REED.

One of the most interesting gentlemen in Poland township is Mr. Reed, who has lived a life of blameless integrity, has had perhaps more than his share of the reverses of life, but these have only accentuated his worthy character and made him universally respected throughout the community. He is a descendant of one of the old settlers, his grandfather William Reed having come from Pennsylvania, where he had previously been engaged in farming, and settled in Poland township as early as 1801. He had come alone in the preceding year and bargained for a hundred acres of land, on which he cut away the trees and built his log cabin. He survived his wife and died at the age of eighty-five on the farm which is now owned by his grandson Barnabas. He reared three sons and four daughters, and all had children, and scattered to different parts of the Union and are now dead. The son Samuel was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, about 1793, and died in Poland township in 1852. He married Margaret Slaven, who was born about 1793, and they were married about 1815, ten children being born to them: Elizabeth, born in 1816, died a maiden lady in her eighty-

fifth year; William Reed died in Boardman township, December 19, 1895, leaving one son and three daughters; John, born in 1820, died unmarried in 1858; George, born January 21, 1823, died June 26, 1859, unmarried; Samuel, born December 14, 1824, died March 12, 1897; Mary, born December 24, 1826, is the widow Marshall, and has three sons living in Allen county, Ohio, and one daughter; Margaret, born December 24, 1828, died in Allen county in 1900, and was the wife of Ephriam Bowen, and had one son and three daughters; Nancy Jane, born February 15, 1831, died in 1833; Harvey, born February 1, 1833, was in the Civil war in the same company with William McKinley, was honorably discharged on account of disability, and died May 14, 1866; Barnabas is the youngest of the ten.

Barnabas Reed was born in Poland township, Mahoning county, March 2, 1835. He had only a common school education and never left home, but began farming when old enough to drive the oxen to the harrow. He also recalls how he peddled apples to the merchants in the town, driving two calves to his cart. He has two hundred acres which made up his father's farm when the latter took up his home here in 1821, and several parcels of land besides, on which he carries on a mixed husbandry, raising some fine live-stock. On February 10, 1898, he had the misfortune to lose by fire the fine, large, two-story and a half dwelling which had been erected by his father in 1842, and which was the finest house in the township. And the injury from which he still suffers was caused only a year before, for "evils come not singly but in troops." His horse stepped on his foot and broke down the instep, but this caused him little pain at first and he neglected it until necrosis of the foot set in; he was confined in the hospital in Youngstown from January 2, to May 6, 1897, and surprised his despairing physicians by living through it all and surviving several amputations. He is now a permanent cripple and moves around only in his wheel chair, but he is bright and cheerful, showing his fortitude and brave nature in every calamity. But most of all does he give credit to his loving and devoted wife, without whose care and unflinching courage he says he would long since have been numbered with the silent majority.

The lady who has for over a quarter of a century been his companion was Elizabeth Miller, to whom he was married September 1, 1874; she was born in Poland township, February 26, 1853, and is the daughter of James Miller and his wife, Miss McGowan. Mr. and Mrs. Reed's three children are all at home, and their names are Mary, Margaret and George, the last being in his seventeenth year and in school. Mr. Reed has always voted the Republican ticket. No people in Poland township are more highly esteemed, and they are by all means worthy of the highest regard.

## WILLIAM O. LOGAN.

This well known business man of Poland, Mahoning county, Ohio, is of Irish ancestry, his grandfather John Logan having been born in Belfast, Ireland, October 1, 1767. He came to America when he was only sixteen years old; his father, who was a man of means, a bleacher of Irish linens, supplied his son with plenty of money for his new venture across the Atlantic. Soon after coming to this country John was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and he met with good success. He married a native of his own country, Elizabeth Buck, and six of their children grew up and were married. One of their sons, William, was born in the village of Springfield, Virginia, on June 11, 1806, and came to this part of Ohio with the rest of the family in 1816. On October 16, 1828, he married Mary McNabb, the daughter of James and Mary (Lattimer) McNabb, who were married November 23, 1793, both being from the north of Ireland or Scotland, and of their thirteen children they reared eleven, five sons and six daughters. William Logan and his wife had ten children: Eliza, born September 26, 1829, died in infancy; Homer Lloyd, born October 26, 1831, died in infancy; Horatio Craig, born November 26, 1833, died young; Homer Craig, born December 24, 1835, died in August, 1902, leaving one daughter; Miranda E., the wife of John H. Clark, died May 19, 1900, when on a visit in Tennessee; Thalia E., the wife of Rev. E. B. Cummings of the Methodist church, died at Little Valley, New York, October 28, 1865; Albert B., born March 29, 1842, is an attorney at Warrensburg, Missouri, and has a family; Sabra L. is the wife of O. P. Shaffer, the postmaster of Youngstown; William O. is the ninth in order of birth; Clinton F., born April 26, 1849, has been the city clerk of Xenia, Ohio, for the past twelve years, and has four daughters. The mother of this large family, who was born May 18, 1807, died on March 1, 1892.

William O. Logan was born in the town of Poland, August 17, 1846. He enjoyed liberal schooling up to July, 1863, but he was then carried away by patriotic ardor, and without his parents' consent enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio, and on March 4, 1864, was discharged; but he at once re-enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, for one hundred days' service. At the end of this period he enlisted in the Twenty-third Regiment, the regiment in which McKinley and Hayes were both officers, and the only regiment which can boast of two presidents, two governors of Ohio and two lieutenant governors. Mr. Logan also had the distinction of being in school with William McKinley several years. After coming home from the war Mr. Logan took up the carpenter's trade, but soon found the work too hard for him, and he has since been engaged in the real estate and insurance business, in which he has been successful.

Mr. Logan was married to Miss Cornelia G. Graham. She was educated at West Farmington, Ohio, and was a graduate of the first Chautauqua class. Her mother was Cornelia C. Gaskel, the wife of the Rev. John Graham, and the other children in the latter's family were: Charles G. Graham died July 12, 1883, at the age of thirty-seven; James M. lives in Poland, unmarried; William P., D. D., a graduate of Mount Union College, is a Methodist preacher and has a wife and one daughter; the fourth child was Cornelia; Henrietta, the wife of Frank White, died at Batavia, Ohio, at the age of thirty-four, leaving three children; Sarah Minnie, who was the wife of J. Q. Fuller, died at the age of thirty-seven in 1890, leaving two sons; Emily M. Graham is a teacher of music at Aurora, Illinois. Mr. Logan resides in the house which was built by his father in 1854, but which was remodeled by the former in 1893; there are twelve acres in the grounds, and the site is an ideal one, affording a delightful home. Mr. Logan is a Republican in politics, and has been three times elected as mayor of the town. He is now a member of the common council, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and steward.

#### EMANUEL STAHL.

Emanuel Stahl was born February 5, 1844, in Green township, upon the farm which is still his home, his parents being John and Christiana (Baird) Stahl. His father was born in Wittenberg, Germany May 1, 1800, and was brought to this country by his parents, John and Barbara (Hahn) Stahl. The grandfather, John Stahl, Sr., was born in Germany on the 24th of July, 1772, and his wife's birth occurred in the same country on the 6th of August, 1773. They became the parents of two children: John, born May 1, 1800; and Catherine, born September 10, 1802. With these children they left the fatherland and sailed for the new world. On reaching this country they settled in Philadelphia, where they remained for a time and then came to Ohio, establishing their home in Columbiana county. From the latter place they removed to what is now Mahoning county about the year 1820, and the grandfather erected a log cabin in which they remained until he could build a more modern and commodious residence. He was a strong, sturdy man, honest, and upright in all his dealings, and his genuine worth won for him the high respect of all with whom he was brought in contact. He died in 1843, and his wife, surviving him for about fifteen years, passed away in 1858.

John Stahl, the father of Emanuel Stahl, was but a lad at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world. He was reared under the parental roof, and succeeded his father in the ownership of the old home farm.

By trade he was a stonemason, and he followed that pursuit in connection with agriculture for many years. In 1826 he was united in marriage to Miss Christiana Baird, who was born January 25, 1800, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Mary, Christian, Lydia, John, Barbara, Solomon and Emanuel; of this number Solomon is now deceased. The home farm comprised two hundred and twenty-three acres of valuable land, and thereon the children were reared to habits of industry, economy and honesty. The parents were members of the Swedenborgian church, and were consistent Christians, whose lives had a beneficial influence on the community. The father died on the 21st of August, 1870, and the mother passed away December 18, 1880.

At the usual age Emanuel Stahl entered the public schools and therein acquired his education. In the months of summer he worked on the farm, early becoming familiar with the labors of field and meadow, and throughout his entire career he has carried on agricultural pursuits. Practical experience had well fitted him for the work when he began farming on his own account. In 1882 he became the owner of his present property, a tract of seventy-five acres, which constitutes a part of the old family homestead, on which his father settled in 1819. The soil is productive and he raises good crops. He has likewise good grades of stock upon his place, and his methods of farming are enterprising and progressive.

On the 21st of September, 1876, Mr. Stahl was joined in wedlock to Miss Anna M. Zwissler, a daughter of Gustavus and Catherine Zwissler. Three children grace this union: Clarence O., Arlis A. and Hallie M. Mrs. Stahl was born in Columbiana county, October 4, 1856, and has been a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband during the twenty-seven years of their married life. For twelve years Mr. Stahl has served as a school director, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. He enjoys in a high degree the confidence of his fellow citizens, and that his staunchest friends are among those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his life has been well spent.

#### J. C. MARSHALL.

There is perhaps no more important public institution in Mahoning county than the county infirmary, which is situated about two miles northwest from Canfield. It has as fine equipment as any of its kind in the state; the buildings cover about four acres, and these are surrounded by a valuable and productive farm of two hundred and ten acres, well stocked and supplied with



*J. Carl Marshall*



all the improvements known to modern agriculture, from which the establishment is almost self-supporting. The infirmary was established first about 1856, but in 1896 the buildings were destroyed by fire, and two years later the present commodious structure was completed. Everything about the infirmary is neat and well ordered, and the management of the whole place is an honor to its efficient superintendent, which is the position J. C. Marshall holds, a sketch of whose life would be most appropriate in this connection.

His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Patterson) Marshall, both of whom were native of Pennsylvania, and it was in Lawrence county of that state that this son was born to them on October 15, 1838. He was reared and educated in the common schools of that locality and spent his younger days on a farm. But in 1876 he removed to Poland, Mahoning county, where he turned his attention to milling. He was not only the jolly miller of the place, but was also its popular landlord, understanding thoroughly the needs of the traveling public. He was engaged in these lines of activity until 1889, but in 1890 was appointed to his present office and at once took charge. Two years later he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office of sheriff, but it chanced that on that year there was a turn in the political fortunes of his party, and he not only was defeated for this office,—by a small majority, however,—but on entirely political grounds was removed from the superintendency. But in 1900 he was re-instated because of his former excellent record, and he now enjoys the full confidence of the board of trustees and is making the institution the factor it should be in the county.

Mr. Marshall has been married twice, the first time in 1861 to Miss Elizabeth McKean, who was born in Pennsylvania in September, 1842; of the nine children of this union four are deceased. Mrs. Marshall was the matron of the infirmary during her life time, and on her demise was succeeded by her daughter Olive. On February 8, 1900, Mr. Marshall married Mrs. Sarah J. Taylor, who is the present matron and a lady of most estimable qualities of heart and mind; she was born in Pittsburg in 1849. Mrs. Marshall's father, Alexander W. David, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, reared in Pittsburg, and was for forty years foreman for one man, as house carpenter. He still lives with Mrs. Marshall, being now past eighty-three years. He was the father of two children, a son and a daughter, Mrs. Marshall being the only one living. Mrs. Marshall has three sons from her former marriage: Albert, connected with Farbanks, Morse and Company, of Chicago; Harry, with the McCormick Reaper Company; Ralph, paymaster's yeoman on the ship Olympia. Mr. Marshall's children that are living are: Olive, of Youngstown; Annie, wife of J. F. Cover, of Poland; Jennie, wife of E.

D. Wanamaker, of Alliance, Ohio; Fannie, wife of Charles S. Henderson, of Struthers, Ohio; Martha, wife of John H. Taylor, of Youngstown. Mr. Marshall was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, but he holds no dogmatic views on religion, and in every point of contact with his associates, his family and his personal affairs has shown himself to be a broad-minded and capable citizen.

#### WILLIAM P. COY.

William P. Coy, one of the enterprising and successful merchants of Greenford, Mahoning county, Ohio, carries a full line of farm implements, hardware, handmade harness, paints, oils, patent medicines, and enjoys a large and constantly increasing patronage, not only from the residents of his own town, but from surrounding points throughout the county. Mr. Coy was born in Green township, this county, in 1871, and was there reared and educated, and with the exception of two years spent with his parents in Salem, he has always made his home in this township. His boyhood days were spent upon his father's farm, and in coal mining, and for four years he operated on his own account, succeeding beyond his most sanguine expectations. In 1899 he founded his present business in partnership with I. E. Hendricks, but in 1901 the firm dissolved, and Mr. Coy has continued alone.

In 1898 he was married to Miss Otella M. Weikart, a daughter of James and Margaret Weikart, and born in Green township in June, 1879. Two children were born to them, namely: Garth D., January 14, 1901, and an infant, April 8, 1899, deceased.

William P. Coy is a son of John W. and Barbara (Stahl) Coy, both natives of Green township, where the former was born in 1845, and the latter in 1839. John W. Coy has been a farmer and coal miner, and a very successful and substantial man. The family born to himself and wife is as follows: Lawrence E., born in 1870; William P.; Pearl J., born in October, 1876, deceased; and Berdella J., born November 3, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coy were united in marriage in 1869.

John W. Coy is a son of Jonas Coy, also a native of Green township, who married Jane Parish, and, second, Lavina Callahan. By calling he was a farmer and owned about one hundred acres of land at the time of his death. The birth of Jonas occurred in 1820, and his first marriage in 1842, and by it he had ten children, namely: Simon S., John W., Sarah, Mary and Martha (twins), Madison, Amanda, Addison, and Laura and Clara (twins). By his second marriage he had four children: George, Gleason, Emma and Gertrude.

Jonas was a staunch Republican and his religious affiliations were with the Methodist church. Being a man of intelligence and possessing ability as a conversationalist, he enjoyed arguing upon questions of the day, about which he was well informed. At the time of his death in 1898 he had a farm of one hundred acres well stocked and in good condition. The Parishes came from Virginia about the same time that the Coys migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio.

Jonas Coy was a son of Daniel Coy and Barbara Callahan; Daniel was the first Coy to migrate to Ohio, while he was yet under age. He was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1800, and his family consisted of these children, as follows: Jonas, Susan, Wesley, Jesse, Hannah, Catherine and Charles. Later he married a second time, his wife being Elizabeth Gears, by whom he had one daughter, Alice. Daniel died in 1858, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The Beards, who were maternal ancestors of Mrs. Barbara (Stahl) Coy, came from Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1812. John Beard the great-grandfather of Mrs. Barbara Coy, entered section 4 in what is now Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio. He had two sons, John and Henry. John Beard married Hannah Brown, who bore him sixteen children, all of whom are now deceased. He was a wealthy, refined and well educated man, and owned about eight hundred acres of land and was very influential in his community. Being a practical farmer, he not only managed his own property with ability, but did much towards the advancement of the county. Of his numerous children was a daughter Catherine, and she married John Stahl, by whom she had seven children, seven of whom are living, namely: Mary, Christian, Lydia, John, Barbara, Soliman and Emanuel. The Stahl family originated in Wuerttemberg, Germany, whence they came to America in 1818. John Stahl, above mentioned, was born in 1800, and was a son of John. The family located in Mahoning county, then Columbiana county, Ohio.

The ancestors of Mrs. Otella M. Coy were early settlers in Mahoning county. Daniel, David, Henry and John Weikart came to Green township in 1805, and located on a section previously purchased from the government by their father, Peter. David Weikart was for thirty-five years a dry-goods merchant in Greenford. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran church, and in politics was a Democrat. His wife was Elizabeth Roller, by whom he had children, as follows: Margaret E., James M., Joseph H., Urbin S. and Martin D. James M., of the above family, had children as follows: S. E., Lillie, I. M., C. D., Myrtle M., Otella and Jennie L.

## FRANK L. OESCH, A. M.

Although of Swiss parentage, Mr. Oesch claims to be a full-blooded American, his birthplace warranting him in that statement. Mr. Oesch's grandfather was Isaac Oesch, born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in 1796. He came to America in 1861 and directly to Columbiana county, where his son, the father of our subject, had preceded him some years. The elder Oesch located on a farm in the above mentioned county, where he died in 1884 at a ripe old age. The son, Ulrich Oesch, was also born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, in the year 1829, and on coming to America came directly to Ohio, where he took up the occupation of farming. His first marriage was with Margaret Denny, by whom he had two children, Louisa, now Mrs. Batzli; and William F. He was married in 1863 to Elizabeth Denny (originally spelled Thoeni), and to this union there were born ten children, of whom seven survive, as follows: Edward S.; Frank L.; Charles A.; Anna E., wife of Joseph Redman; Elizabeth A.; Celestia M.; and Alice F.

Mr. Frank L. Oesch, of the firm of Kistler & Oesch, was born on the paternal homestead in Columbiana county in 1870, where he lived until he was sixteen years old, attending the country school, and assisting on his father's farm. He was very ambitious for an education, and the year 1893 saw him a graduate of Mt. Union College of Alliance, Ohio, he having taught school between times in order to complete the education he so well deserved. He was elected superintendent of schools of Nelson township, Portage county, from 1893 to 1895, after which he served as principal of the high school at Powhatan, for two years and one year of that time he was president of the Belmont County Teachers' Association. He used his vacations to study law in Youngstown, in the office of Hon. E. H. Moore. He made rapid progress in his studies and in 1897 was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, and in March, 1901, formed his present partnership with Mr. Kistler. Mr. Oesch is a chapter Mason, and member of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is well known among the younger Republicans of Youngstown.

## JOHN IRVING WILLIAMS.

This gentleman, who is at present a retired capitalist of Youngstown, deserves especial mention as one of that group of men whose energy and organizing skill have made the iron industry of this country one of the wonders of the world. From earliest childhood he became familiar with rolling mills, around which his little hands found something to do when only ten years old. Thus early trained in the business and mastering the details more and more thoroughly as years and improved employment afforded him opportunity,

Mr. Williams gradually advanced until he became one of the influential iron men of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Much of his career of usefulness was spent at Pittsburg, greatest of all iron centers, but in later life Mr. Williams became one of the most conspicuous figures in the iron line at Youngstown, until a desire for repose from business cares induced his retirement. He is of English parentage, and his father, like himself, devoted most of his life to one or the other branch of the great iron trade. With these preliminary remarks as an introduction, the lives and achievements of both will be given more in detail.

Joseph Williams, though born in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, in 1798, was reared principally in Staffordshire, England. When sixteen years old he and a younger brother ran away from an unpopular stepmother and sought refuge in the industrial town of Wolverhampton. Arrived there, the older boy managed to get a job in the rolling mill, being one of the first four puddlers with the great English firm of Thorneycroft. This was the first lesson, which was not only destined to shape the whole future life of the father but also of his yet unborn son, as will subsequently appear in this narrative. The runaway boy, after serving his apprenticeship as a puddler and other of the minor positions in the mill, gradually became experienced and about 1822 went to France as a skilled workman. He married Mary Bratt, in England, who became the mother of eight children, of whom seven grew to maturity. These are Maria, widow of James Bickley; Mary, wife of Benjamin Bratt; John Irving, immediate subject of this biography; Joseph; Sarah, wife of Solon S. Jackman; Benjamin B.; and Annie L., deceased wife of Clinton Gates.

John Irving Williams, third in age of the above enumerated children, was born near Burges, France, May 11, 1824, and spent the earlier years of his infancy in the land of his nativity. Originally, after the manner of the French, he was burdened with the appellation of Louis Phillippe John Joseph Williams, but when he reached the age of discretion, experience suggested the elimination of several superfluous cognomens and reduced his name to more reasonable proportions. When about five years old, John Irving returned with his parents to Wolverton, England, and shortly afterward the family emigrated to America. They located at Boonton, New Jersey, where John attended school several years, and at the age of fourteen went with the family to Pittsburg, which was the scene of his first serious attempt in the line of work that shaped his future destiny. Previously he had obtained some experience in a Jersey rolling mill and he secured employment in a similar establishment at Pittsburg, with which he remained until 1846. Having demonstrated his aptitude for the business by that time, he was placed in charge

as superintendent of a new mill at Kittaning, Pennsylvania, which he managed for the owners about four months. His father was with him in these occupations, and the two went together to Hanging Rock, Ohio, where they purchased an abandoned rolling mill, repaired the plant and conducted it until 1852. In that year the father and son disposed of their property and built a mill at Portsmouth, Ohio, to make bar iron and allied articles, which they operated for about four years. In 1856 the father and son, hitherto so closely allied, separated to go in different directions. The former purchased a farm in Illinois to which he removed, and which he made the place of his residence and business until 1861. The son, after selling his share of the establishment at Portsmouth, returned to Pittsburg and took charge as superintendent of the Girty's Run Rolling Mill, which position he held until 1878. In that year, associated with others, he purchased the Keystone Rolling Mill at Pittsburg, which was operated for two years under the firm name of Williams, Long & McDowell. Mr. Williams then disposed of his interest and in 1880 came to Youngstown, where he was installed as superintendent of the Brown-Bonnell Mill, and this position he continued to hold until his final retirement from active business in June, 1899. In 1860 Mr. Williams purchased a farm in Wisconsin and remained there a year or two during the temporary suspension of the establishment at Pittsburg with which he was engaged. His parents and a younger brother occupied this farm during his absence and there the former ended their days, the mother dying in 1874 and the father in 1887. At the present time Mr. Williams still owns the Wisconsin farm of five hundred and thirty-one acres; he was president of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company until February, 1903, when he resigned; and he is also interested in the Brown-Bonnell works, which he managed for so many years with his characteristic energy and ability.

In 1846 Mr. Williams was married at Pittsburg to Elizabeth, daughter of John Winterburn, who died without leaving any children. For his second wife Mr. Williams espoused Miss Emma, daughter of Samuel Tompkins, and this marriage resulted in the birth of five children, of whom there are three survivors: Fanny, widow of Philip S. Stambaugh; John I., Jr.; and Louie H. Though upholding the principles of the Republican party, Mr. Williams has been too busy a man to seek or hold office, his only official position being that of burgess, which he held for eight years while a resident of Millvale, Pennsylvania. Though a member of no church, his affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and he has long been connected with Masonry, in which ancient and honored order he has reached the thirty-second degree.

## PATRICK H. McEVEY.

Though of Irish parentage, the subject of this sketch, who is named above, is a native of Ohio and has spent all of his life at Youngstown and in the neighboring counties. In youth and early manhood he was connected with mines and mining, and few men better understand that business from the point of view of the laborer, in whose cause Mr. McEvey has always been earnestly interested and to whose service he has devoted much valuable time. Having been a hard worker himself, he knows how to sympathize with workmen, and those who labor "down in a coal mine underneath the ground" have no stauncher friend than Mr. McEvey. His father, John McEvey, was born in Ireland in 1811, came to America about 1832 and ended his days in Youngstown in 1895. He married Nora Manning and became by her the father of ten children, of whom the seven survivors are: Mary, wife of Michael Loftus; Bridget, wife of Michael Riley; John; Ellen, wife of Michael Campbell; Patrick H., subject of this sketch; Margaret, wife of Thomas McTighe; and Katie. The mother of these children died at Youngstown in 1881.

Patrick H. McEvey, as will appear from the foregoing list, is fifth in age and was born at Youngstown, March 25, 1854. He had but little opportunity for learning, as he was compelled at the early age of twelve to leave school and go to work for a living. His father was a coal miner, and the lad joined him in the coal bank at Hubbard, in Trumbull county, seven miles distant from Youngstown. This, his first and not very desirable job, lasted some four or five years, when Patrick became a "wiper" at the coal bank and later a brakeman. He abandoned this employment in 1876, came to Youngstown and after two years secured a position as puddler's helper in the Brown-Bonnell mill. One year's service in this line brought him promotion to the place of boss puddler, and he held this position without a break until 1892. From 1890 to 1892 he was district vice president, and from 1892 to 1894 assistant president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. In 1894 Mr. McEvey opened a retail shoe store at Youngstown, which he conducted a year, and then changed his mercantile venture to the sale of groceries, which he has continued to the present time. In August, 1900, he received the appointment as superintendent of streets and has exhibited his usual energy and good judgment in the discharge of the duties connected with this important position.

In 1887 he was elected to the city council as a representative from the fifth ward of Youngstown and served in that capacity until 1891, showing, during the time, a remarkable aptitude for public business. In 1881 Mr. Mc-

Evey was united in marriage with Miss Lottie, daughter of James Thomas, and this union resulted in the birth of five children: John, Mary, Lottie, Leonora and Paul W. Mr. McEvey is an attentive member of the Roman Catholic church and belongs to the Society of Hibernians. In politics he is a Republican and has for years taken quite an active part in the political affairs of Youngstown and Mahoning county.

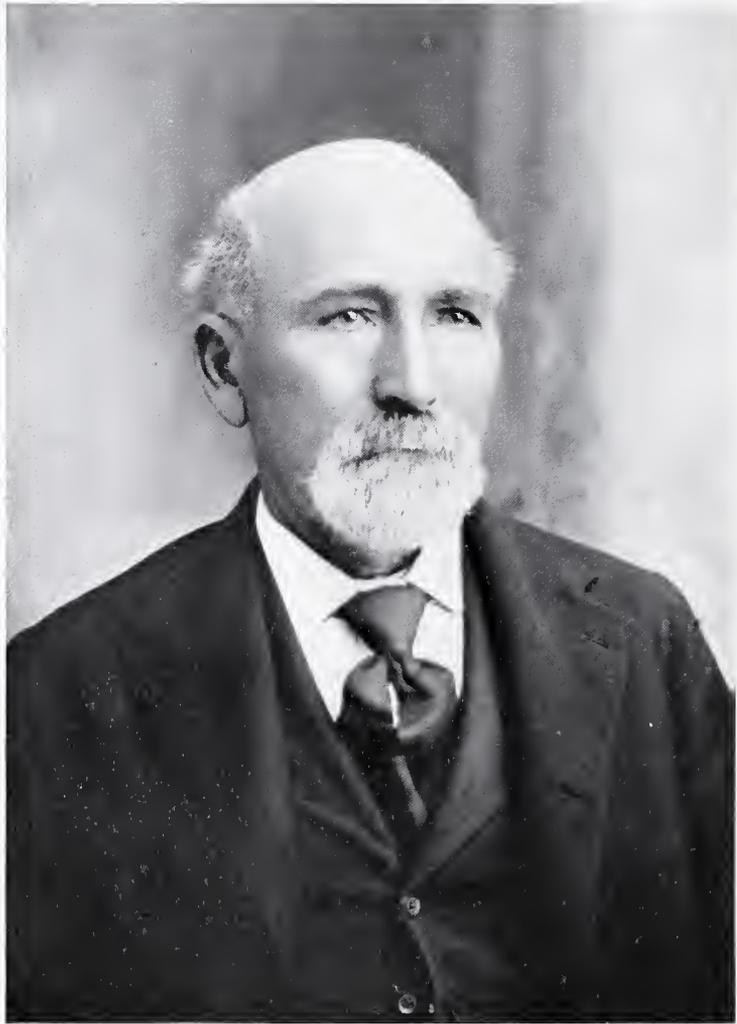
### JONAS GOODMAN.

Jonas Goodman, one of the leading representatives of the agricultural interest of Mahoning county, Ohio, resides on his farm in Green township, and belongs to that class of self-made men who command respect and admiration by reason of their industry, intelligence and success. Mr. Goodman was born in Green township, this county, December 31, 1845, and was here reared and educated. His father dying when he was but six years of age, he was early thrown upon his own resources, but the privations of his boyhood only served to stimulate him to greater industry, and soon developed a sturdy independence which enabled him to surmount all difficulties. As the years went on he was enabled to purchase a farm in Columbiana county, and on it he made his home for eight years, at the expiration of which period he purchased his present fine farm consisting of one hundred and eighty-six acres, and has operated it since 1884, devoting it to general farming and stock-raising. He has made many excellent improvements upon the land and his entire farm indicates the character of the owner, and bears witness to his energy and ability.

In 1874 Mr. Goodman was married to Miss Sarah M. Wolf, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Wolf. The following children were born of this marriage: Mrs. Hattie C. Weaver, who was born in 1876, and has one son; Celesta B., a graduate of Greenford high school and a teacher of four years' experience, who was born in 1881; Belva M., who was born in 1886; Rachel A., who was born in 1888; and an unnamed infant born in 1884. Mrs. Goodman was born in Butler township, Columbiana county, Ohio, July 5, 1853, and she, with her husband and family, is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Goodman has held several township offices and is highly regarded throughout the entire neighborhood not only on account of his financial standing, but also for his many excellent qualities.

Jonas Goodman is a son of William and Julia A. (Smith) Goodman, the former of whom was born in Green township in December, 1803, and the latter in Pennsylvania, January 5, 1809. Their family consisted of twelve children, eleven of whom grew to maturity. One son, Isaac, was





*Jonas Goodman*



*Mrs Maggie Goodman*



a soldier during the Civil war and laid down his life in his country's defense, in 1863. Of the other members of the family, six are now living: Hannah, Catherine, Amelia, Jacob, Jonas and Eli. William Goodman was a blacksmith by trade and also a practical farmer, and accumulated one hundred and fourteen acres of land. He was a most excellent man, a good citizen and worthy member of the Lutheran church, with which his wife was also connected. On January 13, 1851, he died, and his wife passed away February 4, 1884.

William Goodman was a son of John Goodman, a native of Germany, who came to America after his marriage. He first located in Pennsylvania, but after a short time removed to Ohio and purchased one hundred acres in Green township, Mahoning county. John Goodman was a hard-working man, who endured many hardships in his pioneer life. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran church. Their family consisted of six children, namely: John, Henry, William, Nicholas, Catherine and Hannah, all of whom became well and favorably known throughout the county.

The great-grandfather of Mrs. Jonas Goodman, Jacob Wolf, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio at a very early date. His wife was a Miss Troxell, and the two located in Georgetown, Columbiana county, Ohio, where he became possessed of two sections of land. They were earnest members of the Lutheran church, to which they contributed liberally, and gave to many works of charity, but of this few had any knowledge. One of the donations of Mr. Wolf to the church was a farm, the income of which was to go towards its support. Among his family was a son Adam, grandfather of Mrs. Jonas Goodman, and he married Catherine Mountz, and had these children: Sally, Polly, Phoebe, Lucinda, Anna, Christina, Catherine, Hannah, John, George and Samuel; George is the only one living. Samuel Wolf, the father of Mrs. Goodman, was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Heighton, by whom he had six children, five of whom are living, namely: Adam, Thomas, Samuel, John and Elvira. His second wife was Eliza Metz, and six children were born to this marriage: Sarah M., Emaline, Catherine, Frank, William, and one deceased. Samuel Wolf owned a fine farm of three hundred acres in Butler township, Columbiana county, Ohio, and at one time conducted a mercantile establishment in the same county, and sunk seventeen thousand dollars in it. He then retired to his farm and by hard work paid off every cent of indebtedness. Physically he was very stout, possessed of strong muscles and steady nerves. Morally he was equally strong, and deserved all the praise which was given to him both before

and after his death. His son Alonzo, who was born of the first marriage, was a soldier in the war of the rebellion and there lost his life. The death of Samuel Wolf was caused by an accident. In ascending a remarkably steep hill, the king bolt came out, separating the team from the wagon. The wagon dashed down the hill with great speed. Mr. Wolf jumped to save himself, but was struck by the wagon and pinned to a tree. The accident occurred September 21, 1875, and he expired five hours later on the same day. His birth occurred on his father's farm in Butler township, May 5, 1808, and his wife Eliza was born in 1821 and died in 1879, aged fifty-eight years.

#### TIMOTHY DWIGHT BALDWIN.

The above named now retired from active business, is enjoying the repose due to one who has spent a long and useful life in honorable employment, fulfilling every duty both private and public to the best of his ability. Mr. Baldwin has been a resident of Youngstown for more than half a century and during that time, though mostly employed as an expert and confidential bookkeeper for others, has filled positions of importance on his own account, including two terms as auditor of Mahoning county. He comes from an old Connecticut family and is a son of one of the early pioneers of Ohio. The founder of the American branch of this name was Joseph Baldwin, who emigrated from Aylesbury, England. He left a son named Ezra, who became the father of Curtis Baldwin, whose birth occurred at Durham, Connecticut, June 21, 1766, and his death November 13, 1824. Samuel, son of Curtis Baldwin, was born at Durham, New York, in 1793 and in 1818 settled in Atwater, in Portage county, Ohio, where he became a farmer, served many years as justice of the peace and was a man of consequence in his community. He married Sallie (Dunn) Spencer, and they had nine children, of whom the only survivor is Timothy D. The mother departed this life December 30, 1844, but her husband long survived her, his death occurring at Ravenna, Ohio, in 1874, at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

Timothy Dwight Baldwin was born at Atwater, Portage county, Ohio, in 1827. He remained upon the farm until seventeen years of age, after which he taught school during the winters for several years until 1848, when he located at Youngstown and secured a position as bookkeeper. He continued in this employment for eleven years and in 1859 was elected auditor of Mahoning county, obtained a second term and in all served four years. After the expiration of his term he acted as assistant auditor in Cuyahoga county for a while and then returned to his original occupation of keeping books at Youngstown. After continuing in this line for some time, he abandoned it

temporarily for a sojourn in New York city, where he was employed as manager of a business firm for six years. Again returning to Youngstown, he resumed bookkeeping and so continued until his permanent retirement from business.

In 1849 Mr. Baldwin was married to Lucretia, daughter of Dr. Henry Manning, who was at that time president of the Mahoning county bank and one of the most prominent citizens of Youngstown. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have had ten children, of whom the only survivors are William Henry; Mary Helen; Frank L.; and Emily L., wife of L. A. Osborn. Mr. Baldwin is a man of profound religious convictions and has been a member of the First Presbyterian church ever since his arrival at Youngstown in 1848. During a long and useful life he did his work and duty faithfully and in retirement enjoys general esteem.

#### ANSON THORNTON.

In this land of unceasing change the varied occupations a man may enter excite but little comment among his fellows, yet it is this infinite variety of experience which oft-times is responsible for the development of our commercial magnates. To Anson Thornton have come widely divergent business interests and duties, and his ability to meet the requirements of all shows well the measure of his attainments.

He was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in the year 1857, where he was reared and received his education. At about twenty years of age he left his books and procured a position in the baggage office of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad in Youngstown, which he held for about five years, during all of which time he rendered efficient service to the road, in recognition of which he was given a position as fireman, running between Youngstown and Andover, and in this position he continued about five years more.

At this time he wished to leave his old life of railroading and enter the commercial world, and therefore procured a position as shipping clerk for the American Tube & Iron Company. Here he continued for about four years, discharging his duties with conscientious ability. Again seeking change, together with his brother Carroll Thornton, whose life history appears elsewhere in this volume, he opened up a laundry in Youngstown, which he continued, with an ever increasing volume of business, until about 1898, when he decided upon another radical change of business, and opened up the grocery which he now conducts so successfully at 423 Crossman avenue.

In the year 1875 he was united in wedlock to Inez Corl, in Mogadore, Ohio, who was the daughter of A. C. Corl. Mr. Thornton is a prominent

Republican, though he has never sought any political offices or rewards, and is an honored member of the Knights of Pythias, and of the blue lodge of the Masons. He has also long been a member of the Disciples church, which has had the able support of himself and wife for many years. He occupies the responsible office of vice president of the Youngstown Retail Grocers' Association. He has had the rare faculty of attaining success in many different lines of business, and now in the prime of his life is able to see the results of his earlier efforts and trials, and may well point with pride to his succeeding steps, all rising as they have done, to higher levels and more responsible positions.

#### WILLIAM SHAW ANDERSON.

The name given above will be readily recognized throughout the Mahoning valley as well as in other parts of the state as belonging to one of the most distinguished and eloquent members of the Ohio bar. He has been connected with the profession for thirty-two years and during most of that time has enjoyed a practice of large proportions, besides a reputation of the highest order for ability, eloquence and a knowledge of the law. He has become especially famous as a criminal lawyer and has been leading counsel in some of the most sensational cases in his section of the state. He is of Irish parentage and comes of one of the most substantial families of the famous Isle of Erin.

His father, the late David Anderson, who was born in county Donegal in 1817, was the first of the name to cross over, his emigration taking place in 1832. He located first in Philadelphia, but soon after moved farther west and eventually found a permanent abode in Ohio. Though he owned a farm, his principal occupation was merchandising and for forty years he was a leading merchant at North Jackson, Ohio, where he settled about 1846. He was married in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, to Hannah L., daughter of Dr. William Shaw, an eminent physician and early settler of that section. Mrs. Anderson was born in 1816 and died in 1878, and her husband departed this life in 1890, after a long and useful life, during which he earned the reputation of being an honest man of business and an excellent citizen. Their children, consisting of two sons and two daughters, were William S., Elizabeth, Margaret, deceased, and Daniel F.

William Shaw Anderson, eldest of the children, was born at North Jackson, Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1848 and spent the first eighteen years of his life on his father's farm. Besides obtaining a primary education in the country schools, he learned the details of farm work by assisting in the

fields during busy seasons. Before reaching his majority he taught school for two years and then decided to enter the profession of law. With this end in view he took a position in a law office at Warren, Ohio, went through the necessary preparation for practice and obtained admission to the bar in 1870. He practiced a while at Niles and then located at Canfield, which was at that time the county seat of Mahoning county, and there he remained for several years. In 1876, with a view of obtaining a larger field of operation, Mr. Anderson decided to "hang out his shingle" at Youngstown, and accordingly that year found him located in the thriving capital of Mahoning county ready for business. From that time on he has continued to be one of the fixtures of the city, gradually rising until he stood in the front rank of his profession. At the present time he is a member of the firm of Jones & Anderson, which has a large clientage and does a large part of the legal business transacted at Youngstown. Aside from his reputation as a criminal lawyer, he is regarded as exceedingly well informed and well equipped in other branches of the profession.

In 1868 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Miss Maria L. Shields, and they have four children to cheer their household: Blanche, William N., Randall H. and Anne. Mr. Anderson has no church connections, but is a Republican in politics and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

#### MOSES COOMBS.

Practical training often makes more able and proficient men than books and colleges can ever do. Some men seem born to carve out their destinies wholly unaided by the world's theories and experiences, as expounded in the schools. An example of this type of man, able to solve all necessary questions as they presented themselves in his lifework, is Mr. Coombs. His father, of the same name, was born in England in 1819 and came to Pennsylvania in infancy with his parents, dying in 1888. He married Julia Ludlow, a native of New Jersey, and to them were born seven children, all of whom are now living. His paternal grandfather was Thomas Coombs.

Moses Coombs was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in 1848, and came in infancy to Youngstown, where his earlier and later manhood has all been passed. Here he received his education in the common schools, until at the age of sixteen, when tiring of school and its confinements, he took up blacksmithing under his father, and worked for him for about two years. He then obtained employment with the Youngstown Gas Company in 1866, and with this company, through its many changes of name and workings, he has

since remained. His first employment with the Youngstown Gas Company was in the humble capacity of fitter's helper, but his ability soon became apparent and in only two years he was selected as the most capable man connected with the company, and made superintendent. In 1872 he remodeled the works, increasing their capacity and improving them in many ways. So well was this work done that no material change has been necessitated during all the time intervening.

In 1864 he enlisted in the army, in the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, where he served four months. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Griner in 1875 and reared a family of seven children, as follows: Fred F., Elmer J., Charles, Carrie, Nellie, Julia and Hazel. Mr. Coombs is a Republican and an influential member of the *Tod Post* No. 29, G. A. R., also of the First Presbyterian church. From humble beginnings and by his own unaided endeavor Mr. Coombs has succeeded in establishing himself in the responsible position we have named. It is needless to say that after these many years of his association with the interests of the Consolidated Company, he is familiar with all branches of the work and is well-nigh indispensable. He is, withal, a man respected by high and low and one who discharges his duties of business and society in such a manner as to win the admiration of all.

#### ALMON EASTMAN.

Jonathan Eastman was a native of the old Green Mountain state, born there in 1794, and when he was twenty-one years old set out from his home to walk the long distance to Warren, Ohio; this long and toilsome journey, a part of which was over the mountains, was accomplished at the average speed of fifty-five miles a day, something which seems almost incredible, but it indicates the real spirit of the young man and was an earnest of his future success. He took up farming and became the owner of considerable land in Ellsworth township, Mahoning county, where he was honored for his qualities of good citizenship, and was a beneficent influence not only to his immediate family but to his fellow citizens. In 1822 he had married Miss Margaret Truesdale, who was a native of Pennsylvania. Their family comprised eight children, and of this number five are living. Mr. Eastman was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church, but later joined the Methodist Episcopal. He died in 1864 and his wife in 1878.

Their son Almon Eastman was born on April 22, 1831, in that part of Mahoning county which at that time formed a portion of Trumbull county but is now Canfield township. He was reared there and when old enough





Arthur Eastman



*Mary M Eastman*



applied himself to the learning of the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for thirteen years. He was working at his trade when the Civil war broke out, and in August, 1862, he laid down his hammer and enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being made corporal. He was disabled in the battle at Perryville, Kentucky, in October of the same year and was then placed on special duty at Camp Douglas in Chicago, where there were at one time fourteen thousand prisoners. He received his honorable discharge on July 3, 1865, and then entered into a partnership with John Flick in the sawmill business, which was continued for fourteen years, since which time he has been on the retired list and enjoying the fruits of earlier toil, but at the same time has been devoting his leisure to the management of his farm.

On May 30, 1859, Mr. Eastman was married to Miss Mary A., the daughter of John and Rachel Flick; she was born in Ellsworth township, Mahoning county, in 1836, and as her father was also the partner of Mr. Eastman, it would be well to give a few words regarding his history. John Flick was born in Pennsylvania in 1814 and came to Ohio in 1826, where he has made his home to the present time. By his first marriage he had four children, and he was afterward married to Mrs. Jane Courtney, by whom he had no children, but she was a mother by her first marriage. Mr. Flick was a shoemaker and a carpenter and also a blacksmith later in life, and is now a well preserved man for his age and has outlived both of his wives, whose children are all married and in different walks of life. Mrs. Eastman is the only one of this family living. Mr. Eastman by his marriage to Miss Flick had eight children, Martha Etta, Frances, Serena M., Myra M., Vinnie R., Mary L., Charles E. and Lynn A. He is one of the surviving members of Tod Post No. 29 of the Grand Army of the Republic at Youngstown, and, further, is past noble grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Canfield. His wife is a member of the Christian church, and they are both highly esteemed in social circles.

#### GEORGE E. HUGGINS.

Occupying a responsible position in connection with one of the great industrial enterprises of the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, and recognized as a capable and discriminating official, the subject of this review is well worthy of representation in this work. He is incumbent of the office of assistant superintendent of the Brown-Bonnell Works of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, an establishment with whose interests he has been identified for nearly a quarter of a century, his able efforts and marked fidelity having secured him advancement to his present position.

Mr. Huggins is a native of the city of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England, where he was born on the 23rd of October, 1860, being a son of Thomas G. Huggins, who was born in Gloucestershire, England, in the year 1840, and who came to America in 1866, when the subject of this review was a lad of six years. In the year 1859 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Summers, and they became the parents of two children, George E., our subject; and John D., a resident of Sharon, Pennsylvania. Thomas G. Huggins died in 1880, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and his widow now maintains her home in Youngstown, Ohio. He was a jeweler by trade and vocation and was a man of utmost integrity of character, commanding unqualified confidence and esteem. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Thomas G. Huggins, who likewise was born in Gloucestershire, the year of his nativity having been 1800, while he passed his entire life in his native land, his death occurring in 1868. He, also, was a jeweler by occupation, and his active business career was devoted to this line of enterprise, in which he was successful.

George E. Huggins accompanied his parents to America in 1866, as has already been noted, and the family located in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where they maintained their home for one year, at the expiration of which time they removed to Fairmount, West Virginia, which was their place of abode for about a decade. In that place our subject attended the public schools until he had attained the age of fourteen years, when he gave inception to his independent business career by securing employment as clerk in a local mercantile establishment. To this line of work he devoted his attention until he was eighteen years of age, when, in 1879, he came to Youngstown, Ohio, and here secured employment as shipping clerk in the sheet mill of the Brown-Bonnell Company, retaining this incumbency about one year and then being advanced to a similar position in the general warehouse of the company. Six months later came further recognition of his effective and faithful service, since he was then promoted to the position of inspector of material, an office created at that time and of which he was the first incumbent. He showed a marked discretion and efficiency in systematizing and handling the work thus assigned to him and he continued to serve in this capacity until September, 1900, when he was given his present responsible position as assistant superintendent of the great plant, which had been merged into the Republic Iron & Steel Company's holdings, under the name of the Brown-Bonnell Works. Mr. Huggins is essentially a business man and is untiring in his efforts, sparing no pains to further the interests of the company and to secure the maximum service from those laboring under

his direction while he has ever had the confidence and esteem of all the employes with whom he is thus brought into contact, and his successive promotions indicate the value placed upon his services by his employers.

In politics Mr. Huggins is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but he has never sought official preferment nor taken an active part in political affairs, deeming his business duties worthy of his undivided attention. On the 25th of March, 1891, Mr. Huggins was united in marriage to Miss Maria L. Manning, daughter of Henry Manning, of Youngstown, and they have two children, Caroline A. and Henry M., both of whom remain at the parental home and both of whom are being accorded the best possible educational advantages.

#### CHRIST MAUSER.

There is an obscurity in the game of life that, to the robust mind, is always attractive as a subject of study. The important uncertainty of the final outcome justifies the axiom that there is nothing so certain in life as its uncertainty, and yet this same uncertainty begets and fosters incentive and definite effort. To push forward and win the battle is the one common impulse and ambition of humanity. But in this vast concourse of struggling warriors the number who achieve definite success is comparatively small, for "the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong," and thus he who makes a proper use of the talents and abilities which are his and gains such a degree of success as is possible under the circumstances and conditions is deserving of all credit and honor, whether his endeavors have been directed upon the loftier plane of public activity and distinguished service, in the field of professional life, in the realm of the professions, in the direction of industrial enterprises of wide scope and importance, or in the humbler walks of life, where he figures as one of the rank and file of the world's noble army of workers. He who has wrought out his own fortune through his indomitable will, untiring energy and native shrewdness and ability, naturally bears off the palm, and to such the great republic of America has ever offered superior opportunities, of which many a young man from foreign climes has availed himself and advanced to position of independence and honor in connection with our best citizenship and our industrial activities. One of the sterling citizens whom the great German fatherland has given to the United States is Christ Mauser, of the firm of Christ Mauser & Son, one of the representative business men of Youngstown, Mahoning county, where he is successfully engaged in the work of contracting and building as a stone and brick mason.

Christ Mauser is a native of Bardenbach, Germany, where he was born on the 21st of February, 1847, coming of staunch old German lineage long identified with the annals of that section of the fatherland. He is a son of Leonhardt Mauser, who was born in the same place, in 1821, and who there passed his entire life, his vocation having been that of a farmer. His good wife, whose maiden name was Philapena Weber and whose death occurred at about sixty-five years of age, was likewise a resident of Germany throughout her life, and of their four children, all of whom lived to years of maturity, two survive at the present time: Christ; and Christiana, who is the wife of Wilhelm Roeder and who still maintains her home in Germany. The parents of our subject were honest and unpretentious folk of sterling character, industrious and God-fearing, and their lives were prolific in good. The paternal grandfather was Johann Mauser, who passed his entire life in the fatherland, a prosperous and honored citizen.

Christ Mauser was reared in his native place, in whose excellent schools he secured his early educational training, while he there prepared for the active duties and responsibilities of life by learning the trade of stone-cutting, becoming an expert workman and thus laying the foundation for a career of success in the future years. In 1866, when nineteen years of age, the young man severed the ties which bound him to home and fatherland and courageously set forth to seek his fortunes in the United States, having become convinced that wider opportunities were here offered for one dependent upon his own resources. Unfamiliar with the language of his adopted country and equipped only with his determination, self-reliance, sterling honesty of purpose and knowledge of his trade, we can well imagine the obstacles and difficulties that confronted him on his arrival in America, but that his equipment was altogether adequate no one can doubt, in view of later events and the position which he to-day holds, after years of ceaseless toil and endeavor. Soon after his arrival Mr. Mauser came to Youngstown, and this has been the scene of his successful labors for nearly two-score of years, and thus he may well be regarded as one of the veteran contractors of the city at the present time. In his line of operations he has been concerned in much work of importance, many substantial evidences of his skill and enterprise being found in this locality, while he has ever observed the highest ethics of business life, has been true to the letter of every contract into which he has entered and has thus gained and retained unqualified confidence and esteem in the community where he has so long made his home and in which he has attained success through his energetic and well directed efforts. He is known and honored as a valuable citizen and is well entitled to representation in

this publication. He was here employed as a journeyman at his trade for the first four years after his arrival and then, in 1870, gave inception to his independent business career by engaging in contract work in a modest way. His fidelity and ability soon gained him distinctive recognition, however, and his business has shown a continuous growth in scope and importance, and he to-day stands as one of the leaders in his line in this section of the state. Mr. Mauser and son also have a general storage house.

Thoroughly loyal to the institutions of his adopted land and fully appreciative of the opportunities which it has afforded him, he has been signally alive to the duties of citizenship and has exercised his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party. He served one term as a member of the city council of Youngstown, having been elected as a representative from the second ward. He maintains a deep interest in all that touches the progress and material prosperity of his home city and has contributed in no slight degree to its substantial upbuilding. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church, of which Mrs. Mauser is also a devoted member.

In the city of Youngstown, on the 28th of May, 1870, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Mauser to Miss Lucinda Krum, who likewise is of stanch German lineage and who was born in the state of Ohio, a daughter of John Krum. Of their five children four are living, namely: Emma, who is the wife of Fred Kirchner, of Youngstown; Lewis C., who is in Youngstown; Bertha, who remains at the parental home; and August, who is in school in Youngstown. Alice died at the age of eighteen years.

#### M. G. HUFFMAN.

M. G. Huffman, lumberman and farmer of Green township and one of the leading business men of that locality, owns a farm of seventy-eight acres, a beautiful residence in Greenford, and has extensive interests elsewhere, including a portable sawmill, which he moves from one place to another, buying his timber standing. With this mill he cuts about three hundred thousand feet annually, and is an important factor in the lumber interests of the county.

Mr. Huffman was born in Page county, Virginia, in 1857 and was reared and educated in his native state. When but fourteen years of age he was brought by his parents to Ohio, in 1872, and has since then made that state his home. He is a son of David and Sarah (Blosser) Huffman, both natives of Page county, Virginia, where the former was born in 1836 and the latter in 1834, and they were both reared and educated in Virginia. David

Huffman has principally followed mechanical pursuits during his active life, and owned and operated a grist mill in Virginia for several years. On the breaking out of the Civil war he was engaged in the great struggle on the Confederate side, under General Stonewall Jackson. After his removal to Green township he purchased a portable mill, which he operated for a few years, and then sold, and formed a company with his son M. G. and bought a stationary sawmill. Later he disposed of it and ran a hotel, but after three years' experience, he abandoned that vocation and in company with his son Silas bought the planing mill in Greenford, added a sawmill, and for four years they operated the two in conjunction. The other sons bought out their father's interest, and formed a company. At the same time David formed a company with M. G. and James, and purchased the Greenford grist mill and extensively fitted it with the latest roller process machinery. This not proving a profitable investment, they exchanged the property for a farm, now the property of M. G. Huffman. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. David Huffman, are as follows: Millard G., James, Silas and Charles. The last three named are leading lumbermen of Youngstown, Ohio. In addition to these sons they had daughters as follows: Cordelia, Lizzie, Flora, Bessie, Mamie and Anna.

In March, 1882, M. G. Huffman was united in marriage with Miss Minerva J. Calvin, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Calvin. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huffman, namely: Jennie, in 1883; Carrie, in 1885; Effie, in 1889; Mary, in 1894; Russell, in 1897; Gertrude, in 1901. Mrs. Huffman was born in Washingtonville, Ohio, in 1860. Both Mr. and Mrs. Huffman are consistent members of the Disciples church, of which he is an elder. The Huffmans have long been leading lumbermen of Greenford, and they have done much toward advancing the commercial prosperity of that village. Among other things they have erected six of the best residences in the place, and they always lend their influence toward all measures calculated to prove beneficial to the best interests of their locality.

#### AMOS H. LOVELAND.

Amos H. Loveland, of Green township, Mahoning county, Ohio, is one of the leading business men of that locality and a direct descendant of Amos and Jemima Loveland, both of whom were born in Connecticut in 1761, and died in 1851 and 1853 respectively. They moved first to Vermont and in 1801 came to Ohio and located in Coitsville, where they entered about three hundred and seventy acres. During the Revolutionary war Amos Loveland was a brave and gallant soldier, serving three years and



*Amos H. Loveland*



six months, and during the latter part of his life he drew a pension. Politically he was a Democrat and a man of prominence in his community. His family consisted of seven children, all of whom became farmers or married farmers, and of this number was David, born in Coitsville township, Mahoning county, in 1801, and he was the first white boy born in the township. David became a man of considerable importance and owned five hundred and seventeen acres of excellent land, and became an officer in the state militia. In 1827 David Loveland married Lydia Pyle and eight children were born to them, as follows: Cynthia; Amos H.; Marrietta; Keturah; David and Nancy E. (twins); Candace and Sarah (twins), the latter deceased.

Amos H. Loveland was born in Coitsville township, Mahoning county, May 15, 1830, and was reared upon the farm. When he reached manhood's estate, he began the business of life for himself, and now is a man of affairs. His farm consists of ninety acres of excellent land, which he devotes to general farming, and he has resided upon his present property since 1851. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Loveland has been extensively engaged in the lumber business, owning two sawmills, as well as a cider mill and a factory which manufactures broom, staves and barrel heads, and is meeting with unqualified success in all of his ventures as a result of his energy, thrift and excellent management.

In 1850 Mr. Loveland was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hollen, and two children were born to them, Clara and Lydia. Mrs. Loveland died in 1853, and the following year Mr. Loveland married Sarah Armstead. To Mr. and Mrs. Loveland these children have been born: Samuel, Adam (deceased), Lewis H. and Warren R. They are rearing a bright little girl, Pearlie Zeta, whom they adopted when nine months old. They reared another orphan, Rillia Haughn, who is now the wife of Noah Rothgib.

#### WILLIAM P. LOVE, M. D.

Few men have risen to distinction at so early an age and occupied so many positions of responsibility as has Dr. William P. Love, at present one of the leading physicians of Youngstown. In youth he manifested a special taste and aptitude for military affairs, and when still a mere boy had earned such honors as to attract the notice of those in authority. As physician he ranks as one of the best educated and best informed men of his age in the profession. His college career was especially brilliant, and though he attended various schools he was always found at the head of his classes, as will be observed as the incidents of his life are unfolded. The family of Dr. Love was founded in America by his great-grandfather, who emigrated during

the latter part of the eighteenth century and ended his days in the United States. William Love, son of the last mentioned, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1793, served as a soldier in the war of 1812 and died in 1884. Among his children was Andrew, father of Dr. William P. Love, who was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1838, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits.

William P. Love was born on his father's farm in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1870, and remained at home attending the district schools until he was eighteen years of age. He then entered the Northeast Ohio Normal College at Canfield, went from there to the Volant Academy in Pennsylvania and later matriculated at Grove City College in the same state, where he was graduated in the ancient classical and military department in the class of 1893. He was one of the three honor men in the military department and was recommended to the adjutant general of Pennsylvania and to the adjutant general of the United States army as a distinguished cadet. During his career at Grove City he served three years in the Cadet Corps, one year as first sergeant and one as senior captain. During the same period he was a private in Company F, Fifteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, and saw actual service with his command at the time of the Homestead strike. In the fall of 1893 Dr. Love went to Baltimore and attended one session at the Medical College in that city, which was followed by a course in the medical department of the Western Reserve College at Cleveland, where he was graduated in 1896 as president of the class. In 1897, he received the degree of A. M. from his alma mater at Grove City, Pennsylvania, which rounded out his academical career with the highest honor his college could confer. Dr. Love's professional education was rounded out by a course at the New York Post-Graduate College, the New York Polyclinic and the Philadelphia Polyclinic. In November, 1896, he located at Youngstown and August 4, 1897, was appointed captain and assistant surgeon of the Fifth Infantry, Ohio National Guard. May 4, 1898, he was promoted to the rank of major and surgeon of the same regiment. May 11, 1898, he was commissioned as surgeon of the Fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of major and served in camp with that command at Tampa and Fernandina, Florida, until September 9. He was not mustered out with the regiment, but was retained as a member of the examining board for the mustering out of troops, being thus engaged about one month, receiving his discharge November 26, 1898. In December, 1899, he again entered the militia service as assistant surgeon of the Fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of captain, this being the position held by him

when he first entered the military service. On April 28, 1903, he was made major and surgeon of the Ohio National Guard.

Dr. Love is a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association, having held the rank of colonel and aide-de-camp to General James B. Coryell, of Philadelphia. At present he is surgeon general of the same organization with the rank of brigadier general. The Doctor is a man of genial addresses and fine bearing, intelligent and progressive in his professional methods and popular in all ranks of society at Youngstown. In politics Dr. Love is an enthusiastic member of the Republican party, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is also an active member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

#### ANDREW VON REICHSTADT.

Andrew Von Reichstadt, a worthy and venerable citizen of Green township, now engaged in the manufacture of tile near Green station under the firm style of Von Reichstadt & Pettit, was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany. December 13, 1827, and is the son of Andrew and Anna M. (Graffe) Von Reichstadt, and grandson of Jacob Graffe, born in Dottenwilen. His father was of French descent, closely connected with Napoleon De Reichstadt, son of the great Napoleon and his wife Mary Louise of Austria, but never succeeded to the throne of his father, thus preventing the family of Von Reichstadt from enjoying the rights which otherwise would have descended to them. The mother of our subject was descended from German stock and was a member of one of the best families of that empire. Andrew was a tinsmith by trade and worked at it in his native country. Eight children were born to himself and wife, and six of them are now living.

Andrew Von Reichstadt, our subject, emigrated to America in 1853, when he was twenty-six years of age. His early education was an excellent one, for after completing the primary course he took up Latin, Greek, French, Hebrew, geology, astronomy, philosophy and psychology. On account of the difference in religious belief between his father and mother, the former being Roman Catholic and the latter a Lutheran, he began the study of theology, and after deep research decided that the doctrines of the great Swedenborg came nearer to the truth than those of any other teacher. Mr. Von Reichstadt is a man of deep thought and wide research and is interested in all living issues.

On arriving in this country, Mr. Von Reichstadt was in straitened circumstances, but he was not one to allow himself to be discouraged. At first he tried farming, but as he was not accustomed to the work, he removed

from Columbiana county, Ohio, where he first settled, to Michigan in 1857, but the climate not agreeing with him, he returned to Ohio, where he applied himself to his trade of tinsmith, beginning with a very small capital in the village of Greenford, where he in time built up a very flourishing business. Soon he was able to open a store and tinshop, and he continued in this line until 1870. In that year he removed to Greenford station, where he was employed by Chauncy Andrews on what is now the Niles & Lisbon branch of the Erie Railroad. Moving his shop to this village, he continued it in conjunction with his duties as station agent, and did a very prosperous business. For twenty-three years he remained in this position, enjoying the confidence and good will of his employers. In 1884 Mr. Von Reichstadt discovered a valuable vein of tile clay on his property, and the following year he opened a factory and began the manufacture of tile. He has also discovered a vein of coal, which furnishes him with fuel for drying his tile. The capacity of his plant is about two car-loads per week. About 1887 he took Charles C. Pettit into partnership, and the present style was adopted. On February 9, 1902, his tile works were burned to the ground, and he suffered a total loss as the property was not insured. However the firm soon constructed a more substantial plant and are now doing a flourishing business, their trade constantly increasing, owing to the excellence of their product and the honorable treatment always accorded customers.

In 1856 Mr. Von Reichstadt was married to Miss Caroline Stahl, of Germany, and the following children were born to this union: Lydia A., George, Mima, Matilda, Eliza, Maggie, Sophia and Reinhold, of whom George and Matilda are deceased. In 1875 Mrs. Von Reichstadt died, and in 1879 Mr. Von Reichstadt married Miss Doratha C. Zehnder, who passed away in 1887. On April 17, 1889, he married Mrs. Rebecca Smith. Mr. Von Reichstadt is one of the most highly respected citizens of this locality, and his opinion is often sought upon matters of moment, as he is recognized as an authority upon almost every subject owing to his wide reading, deep studies and great intellectual abilities.

#### JAMES M. PETTIT.

James M. Pettit, a retired farmer and prominent citizen of Greenford, Mahoning county, Ohio, was born in Columbiana county, that state, March 14, 1820, a son of Phineas and Margaret (Middleton) Pettit. The Pettit family came originally from Pennsylvania to Columbiana county, and the parents of our subject were married in that state, the mother being a second wife. The first wife died leaving one daughter, now deceased. The children

of the second marriage were as follows: John, James M., Elizabeth, Martha, Charles, William D., Sarah and Ann, of whom James, Charles and William are still living; John became a physician. The father died in 1834, the same year that the family located in Trumbull county, Newton township, and the mother survived until 1845.

James M. Pettit was fourteen years of age when he settled with his parents in Trumbull county, Newton township, and two years later he removed to Mahoning county, but then Columbiana county, and steadily worked to secure a farm. This he was able to purchase in 1865, it consisting of seventy-three acres, upon which but few improvements had been made. He added twenty-five acres, and here made his home until 1902, when he retired from active business, having developed his farm into one of the best in the township. He is a staunch Republican, and while residing in Green township, served as township treasurer and trustee.

On July 23, 1843, he was united in marriage with Charlotte, who is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Cook, and was born in Green township, August 19, 1820. To this union there were born three children: Amanda J. married Josiah H. Blackbone, ex-commissioner of Mahoning county; Charles C. is in partnership with Andrew Von Reichstadt; and Elizabeth A. married Luther Calvin. Mr. and Mrs. Pettit are consistent members of the Disciples church, in which they take an active part, and they are well and favorably known throughout the entire community.

#### SAMUEL LITTLE.

Among the respected citizens of Ellsworth is Samuel Little, a retired farmer, who was born April 28, 1824, in Dumfries-shire, in the parish of Hutton, Scotland, and is a son of Samuel and Janet (Clyde) Little, the former of whom was born February 4, 1794, and the latter on March 27, 1794, in the same shire, parish of Applegirth. The children born to them were: John, born December 5, 1818, was a carpenter and teacher, and died in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1847; Margaret, born February 5, 1823, is now the widow of George Currie and lives in Portage county, with eight children; Samuel; Adam, born October 27, 1829, is a carpenter and finisher living in Toledo, and has one son.

The Little family came from Scotland to America in 1833, by way of the sailing ship *Quebec*, the journey consuming seven weeks and four days. Their destination was Columbiana county, and there Mr. Little bought a farm of ninety acres, mostly timber. The home was a log cabin. It required much industry, but a good farm was finally cleared, the timber being

valuable, consisting of beech, ash, hickory and poplar. The father died in July, 1875, and the mother in June, 1886. They both were intelligent and consistent members of the Presbyterian church. The father was a Jackson Democrat, coming to America during his administration. For six years he was a justice of the peace in his township.

Samuel Little had but few educational advantages, for in his early days work was pressing and schools were few. Although never a very robust man, he has accomplished a great deal, clearing up several fine farms. On December 20, 1855, he married Nancy Miller, who was born October 19, 1826, at North Benton, Columbiana county, and is a daughter of Abraham and Nancy (Blackburn) Miller. Her father was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and her mother in Salem, Ohio. John Blackburn and Jane Armstrong, the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Little, were married in December, 1784, and had nine children, six daughters and three sons, of whom Nancy was the third child and second daughter, the others being: Elizabeth, William, Mary, Jane, Sarah, Hannah, John, Joseph. Two daughters died young and the others all married. Grandfather Miller took part in the Revolutionary war and served at Valley Forge. His wife moulded bullets and carried them to the soldiers. A pair of plain silver sleeve-buttons made by grandfather Miller and worn by him, are valued relics in the family, as are a pair of tongs, also made by him, which were brought with other belongings over the Allegheny mountains, when the family settled in Salem in 1806.

Samuel Little and wife began domestic life April 3, 1856, in Carroll county, on a farm of fifty and one-half acres, and here they resided until about 1896, when they sold this property and bought their comfortable village home. Here they enjoy life, keep a horse, wagons, have a cow, pigs and chickens, and combine thus very comfortably the pleasures of town and rural life. Mr. and Mrs. Little have had seven children: Margaret Jane married Joseph Galway Miller; Ida Ann, born November 16, 1858, married Evan J. Speakman, and has one living daughter; Mary Almeda died at the age of twenty-four years; Harriet Alice, born June 15, 1862, is the widow Miner and has one son; Walter Lowry, born August 21, 1864, died at the age of seven months; Clara Stella, born May 23, 1866, married Daniel Bingham, lives in Green township and they have one son; and Sarah Emily is the wife of Francis A. Harsh, and resides in Minerva, Stark county.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Little are members of the Presbyterian church. His political views have always connected him with the Democratic party, but he has never been willing to serve in any office. He is a well preserved

man, active both in mind and body, and attributes a great deal of his good health and prosperity to having lived a moral life, of temperance, economy and industry. The ancestors of both Mr. and Mrs. Little were prominent people, and grandfather Blackburn was a well known Presbyterian clergyman. Mrs. Little has several relics of her ancestors that are more than a century old, and are of great value.

#### MARGERY GAULT.

Mrs. Margery Gault is now eighty-seven years of age, and is one of the highly esteemed ladies of Mahoning county. Few can relate from memory and from personal experience events concerning the pioneer epoch of the county's history, but through a long period she has resided in this portion of the state, in fact, is one of the native daughters of the county, her birth having occurred in a log cabin about a mile and a half northeast of her present home, in Jackson township, on the 3d of June, 1816. Her father, John Ewing, was born in county Donegal, Ireland, in 1774, and came to America at the age of sixteen years in company with his widowed mother, one brother and two sisters; the mother died in old age. John Ewing was married to Miss Margaret Orr, who was born about 1787, and lived in Jackson township, Mahoning county. The wedding took place in 1803, and to them were born twelve children, nine daughters and three sons, the latter being Gibson, Alexander and John Ewing. The last named was the youngest of the family. He was born about 1826, and is now living in Youngstown, Ohio, at the age of seventy-seven years, a retired farmer. The father died in 1841, and the widow survived until she had reached the age of seventy-five years; for some six years prior to her death she was blind.

Mrs. Gault spent her girlhood days upon one of the pioneer farms of Mahoning county, living in a log cabin until she was about ten years of age. She attended the subscription schools, but educational privileges in this locality were then limited, owing to the unsettled condition of the district. At home she was trained in the various departments of farm work, and was thus well qualified to take charge of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. On the 9th of December, 1835, she became the bride of Robert Gault, who was born in Green township, Mahoning county, in 1814, and was then twenty-one years of age, while his wife was in her nineteenth year. They at once came to their farm and lived in the log cabin which Mr. Gault built in the midst of tall trees. His father gave to him one hundred and forty acres of the original tract, and he added to this until at his death he was the owner of a very valuable farm of three hundred acres. His father,

Robert Gault, had died while serving in the American army, in the war of 1812, passing away in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was buried.

As the years passed, they became the parents of twelve children: John, who was born December 27, 1836; Alexander and Margaret Sarah, born May 26, 1838; Mary Ann, who was born December 14, 1839, and became the wife of J. A. Smith; Andrew, born November 13, 1841; Caroline, born March 9, 1843; Martha T., born November 9, 1845; Gideon, born November 6, 1846; Samuel, March 11, 1848; William, March 28, 1850; Gibson, December 6, 1852; Robert Ewing, March 7, 1855. Caroline died at the age of thirty-one years; Andrew died in 1863, while serving in the Union army during the Civil war; Martha, the wife of David Wilson, of Youngstown, died in 1898, at the age of fifty-three years. Mrs. Gault has fifteen living grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is well preserved both physically and mentally, and seems much younger than she is. She has been a noble and devoted mother to twelve children, who honor her and are also an honor to the family name. Endowed by nature with many excellent qualities, and cultivating the graces of character which lead to an upright life, she has gained friends by reason of her many kindly traits and her sterling worth, and she deserves honorable and prominent mention among the pioneer settlers of her native county.

#### JOSHUA KYLE.

One of the practical, up-to-date farmers of Canfield township, Mahoning county, Ohio, is Joshua Kyle, who not only derives a good revenue from the cultivation of one hundred and sixty-one acres of valuable land, but the rich stratum of bituminous coal which underlies the place is another source of considerable profit. If anyone has a right to enjoy the richness of Mahoning county soil, it is the members of the Kyle family, for grandfather Joshua Kyle was one of the very earliest settlers in this favored region, and his descendants enjoy the land almost as a birthright. Joshua came in 1801 and was one of the prominent citizens of the county and wielded considerable political influence. He was one of the Nimrods of that early time and had the reputation of being a "crack" shot. He owned a large amount of land and distributed it among his twelve children in parcels of one hundred acres each.

One of Joshua's sons was Robert, who was born in Youngstown township, this county, in 1805, and was known as one of the most upright and broad-minded men in the community. Like his father, he followed farming and was very successful. He was married about 1828 to Miss Dina Phillips, who was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; they were members of the Dis-





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ciples church. He died in 1890 and she in 1895. Of their ten children eight are now living, as follows: Mary A., Catherine, Joshua, William, Leford, Alace, Amanda and Ira.

Joshua, the grandson of the above named Joshua, was born at Kyles Corners in this county, December 14, 1834, and was reared and educated in his native township. He spent twenty-one years of his life in drilling for oil and coal in different parts of Ohio. In 1870 he made his first purchase of real estate, to the amount of one acre, but his father later presented him with fifty acres, and he added to his farm by gradual accretions until he has now one of the best estates in the township, and he is also a practical farmer and knows how to bring the best returns from his labor. On January 2, 1863, Mr. Kyle was married to Miss Candace Loveland, who was born to David and Lydia Loveland near Haselton, Ohio, July 9, 1838. She is a member of the Disciples church and has become the mother of the following children: Robert, Lulu, Emma C. and Clayton.

Mrs. Joshua Kyle belongs to an honored family of this county, and a few words may be said regarding them. Grandfather Amos Loveland, with his wife Jemima and four children, moved from Connecticut to Mahoning county in 1802. He had been a soldier in the Revolution, holding the rank of captain, and when he came here he was a man of some means, becoming the owner of two hundred and fifty acres of land and other property. Ten children were born to him, but they are all deceased. One of them, David, was born in Mahoning county at Haselton, in 1807 and died in 1879; his wife was born in 1816 and died the same year that he did. Seven of their eight children are now living: Cynthia, Amos, Marietta, Candace, Keturah, David and Nancy; the last two were twins, and Mrs. Kyle and a deceased sister Sarah were also twins. The father of these children owned two hundred and fifty acres of land, and was one of the brightest and most capable men in the community. He was a captain in the militia and an expert in military tactics; he belonged to the Democratic party and was an honored citizen in the township throughout his life.

#### SAMUEL RIDDLE.

Samuel Riddle, who stands high in the estimation of neighbors and friends, and who is one of the leading farmers of Mahoning county, is also a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the state. His ancestry can be traced back to David Riddle, his great-grandfather, who was a farmer of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the records show that he deeded to his son Samuel a farm. The latter was born about 1759, and

served his country in the Revolutionary war as a defender of the rights of the colonists. He was a farmer of Washington county, and was also a mechanic of considerable natural ability. In 1803 he came to this county from his old home in Pennsylvania, being one of the first to establish homes in this section of the state. He found a wild, frontier region, in which the work of improvement had scarcely been begun and he aided in laying the foundation for the present development. He drove a team of horses from the Keystone state to his destination in Ohio, and in places where there were no roads he followed a trail made by blazed trees. In the midst of the forest he developed a farm, and he also built the first grist mill in Jackson township. He made the burrstones for the mill, which was operated by water power, furnished by Meander creek. That he was a man of considerable property is shown by the old tax records, as he was assessed as much as any resident of the locality. His death occurred in 1825, when he was sixty-six years of age. His wife, who bore the name of Martha Johnson, was also a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and when they came to Ohio they brought with them their five sons and two daughters, all of whom reached adult age. Their first born was Ann, the wife of Nicholas Van Eman, by whom she had twelve children, all of whom reached years of maturity, but all are now deceased with one exception. David Riddle, the second of the family, is a farmer of this locality. James and Catherine were the third and fourth members of the family and were followed by Samuel, the father of our subject. John, the sixth, became a physician and practiced in Wooster, Ohio, and Bluffton, Indiana. Andrew was a farmer of Ellsworth township. None lived to be over seventy years of age save Samuel, and the mother of these children passed away in 1830, at the age of sixty-two years.

Samuel Riddle was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1794, and he wedded Mary Campbell, who was born in 1792, a daughter of William Campbell, who was a native of Ireland and an early settler in Poland township; he was a farmer by occupation and reared a family of four sons and two daughters. The parents of our subject were married in Poland in 1818, and six children were born to them, of whom twin sons died in infancy. Of the others, William Riddle, born in 1819, died in Jackson Center, Ohio, in 1886, leaving to his widow both farm and village property. Martha, the second of the family, died at the age of thirty-three years. Margaret became the wife of Gibson Ewing, and died at the age of forty-nine years; she had twelve children, but reared only four. Samuel completes the family. The mother died at the age of sixty-two years, and the father afterward married again. He lived a life of industry, worked hard and cleared

a farm of one hundred acres in the midst of the green forest. His first house was built of round logs, but in 1830 he built a brick dwelling, which stood for nearly seventy years, one of the landmarks of the locality. He died upon his home farm early in the spring of 1867, when nearly seventy-three years of age.

No event occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Samuel Riddle in his youth. He was born in Jackson township, May 27, 1827, on a farm two miles south of his present home, and he was reared upon the farm, working as did most farm boys of that period. He attended subscription and public schools, but through most of the year was busy with the tasks of field or meadow. At age of eighteen years he began teaching and followed that profession through five winter terms. He remained at home with his father until his marriage, which was celebrated April 17, 1851, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Spear, of Hartford, Trumbull county, Ohio, where she was born August 12, 1824, a daughter of Alexander Spear, a wheelwright, who came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, locating first in the town of Austin.

Samuel Riddle began his domestic life on the old home farm of his grandfather, Samuel Riddle, near the old mill site, but both the grist mill and the sawmill are now gone. He lived there for four years and then returned to his father's farm to take care of his father, and since the spring of 1857 he has lived here. His mother died at that time, and it became necessary that some of the children should return home and care for the husband thus bereft. He purchased seventy-one acres of the land at fifty dollars per acre and afterward bought fifteen acres more at forty-five dollars per acre. He remodeled the house and built some of the outbuildings and has otherwise improved the property, keeping it equipped with all the accessories of a model farm. He planted one hundred and fifty apple trees, also peach and other fruit trees, and his orchard has yielded abundantly of its fruits. He has carried on general farming, and in addition to the production of grain he has usually kept from fifty to eighty head of sheep, raising them both for the wool and for the market. His business affairs have been well managed and have brought to him a comfortable competence.

In his political views Mr. Riddle is a stalwart Republican and has three times been elected township clerk. Long a member of the Presbyterian church, he has been one of its elders for more than thirty years, and both he and his wife have been active workers in the Sunday school, using their influence for the upbuilding of the Master's cause. On the 11th of March, 1899, Mrs. Riddle was called to her final rest. She was a consistent Christian woman and a noble, true and faithful wife, and after an illness of six weeks,

caused by la grippe complications, she passed peacefully away. Mr. Riddle stands very high in the regard of his fellow men, and has so lived as to merit their entire confidence and good will. For seventy-six years a resident of this county, he has truly been a participant in its development and a witness of its growth, and as the years have gone by he has rejoiced in what has been accomplished here.

#### FRIEND JONES.

Not to know Friend Jones is to argue oneself unknown in the village of Jackson. He has spent his entire life there, and is to-day one of the leading merchants of this part of the county, conducting a store which would be a credit to a city of much larger size. It is a monument to the enterprise and energy of the owner, a progressive business man, whose success is well merited.

Mr. Jones was born just across the street from his store, on the 30th of April, 1850. His father, Samuel Jones, was a native of Ellsworth township, Mahoning county, born May 1, 1812, a son of Thomas Jones, who was born in Maryland and came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Ohio, settling in Ellsworth township, Mahoning county. The journey was made with teams in the emigrant fashion of the times. Almost the entire state was covered with a dense forest; few roads had been made, few homes built, and Mr. Jones' nearest neighbor was twelve miles and a half away, to the west. The Jones family camped in their wagon while, with the assistance of the settlers of this community, they built their cabin, which was constructed of logs, and had neither window glass nor doors. The family began life in the midst of the forest in a very humble way, but the grandfather, who was a farmer, gradually triumphed over pioneer conditions, becoming well-to-do; he owned one hundred and fifty acres of land. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Wilson and was of Scotch-Irish descent, and by her marriage she became the mother of fifteen children, ten of whom reached adult age, three daughters and seven sons. Their son Thomas was the first white male child born in Ellsworth township, his natal year being 1805.

Friend Jones is of Welsh, Scotch and Irish lineage. His father Samuel was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life in Ellsworth township. On September 15, 1842, he married Elizabeth Calhoun, who was born in Jackson township, Mahoning county, March 18, 1817, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Marshall) Calhoun, who were early settlers of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of three children: Sylvester, born January 1, 1845, is a farmer of Brimfield, Portage county, Ohio, and is

married but has no children; Renwick, born March 16, 1847, is a farmer of Jackson township and is married and has four children; the third member of the family is Friend. The parents came to Jackson from Rootstown, where they had lived for one year. The father learned the tanner's trade in early life and followed that pursuit for two or three years, at the end of which time he sold out to his partner, Mr. Marshall. He then established an ashery and engaged in the manufacture of potash for four or five years, or until 1852, when he purchased ten acres of land in Jackson township, paying altogether one thousand dollars for the property, which included a good residence; in addition to that he bought sixty-two acres, paying twenty-seven dollars per acre. He became a prominent and influential citizen of Jackson township, was prominent in public as well as business affairs. In politics he was a Democrat and served as justice of the peace for twenty years, proving a most capable official. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Presbyterian church, and he died in that faith September 28, 1892, while his wife passed away eight years later.

Friend Jones was reared upon the home farm, and at the age of eighteen years went into the tinshop here, which was conducted by the firm of Osborn & Jones, his father being one of the partners. The business was established about 1866, at which time a line of hardware and drugs was placed on sale. After five years the firm dissolved partnership, Mr. Jones retaining possession of the tinshop. The son, Friend Jones, began learning the trade in 1868 and has since followed it. He was an apt apprentice and within three months had largely gained a mastery of the business. The first store was built in 1880 and was twenty-one by forty feet and two stories in height, in addition to which there was a wareroom. Friend Jones becoming a partner, the business was carried on under the firm style of Samuel Jones & Son until 1885, when the junior partner purchased his father's interest. In 1897 he had built an addition to the original store, enlarging it until the present dimensions are forty-three by seventy feet. Under the entire building is a basement, and the three floors are completely filled with an excellent stock of goods, and the reserve stock is contained in three additional warerooms. Mr. Jones carries a large line of general hardware, stoves, furniture, china and other house furnishing goods, and does a large tin work, plumbing and furnace business. He likewise deals in farm implements, and the various branches of his business return a good income. The establishment is the largest and best of the kind that the writer has ever seen in a country town, and Jackson has every reason to be proud of this trade emporium.

Mr. Jones was married on the 27th of November, 1879, to Miss Grace

Anderson, who was born at Mineral Ridge, Mahoning county, February 10, 1860, a daughter of James and Sarah (Bowman) Anderson, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born four children: Ivan Rue and Alvie Friend, who are associated with their father in business, working with him in the most harmonious business relations; Essie May and Curtis Lee, at home; the last named was born March 26, 1893. The mother died August 27, 1893, her death being a great blow to the husband and children.

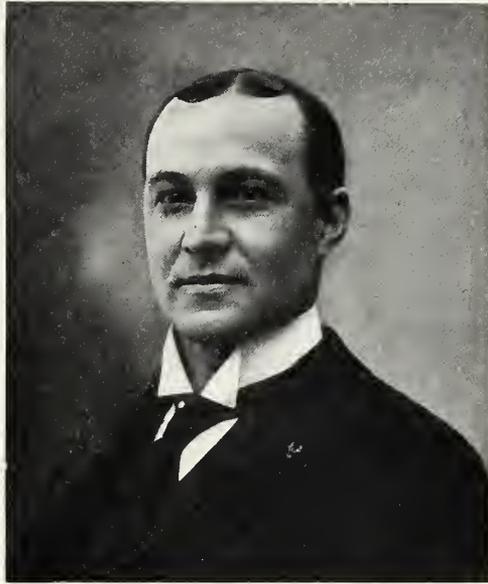
Mr. Jones has membership relations with the Maccabees and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat and has served as township treasurer for five terms. His attention, however, is chiefly given to his business affairs, which are so capably managed that he is now enjoying an excellent and profitable patronage. He has built up a large business along safe, conservative lines, and is also a progressive merchant, carrying a modern and attractive line of goods, which he disposes of at reasonable prices, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellow men in his trade transactions.

#### GUSTAVE A. DOERIGHT.

The visitor to Youngstown who is introduced to the above named gentleman will realize at once that he is in the presence of what the Americans call a "live citizen." His open, genial countenance, bright eye and vigorous frame are all indicative of both mental and physical energy, and further inquiry will lead to the information that appearances are not deceptive, as Mr. Doeright is generally recognized as one of the most progressive,—as he certainly is one of the most popular,—of Youngstown's business men. Though only thirty-two years old, he has been in business so long as to already be considered a veteran, and he has done more, in his little more than three decades of life, than the average man accomplishes in half a century. He is a son of Theodore Doeright, a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country in 1868 and followed the business of cabinet-making. Of his nine children the survivors are: Emily, wife of George Frondorf; Rose, wife of George Reimer; Gustave A., the subject of this sketch; Ralph Henry; Laura; and Clara, wife of Samuel McClemmons.

Gustave A. Doeright, third in age of the surviving children, was born at Youngstown, October 26, 1870, and gained all the academical education he was destined to receive by the time he was fourteen years old. At the age when most boys are preparing to enter high school, young Doeright began to learn moulding with Claypool & Jones, and later was with the Vinton

Steel Casting Company and Vinton Brass Works of Youngstown. In 1887 he was made superintendent of the Youngstown Brass Works, now the Youngstown Brass & Iron Foundry Company, on North avenue, and he retained this position for five years. April 2, 1893, he founded and started the Falcon Bronze Works on South Phelps street and next year took G. B. Booth as a partner; this firm continued until the fall of 1895, when the business was incorporated as the Falcon Bronze Company, with John Tod, G. B. Booth, R. Garlick and W. W. Bonnell as stockholders, and Mr. Doeright



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was chosen general superintendent. In this position he soon exhibited his excellent ability and resourcefulness, made an immediate success of the enterprise and in April, 1901, was elected treasurer and manager of the company, which place he has since retained. Experts in this line of business say that Mr. Doeright conducts one of the best equipped modern foundries of the entire country and has no superior of his age in comprehension of all its details and possibilities.

Aside from business Mr. Doeright has found time to assist in the social and fraternal life of the city. His fondness for outdoor sports and their value as educational agencies have made him an enthusiast in baseball matters, and he has been influential in advancing the interests of the Youngs-

town team, and was also conspicuous in the interstate league. Quite prominent in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, he has served repeatedly as treasurer of Lodge No. 55 at Youngstown. He was chairman of the industrial parade which was a principal feature of the Elks Carnival and Industrial Exposition, and superintended the Elks Carnival in 1899. He is a director of the Elks building company and was a member of the plans committee during the erection of the Elks Building; he is also treasurer of the house committee of the Elks Club. In addition to which he is vice president of the Stags and a stockholder in several of the city's enterprises and also vice president of Youngstown Manufacturers' Association, and treasurer of the Youngstown Baseball League.

In 1891 he was married to Miss Anna, daughter of Harry Evans, of Youngstown, and resides in a handsome new home recently erected by himself on Arlington street. He is a member of the Lutheran church and quite independent in local politics; though in national affairs his influence is on the side of Republican principles. Mr. Doeright has traveled considerably, and during his tours combined business with pleasure, as he availed himself of the opportunity to inspect a large per cent of the iron industries of the United States. The information thus gained was valuable, not only in educating and informing himself personally, but in its bearing upon the business he has in charge and in increasing his equipment for its efficient management. Personally he is exceedingly popular with all classes in Youngstown, and no young man in the city has more friends than Gustave Doeright.

#### JOHN DOUGLAS ORR.

John Douglas Orr, at the age of threescore, is able to look back upon heroic services rendered our great nation, and upon the nation's reward to him in his appointment to a responsible office, and still more to the gratitude and admiration of both the country at large and its individual citizens. He is able to point with pride to the engagements in which he participated and to many victories in life, both as a soldier and citizen.

Born near Mount Jackson, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, on the 22d day of September, 1842, he there passed the first twelve years of his life, and then his family removed to Shenango township, Lawrence county, where he received his principal education, and where he remained until he entered the army in the Civil war. This was on August 13, 1862, and was a memorable day in his history. He served as a private in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Pennsylvania Infantry, until the 26th of May, 1863, when he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home in Newcastle,

Pennsylvania. Here he found it impossible to settle down while the war was still raging, and he again enlisted, on September 1, 1864, in Company I, Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, where he served as a private until June 21, 1865, when he was mustered out at Pittsburg.

During all his term of service he rendered valiant services, actively participating in the engagements at Shepherdstown and Fredericksburg, Virginia, at which latter place he was shot and badly wounded in the left forearm. But he was nothing daunted by this injury and continued in active service until he was discharged in 1865, when he returned to Youngstown and there learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked until September, 1889, when he was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue in the fourth division of the eighteenth revenue district of Ohio. For four years and four months he discharged his duties in this capacity with great ability, and then resuming his trade, he engaged in general carpenter work until February, 1902, when he was appointed to his position as superintendent of the Mahoning Cemetery Association. In this responsible position he has acquitted himself to the complete satisfaction of the association, and has done much toward the improvement of the cemetery. Mr. Orr was married on September 5, 1867, to Rebecca Armstrong, and two children were born to them, George W., and Mary B., wife of Idwald Hughes.

Mr. Orr was one of six children born to Charles Orr and Margaret White, the former of whom was born in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and died in 1881. Of those six children, five grew to maturity, as follows: John D.; Mary E. wife of William M. McMillen; Margaret J., who is still unmarried; Herman P.; Henderson W. died on February 28, 1888.

The grandfather of Mr. Orr was John Orr, and was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on May 29, 1791, and died on August 14, 1867.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Orr was Charles Orr, born also in the same county and state in 1754, dying in February, 1827. His great-great-grandfather was William Orr, born in Scotland about 1730; he came to America in his early manhood, locating in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where his children were reared, and he lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Mr. Orr is a staunch Republican, also an active and influential member of the Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R., and a member of the Tabernacle United Presbyterian church. He served from the year 1881 to 1887 as a member of the board of education, and has rendered many services to the city of Youngstown, where he is held in high esteem by all who know him.

## THOMAS PARROCK.

Among the efficient and successful artisans whose skill, judgment and expert talent have been factors in building up the great iron industry at Youngstown, none are more deserving of mention than he whose lifework constitutes the material for this brief memoir. He comes of a family of mill men, and from earliest childhood was made familiar with matters connected with various branches of the metal trades. From small beginnings, learning details as he went along until eventually prepared for larger respon-



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sibilities, he rose by degrees until fitted for positions of the highest importance in great industrial establishments. None but skilled mechanics and men possessed of organizing and executive talent can show records of this kind, and that made by Mr. Parrock will compare favorably with that of any who have filled positions similar to those achieved by himself. His father, Joseph Parrock, was a fine sample of the English mechanic, being trained in the establishments which are famous for their thoroughness and the skilled workmen which they contribute to the mechanic arts throughout the world. He was born in Shropshire in 1820, but passed much of his active life in Staffordshire, where he followed the business of millwright and patternmaker,

lines of work in which he attained great proficiency and success. He ended his days in 1870, at the comparatively early age of fifty, and just at the time when he gave promise of many years of further usefulness. He married Ann Tranter and by her had twelve children, of whom six are now living, but the only ones residing in America are Thomas and Harry Parrock, the latter being mill superintendent of the Republic Iron and Steel Company at Youngstown.

Thomas Parrock was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1852, and emigrated to the United States in the twenty-seventh year of his age. Shortly after his arrival, in 1880, he found employment in the rolling mill at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, and remained there during the next two years. Removing then to Ohio, he obtained a position with the Iron Company at Girard, remained with them until 1884 and then came to Youngstown. In this city he was given charge of the roll turning department in the Cartwright & McCurdy Mill, and did his work so satisfactorily that he was retained, under various changes in proprietorship, until 1900. Within a few months after his first engagement, Mr. Parrock was made superintendent of the entire plant and held that place until the year last mentioned, when he was made general superintendent of the Republic Iron and Steel Company at Youngstown. He has remained with this extensive establishment for two years, which fact it is only necessary to state as proof of the entirely acceptable service he has rendered to his employers.

In 1876, before leaving England, Mr. Parrock married Miss Fanny Williams, a Staffordshire lady, by whom he has had four children: Harry P., James D., George R. and Mary Gladys. Mr. Parrock is not a member of any church or order. His political affiliations are with the Republican party.

#### DAVID J. BOLENDER.

This worthy citizen of northeastern Ohio is filling the responsible and difficult position of superintendent of the large plant of the National Fire Proofing Company, which is situated in the village of East Palestine. He entered the employ of this company in 1889, since which time he has had entire charge of the working force of some eighty men. The plant covers a tract of about twenty-one acres, and burns twenty-eight kilns. The output of building blocks is three thousand five hundred tons per month. Besides this, the product of the works consists of conduits, fireproofing, ornamental tiling, etc. Prior to taking service with the National Fire Proofing Company, Mr. Bolender had been with the Beatty Fire Clay Company at Magnolia, Ohio. His whole business life has been passed in works of like character. He is looked upon as a most efficient and skillful manager in this line of business.

Mr. Bolender is a native of Canton, Ohio, and is the son of Josiah Bolender, who was also reared in Canton. He was for a long period of years a trusted employe of the Caultman Company. Grandfather David Bolender was a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and brought his family to Canton, Ohio, in the early part of the nineteenth century. Our subject's mother was Susan Uplinger, who was also a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The marriage of Mr. David J. Bolender was solemnized in Canton with Miss Charlotte Winschencker, this lady being a native of Germany. She has become the mother of an interesting family of eight children. Fraternally Mr. Bolender is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Knights of Pythias. His large and ripe experience in the particular industry of which he has charge, coupled with his faithfulness to duty and the happy faculty he has discovered of handling and managing large bodies of men, with so little friction, makes him a most valuable aid in the conduct of the business. He deserves the universal respect accorded him by his large circle of friends.

#### JOHN McKEEFREY.

Leetonia, Columbiana county, Ohio, has kept pace in these latter years with the rapid development of the manufacturing industry in northeastern Ohio, and has good reason to be proud of the part she has played in the industrial world. One of the most prosperous of her manufacturing institutions is the Salem Iron Company, of which the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph is president and general manager. It is now twelve years since Mr. McKeefrey first became connected with the Salem Furnace, and in that time he has increased its working capacity to a point almost double that at which he found it. The furnace was first erected in 1866, and in 1892 Mr. McKeefrey with others purchased the property, and organized the Salem Iron Company. At the time the Salem Iron Company was organized, the subject of this article was made president, coming from Pittsburg to Leetonia at the time mentioned. Two sons, Mr. W. D. McKeefrey and Mr. N. J. McKeefrey, are vice president and secretary, respectively, of the company. The McKeefreys have been the life of the concern, it being in a rather run down condition at the time of their assuming control. They operate one furnace, and make Bessemer, Foundry and Grey Forge for the general market.

Since Mr. McKeefrey located in Leetonia, he has taken a prominent

part in everything that is calculated to advance the interests of the community, and is a stirring, energetic and public-spirited citizen. He is a native of the county of Londonderry, Ireland, and came to America when but a child, with his parents, who located in the city of Pittsburg, where Mr. McKeefrey as he came to manhood engaged in the iron industry, and where his skill and executive ability advanced him to the position of an officer in the Star Mill of that city, which position he was holding at the time of his removal to Leetonia. Mr. McKeefrey was married to Miss Mary A. McFarland in Pittsburg, and they are the parents of the following children: William D., Neal J., Margaret E. Kearney, Katherine Kunzler, Ellen B. and Sarah.

#### JAMES A. MARTIN.

A representative citizen of Lisbon, Ohio, is James A. Martin, one of the leading attorneys of Columbiana county. He was the fourth of a family of eleven children, is of Scottish parentage and was born in Jefferson county, Ohio. His father, William McIntosh Martin, came with his parents, James and Janette Martin, to the United States in 1834, locating in Brush Creek township, Jefferson county, Ohio, upon a farm obtained by patent from the United States, which is still in the possession of the family. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Robert and Isabel (Ogilvie) Urquhart, who prior to 1830 came from the Scottish highlands to Columbiana county and located near Highlandtown, where the mother, Isabel U. Martin, was born. William McIntosh and Isabel U. Martin were people of sterling character, originating from the old Seceder stock, and were prominently identified with church work, the father for many years being a ruling elder in the Grant Hill United Presbyterian church. Both the Martin and Urquhart families have been prominent in their communities, many members at various times occupying positions of large responsibility, influence and usefulness. Dr. Alexander Martin, first president of the West Virginia State University and for many years prior to his death president of De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, a man distinguished as an educator and high in the councils of the Methodist Episcopal church, was an uncle of James A. Martin.

James A. Martin was early thrown upon his own resources, yet he succeeded, by industry and economy, laboring on farm, in mill and mine, and by teaching school in winter, in working himself through college, graduating from Mount Union in 1876. For five years he superintended union schools, three years being spent at Salineville, Columbiana county, and two in West Salem, Wayne county, Ohio. He read law in the office of Wallace

& Belingsley at Lisbon, this state, and was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Ohio at Columbus in the spring of 1882. For twenty years he practiced his chosen profession at Lisbon, with distinguished success, filling such positions as justice of the peace, mayor of Lisbon and deputy supervisor of elections of Columbiana county. In the spring of 1902 he was nominated without opposition to the office of probate judge of Columbiana county, Ohio, by the Republican party and elected by thirty-six hundred majority in the November election following. Mr. Martin's reputation as a forcible and eloquent public speaker is such that for years his services have been in large demand for addresses on public occasions. Upon the hustings, in every important campaign for twenty years, his voice has been heard preaching the gospel of Republicanism.

On the 21st of August, 1883, Mr. Martin was united in marriage with Lillie, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Shearer, of Lisbon, Ohio, and one daughter, Edith L., has come to them to bless their union. Mr. Martin is an influential member of the United Presbyterian church of Lisbon, Ohio, and his interest in church and philanthropic work has been constant and his support liberal.

#### SAMUEL J. CRAWFORD.

This gentleman, who is the well known insurance agent at East Liverpool, has had one of those quiet and unobtrusive lives which are, however, not the less useful because comparatively uneventful. Aside from the years employed with a pottery firm, Mr. Crawford has devoted practically all his time to the insurance business, in which he has been quite successful, the companies he represents carrying at the present time well up toward a million and a half dollars of insurance in the city. Few names have been better known in Ohio than that of Crawford, and it was especially conspicuous during the pioneer period. Not only our subject himself but his father and grandfather were natives of Ohio and spent all their lives within the borders of this state. John Crawford, the grandfather, was born in 1788, fourteen years before his native state was admitted to the union, and hence his boyhood was spent amidst the wild and constantly exciting area which closed the last quarter of the eighteenth century. His subsequent career embraced more than three quarters of the following century, and he was a witness of all the greatest events in the history of the nation, including all but the last of its wars. He did not die until 1884, and hence was ninety-six years old, and during that extended period his chief occupation was farming, which pursuit engaged his attention up to the time when the feebleness of age prevented any strenuous exertion on his part. His son Joseph Crawford was also an

old-timer, being born in Columbiana county, Ohio, as far back as 1813, and his death occurred in 1885, just a year after that of his venerable father. During all the years of his active life Joseph was steward of steamboats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. In 1847 he married Mary E. Jones, who died in 1878, after having become the mother of four sons: John, Joseph, William and Samuel J.; of these the two first mentioned died in infancy, and William passed away in 1898, leaving three children: Elmer E., Arena and Clifford C.

Samuel J. Crawford, the youngest and only surviving child of his parents, was born on a farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1858, and remained at home until sixteen years old. He then quit school for the purpose of working in the pottery of Knowles, Taylor & Knowles, with which firm he remained eighteen years. In 1892 he retired from the pottery business to accept the agency of the New York Life Insurance Company and has had charge of the affairs of that large concern at East Liverpool for the last ten years. That he has done an extensive business in his line will be realized from the statement that at the present time his company is carrying \$1,300,000 in life insurance at East Liverpool.

In 1886 Mr. Crawford was united in marriage with Mary E., daughter of Robert Sheville, of East Liverpool, and the three children resulting from this union are Charles DeWitt, Emmett H. and Ethel M. Mr. Crawford's religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he is a Republican.

#### JOHN W. MOORE.

"The hope of the republic is in her common schools, and the hope of the common school is in the personnel of its teaching force," is a statement by one of our prominent political writers, which is fully endorsed by a large majority of the intelligent citizenship of our country. The continuation of America's free institutions depends upon the intelligent character of those who make the laws governing those institutions. Ignorance in the masses is therefore a menace to our government, and every effort possible should be made to correct the evil. The history of Ohio will compare favorably with that of any other state in the Union in matters of education, and the last quarter of a century has seen marvelous development and improvement in the public school system. In this advancement the gentleman named above has had an honored part, his ripe scholarship and splendid pedagogical training having made him a prominent figure in the educational circles of northeastern Ohio.

Professor John W. Moore has been superintendent of the public schools

of Leetonia, Ohio, since 1891. The population of the town during this period has increased but little so that the growth in the number of school children has been but small. The character of the schools, however, has been made more efficient, and Leetonia has reason to be proud of her school facilities. Professor Moore has had an honored and extensive experience in school work, his first active service having been in the district schools of Columbiana county. He accepted the superintendency of the Washingtonville public schools in 1887, where he remained for a period of four years, and, as stated, came to Leetonia in 1891.

Professor Moore was educated in the schools of Columbiana county, Ada Normal School, and Mount Union College. He was born near Wilmington, Delaware, in 1861. In 1864 his parents, William and Anna (Mullen) Moore, moved to Ohio and settled on a farm in Wayne township, Columbiana county, where they remained until five years ago, when they moved to Lisbon, Ohio. The members of their family still living are six, three daughters and three sons. Of the other sons, Judge J. G. Moore, a prominent and leading citizen of Lisbon, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this volume, and L. C. Moore, a prominent attorney of Salineville, Columbiana county. The Moore family is of Irish extraction, the father having been a native of county Donegal, Ireland.

Professor Moore was married to Miss Lizzie Zuck of Leetonia, who has become the mother of one child. He is very actively and helpfully interested in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken all of the degrees except the thirty-third, and for the past seven years has been the official lecturer of the order for the Twenty-fourth district, composed of Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson and Carroll counties. In his own profession he is regarded as a man of fine attainments. He has been one of the county school examiners for the past twelve years.

He is an earnest student and conscientious toiler for the uplifting of humanity about him. His efforts along these lines are deserving of the most unstinted praise. In the schoolroom his genial and earnest personality makes itself felt alike with teacher and pupil, and with all he is deservedly popular.

#### JOSEPH BARLOW.

Joseph Barlow is the manager of the Wallace-Chetwynd Pottery, of the East Liverpool Potteries Company, at East Liverpool, and throughout his entire business life he has been connected with the branch of labor which he now represents. He is numbered among the worthy citizens of Columbiana county that England has furnished to this section of Ohio. He was born



*Joseph Barlow*



in Staffordshire, England, in 1852. The grandfather, Samuel Barlow, was born and reared there and throughout his business career carried on farming in Staffordshire. Samuel Barlow, Jr., was born in Staffordshire in 1819 and for about half a century remained in the land of his birth, but at length crossed the "briny deep" to the new world, locating in Trenton, New Jersey, about the year 1866. There he remained until 1870, when he returned to his native country, spending his remaining days there. He, too, was a potter and followed the business for a long period. He was united in marriage to Lucy Bath, and they became the parents of fourteen children, nine of whom reached the adult age, while seven are yet living: Helen, the wife of Isaac Mountsford; Sarah A., the wife of Elijah Bennett; Joseph, of this review; Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John. Of these, Mathew, Joseph and Luke are residents of East Liverpool. The father departed this life in 1882, while the mother passed away in 1901.

Joseph Barlow was reared in Norton, England, and there acquired his education. He afterward learned the potter's trade in Fenton, Staffordshire, and in 1873 came to America. In 1873 he became a resident of East Liverpool and secured a position in the pottery of Taylor, Knowles & Rijby with whom he remained continuously until 1883, a fact which indicates his fidelity to duty as well as his capable workmanship. When that decade had expired, he entered the employ of the Dresden Pottery Company, now the Co-operative Company, with which he remained for eighteen years. In 1890 he came to the Wallace-Chetwynd Pottery as manager and has since served in this important capacity.

In 1870, in England, Mr. Barlow was united in marriage to Elizabeth Massey. Their union was blessed with five children, three of whom are living, as follows: William J., Jethro M. and Maude E. The parents hold membership in the Episcopalian church and their lives are in harmony with its teachings. Mr. Barlow is quite prominent in fraternal circles and belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, to the Sons of St. George and to the Mystic Circle. As a staunch Republican he was elected a member of the city council from the second ward and in April, 1903, he was elected councilman at large. In matters pertaining to the general good he is deeply interested and puts forth every effort in his power to promote the welfare of his community along lines of substantial progress and improvement. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to make America his home, for he has found good business opportunities and has proved that merit will win advancement and that success will reward earnest, capable labor.

## HYRUM WELLS HULL.

Hyrum Wells Hull, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, owns and cultivates eighty acres of land in Milton township, where well tilled fields give evidence of his careful supervision and progressive methods. He was born in Berlin township, Mahoning county, on the 15th of April, 1844. His father, Michael Hull, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and a son of Emanuel Hull, whose wife bore the maiden name of Eve Study. About the year 1825 the grandparents came to Ohio and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of this county. The grandfather was born October 9, 1791, and served his country as a loyal soldier in the war of 1812; he died March 17, 1848. To him and his wife were born ten children, six sons and four daughters, and with the exception of one daughter, Mary, and a son, George, all were married. The grandmother died in 1879, at the age of eighty-five years.

Michael Hull had a family of five children, four of whom reached years of maturity. The mother, whose maiden name was Frances Swartz, was a daughter of Martin Swartz, of Stark county, Ohio, who worked on his farm during the week and preached on Sundays, and she died when thirty-five years of age. Mr. Hull afterward married Sophia Burkey, and had two children by the second wife, one of whom reached adult age. Hyrum W. Hull is the eldest of his father's family; Lucretia died in childhood; Mary Alice became the wife of Samuel Shafer, and died at the age forty years, and her only child has also passed away; Olive Minerva became the wife of Dennis Hahn, a resident farmer of Berlin township, and has two children; Eddy Monroe is a resident of Ellsworth township and has three children; Minnie D., the wife of George Keeler, of Berlin township, resides on the old homestead farm, and has four children. Michael Hull died October 3, 1890, and his second wife passed away on the 13th of November, 1902.

Hyrum W. Hull was reared to farm life and his educational privileges were limited, for his services were needed on the farm. He worked in the fields from the time of early spring planting until after crops were harvested in the late autumn, and through the winter months assisted in the chores and other work of the farm. After arriving at years of maturity he sought a companion and helpmate for the journey of life, and on the 4th of July, 1867, was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Smith, who was born in this locality, October 13, 1842, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Kime) Smith, who came to Ohio at an early day from Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Peter Smith, was a pioneer settler here, active in the work of early development as this region was reclaimed for the purposes of civilization. In his

family were seven children. He was killed by a falling tree while yet in middle life. Mrs. Hull is one of a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, all of whom are yet living and all are married with the exception of Rufus Samuel Smith, who is a farmer residing in this portion of the county. The father died at the age of sixty years, and the mother passed away when sixty-five years of age.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hull was blessed with but one child, Frances Mary, now the wife of William Stitle, of Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hull reside upon their farm in Milton township and have here made their home since 1886, at which time Mr. Hull purchased sixty-three acres of land at fifty dollars per acre. He has since added to it a tract of thirty acres, and he has four acres of timber land. He carried on general farming, raising each year good crops in his well-tilled fields, and also devoting considerable attention to stock. He keeps two cows and six horses and from twenty-five to forty head of fine sheep. He also raises Chester White hogs, and owns a fine French draft stallion, four years old and sixteen and a half hands high, which he purchased in May, 1902, for five hundred dollars, a low figure for so valuable an animal. In the various branches of his farm work Mr. Hull is meeting with excellent success.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Hull manifested his loyalty to the Union cause by enlisting in Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. The regiment enlisted for one hundred days and was at the front for four months. In his political views he has always been a staunch Republican, and in religious faith both he and his wife are Methodists, interested in the work of the church and its upbuilding.

#### REV. SAMUEL C. GEORGE.

To live the life of self-sacrifice and to give one's life to making the lot of others better, is becoming more and more attractive to young men and women, and the ranks of the teacher, missionary and preacher are being filled by those who are not so eager to gain a material competency as to increase the happiness of others. It is our pleasure to record now in this work the life history of such a man.

Our subject's grandfather, William George, was born in England in the eighteenth century and came to America when a young man; he here followed farming and after a useful life passed away in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1844. John George, the son of the above, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, and like his father was a farmer; his life ended in 1874.

Amid the stimulating influence of country life Samuel C. George was reared, being born on his father's farm in 1832 and attending the nearby school until sixteen years of age. Then his ambition and his father's desire led him to attend the academy at Wellsville, Ohio, one summer, and later, the academy at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; in 1856 he entered the Western University at Pittsburg, at which he graduated with the degree of A. B., June 25, 1858, twenty-eight years later receiving the degree of A. M. from the same institution. After graduation he completed the course at the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian church at Pittsburg, graduating in May, 1861.

In the latter year, being ordained, he was sent as missionary to Bangkok, Siam, where he served faithfully for twelve years. On his return he supplied various pulpits in Pennsylvania for two years and in 1875 was called to the church of Rocky Spring and St. Thomas in Franklin, Pennsylvania, where his pastorate extended over twelve years. Resigning in 1887 and returning to Pittsburg, he supplied the pulpit at Industry, Pennsylvania, for three months, and then became pastor at Mingo Junction, Ohio; after being there part of 1888, he went to New Comerstown, Ohio; in 1890 to Unionport and Annapolis, Ohio, where he remained two and one-half years; he then supplied various pulpits until 1897. In this year he moved to East Liverpool and organized the East Liverpool Academy, of which he became principal. Mr. George married, September 24, 1861, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, Miss Amelia A., daughter of Rev. Jonathan Gill; they have no children.

#### EBENEZER B. LAWRENCE.

The subject of this sketch is one of the representative business men of the younger generation in the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, and the record of his life shows what may be accomplished by consecutive application, perseverance and the proper utilization of opportunities. He has been one of the world's workers,—that noble army through whose efforts alone progress has been furthered and material and intellectual prestige assured. He was left an orphan when a child and early began to depend on his own resources, so that he places a true valuation on character and has a distinctive respect for the dignity of honest toil and endeavor, in whatever sphere of human activity. That he has attained a due measure of success in a temporal way stands to his individual credit alone, and he is to-day prominently concerned in an important industrial enterprise in the city of Youngstown, being president of the Youngstown Steel Casting Company, and being known as a man of distinctive business ability and executive power, while



*C. B. Lawrence*



from his practical knowledge of the details of the industry with which he is thus identified, he is peculiarly well fitted to hold this administrative position. Ever mindful of the ethics which should guide and govern all business transactions, his course has been one of utmost integrity and honor, and he is thus entitled to the esteem and confidence so freely accorded him.

Ebenezer B. Lawrence is a native of England, having been born of Welsh parents in the town of Blaina, in beautiful old Monmouthshire, on the 19th of August, 1854, a son of William A. Lawrence, who was born in the same county in 1834. The latter was a son of Rev. Daniel Lawrence, a clergyman of the established church of England, who was long rector of a church in Carmarthenshire, in the south of Wales, and whose death occurred in Monmouthshire. William A. Lawrence emigrated to America in 1862, when a young man, having been previously united in marriage to Miss Emma Davis, and with their children she came to America in 1863, her death occurring three weeks later, while her husband survived her only a week, thus leaving the children orphans, the subject of this sketch having been at that time a lad of about nine years. The four surviving children are as follows: Daniel, who resides in Swansea, Wales; Ebenezer B., whose name initiates this review; Rebecca, who is the wife of John Howells of Niles, Ohio; and John A., who is a resident of Girard, this state. Both parents died at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, where the father had located upon coming to the United States. They were people of sterling character, and the lives of both were cut off at an early age, thus depriving their children of that solicitous care and guidance which would otherwise have been theirs.

As already noted, Ebenezer B. Lawrence was a mere lad at the time when he came with his mother to the United States, and after the death of his parents he was sent back to the home of relatives in England, but about three years later, in 1866, he again came to the United States, joining his uncle in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a year and where he supplemented the elemental educational discipline which he had received in the schools of his native land. From Pennsylvania the youth then came to Ohio, locating in the city of Cleveland, where he made his home until 1874, having found employment in a rolling mill. In the year mentioned, when twenty years of age, he went to Niles, Ohio, where he was employed for a period of six months, passing the following year in Warren, this state, and then returning to Cleveland, which continued to be the scene of his labors until 1879, when he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he remained but a short time. Coming thence to Niles, Ohio, he was there employed in connection with the iron and steel industry until 1883, when he took a position as roller in the

mills of the American Steel Hoop Company at Girard, Trumbull county, an incumbency which he has continued to retain until the present time, notwithstanding his interests in the Youngstown Steel Casting Company, which was organized in December, 1901, and of which he is president. The enterprise is being pushed vigorously forward and is destined to become one of the important industries of the state. The interested principles are men of ability, technical knowledge and utmost integrity, and thus there is every assurance that the success of the enterprise will be cumulative in character.

In politics Mr. Lawrence gives his support to the Republican party, but he has never sought or desired the honors or emoluments of public office. He holds the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife likewise is a member, and they maintain their home in Girard, Trumbull county, Ohio, where their friends are in number as their acquaintances. On the 16th of November, 1876, Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Evans, daughter of John E. Evans, of Niles, Ohio, and she has proved to him a devoted companion and helpmeet. They have no children.

#### MARQUIS L. FRUSH.

This well known contractor and representative citizen of Youngstown, Mahoning county, is a native of the state of Maryland, having been born in Washington county on the 1st of October, 1841. He was there reared to the age of eleven years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarksburg, Harrison county, West Virginia, which continued to be his home until he had attained his legal majority, while his early educational discipline was completed in the Northwestern Academy, in his home town. Soon after the outbreak of the war of the rebellion he gave distinctive evidence of his loyalty to the Union, whose integrity was thus in jeopardy, and on the 10th of May, 1861, enlisted at Clarksburg, while on the 10th of the following month he was mustered in as a private of Company B, Third West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. He continued in active service as a private until the regiment was reorganized as the Sixth West Virginia Cavalry, and under these conditions he did duty until the expiration of his term of enlistment, being mustered out on the 10th of August, 1864, with the rank of second sergeant, while he had been acting captain of the provost marshal's guard of Averill's brigade of the Eighth Army Corps, Army of Virginia. Mr. Frush was on active duty in all the engagements in which his command participated with the exception of that at Port Republic, and he escaped injury save for a slight wound received at Guy Run Gap, having seen much arduous service and taken part in a number of important battles incidental to the great fratricidal conflict through which the Union was perpetuated.

After the close of his military career Mr. Frush returned to his home in Clarksburg, where he completed his practical apprenticeship at the trade of millwright, having taken up this line of work prior to his enlistment. He continued to make his home in Clarksburg until July, 1866, when he removed to Greencastle, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade until 1872, working in various sections of the state where demands came for his services in that line. In the year mentioned he came to Youngstown, which has ever since been his home and business headquarters. He has built many rolling mills in connection with the great steel and iron industry, and in the capacity of superintendent had charge of the construction of the carpenter work of the immense bridge across the Merrimac river at Lowell, Massachusetts, the same having been built by the Morse Bridge Company, of Youngstown. He rebuilt Mill No. 1 of the Brown-Bonnell Company (now merged into the Republic Iron & Steel Company), in Youngstown, and in this city also had charge of the rebuilding of the Mahoning County Iron Mills, executing these important contracts with marked fidelity and ability, as he has all others which he has taken in hand, so that he has not only gained prestige in his chosen line of business but also a reputation as a thoroughly honorable and reliable business man. In politics he gives his support to the Democratic party, and as a citizen he is essentially progressive and public-spirited. His religious faith is that of the English Lutheran church.

On the 20th of December, 1864, at Greencastle, Pennsylvania, Mr. Frush was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Smith, who was born in that state, the daughter of Jacob R. Smith. Of this union were born five children, of whom two died in infancy; the three surviving are: Charles A., who married Wealthy B. Platt, and they are the parents of two children, Ethel M. and Mary A.; William Robert E. Lee Frush married Catherine M. Higgins and they have one son, whom they named Marquis L., in honor of his grandfather; and Anna L. is the wife of J. Edward McGonigal, of Youngstown. The devoted wife and mother, who had been the cherished companion and helpmeet of Mr. Frush for thirty-seven years, was summoned into eternal rest on the 24th of December, 1901, her gentle and gracious womanhood having endeared her to a wide circle of friends, while in the immediate family circle her loss came as the greatest possible bereavement, for there most plainly and tenderly was her gracious influence felt.

Michael Frush, the father of Mr. M. L. Frush, was born in Washington county, Maryland, on the 11th of April, 1816, and was there reared and educated, having become a skilled millwright in his early manhood and having devoted his entire business life to this vocation. He died on the 6th

of April, 1900, in Youngstown, lacking only five days of having obtained the venerable age of eighty-four years. He married Miss Catherine Nufer, who died February 9, 1885, and of their eight children only two are living at the present time, Marquis L., and Eleanor C., the wife of Alonzo C. Carder, of near Clarksburg, West Virginia.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Jacob Frush, or Frushour, as the name was originally spelled, and he likewise was born in Washington county, Maryland, and when he was an infant he was captured by the Indians, as were also his parents, of whom nothing was ever heard thereafter by their relatives or friends. Jacob was held in captivity until he had reached the age of seventeen years, and after his escape he returned to civilization and became a worthy and honored citizen of his native state, where he was engaged in the blacksmith business during the greater portion of his active career.

#### HARRY B. BURT.

Endless opportunities open up to the farmer's boy. He is furnished by nature with an abundant stock of good health and ambitions, and he has, times without number, in our broad land risen to the highest places the country affords. Of this type of energetic, progressive young men the subject of this narrative is a bright example. He is now proprietor of the handsomest resort for lovers of sweets in all Youngstown, and in every appointment and department it bespeaks an ever watchful and judicious manager. It is with pleasure that we include a portion of an article, recently appearing in a prominent publication of Youngstown in relation to Mr. Burt, as follows:

"An example of prosperous business growth and successful catering to the best class of trade, is found in the large and flourishing business done by Mr. Harry B. Burt, manufacturer of confectionery, ice cream and fancy ices, at 29 North Phelps street, also at Idora Park. Mr. Burt is the leading confectioner in Youngstown. He began business a poor boy and without funds, in a small room on Hazel street, and now has the largest business between Pittsburg and Cleveland. This result has been achieved by close attention to business and by making a product of the very best quality, famous for purity and delicious flavor. Burt's fine ice cream has a reputation unsurpassed. The store at 29 North Phelps street is commodious and handsomely fitted up, has a large and artistic soda fountain, and is finely appointed in every way. Mr. Burt has his own electric plant for light and power, and the capacity for producing many hundreds of gallons of cream per day. He has at all times practically all the business he can handle, and the enlargement of his facilities is a gratifying evidence of business growth."



*Harry B. Burt*



He was born in Trumbull county, on a farm, August 9, 1874. He was an only child of Lucius and Kate (Headly) Burt. He grew up as a farmer's boy until about the age of seven years, when he spent a couple of years in Akron and Cleveland, Ohio, and finally located in Youngstown, where he has since remained. He learned the business of candy-making in all its details in Cleveland, and in 1895 opened up a store in Youngstown, which was followed in the succeeding year by a store at his present location, which he has made successful in every way. In 1901 Mr. Burt secured the concession to furnish refreshments in his line for Idora Park, which privilege was renewed for 1902 and he now has the concession for 1903 and 1904.

He was united in wedlock in 1896 to Lena B. Johns, and to them three children were born, Ruth L., Walter L. and Helen. Mr. Burt is a Republican in principles and action and serves the party well in the ranks, though he has never held or desired political offices of any sort. He and his family attend the Christian church, and he is a member there, and his influence is always offered in the direction of improvements and liberality. Thus before his thirtieth year the efforts of Mr. Burt have been crowned with no small measure of success, and as he has earned the respect of patrons and competitors, so has he endeared himself to his large circle of personal friends, all of whom have only words of commendation for him.

#### JAMES A. MATZENBAUGH.

That Mahoning county offers good advantages to its citizens and liberally rewards their industry and enterprise is shown by the fact that so many of the native sons of this region still maintain their residence here, having found adequate opportunity for progress and business success. Of this number James A. Matzenbaugh is a representative, and he is numbered among the prominent farmers of Green township, where he is engaged in the tilling of the soil and in dairying. He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1856, and is descended from southern ancestry. His grandparents, Daniel and Barbara (Zimmerman) Matzenbaugh, were natives of Maryland, the former born in 1791 and the latter in 1783. On coming to Ohio they located at Franklin Square, and the grandfather, who was a tanner, followed that trade and also conducted a tavern. He died in 1841, and his wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1876.

Their son, Daniel Matzenbaugh, was born in Franklin Square, Ohio, in 1828, and started out in life for himself a poor boy, with no assistance from family or influential friends. He first worked on the Ohio river, and after his marriage he engaged in the operation of the farm which his wife in-

herited. In 1855 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria C. Berlin, who was born in Greenford, Ohio, in 1830. In addition to his other business cares and duties Mr. Matzenbaugh, in early life, learned the miller's trade and followed it for a number of years. As his financial resources increased he added to the farm which his wife inherited and became the owner of considerable valuable land, which was the visible evidence of his life of earnest and well directed labor. He also grew in influence and popularity as he became known to his fellow citizens, his sterling worth winning recognition in election to a number of positions of honor and trust. He served as mayor of Washingtonville, was also a trustee and at the time of the Civil war was chosen to make a canvass of Green township in order to raise money to hire men with which to supply the township's quota of soldiers for the army. He was in hearty sympathy with the Union cause and did much to uphold the governmental policy. His business qualifications were excellent, and he was a man well respected and held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens. His political faith was that of the Democracy and his religious belief that of the Lutheran church. His wife died in 1892 and he survived her until 1901, when he, too, passed away. In their family were six children: James A., Laura J., Mary E., Cicero B., Susan I. and Estella L.

James A. Matzenbaugh was reared in Washingtonville, attended its public schools and was also a student in the Canfield Union school. Thus, good educational advantages fitted him for the responsible and practical duties of life. He resided upon his father's farm until 1901, when he purchased his present farm in Green township, Mahoning county. Here he has one hundred and two acres of rich land, devoted to general farming, and in his work he is methodical, enterprising and persevering, qualities which never fail to bring success. From his farm he sends to the markets excellent crops and in return receives a good income. He believes in thoroughness and that whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

In January, 1879, Mr. Matzenbaugh was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Charlton, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Charlton, and they now have seven children: Carrie E., Edna L., Josiah C., Leroy, Guy, Estella and Hazel. The mother was born in Columbiana county in 1859, and is a most estimable lady, who has been a faithful companion and devoted help-mate to her husband during the twenty-four years of their married life. Like the other members of the family, Mr. Matzenbaugh is a Democrat in his political affiliations and he and his family believe in the religion of the Lutheran church. He has a wide acquaintance in this part of the state and has always lived so as to merit and receive the high regard and respect of friends and neighbors.

## JOHN CARROLL WHINNERY.

The Western Reserve early became the mecca of a class of people, both from New England and the old country, that were peculiarly strong in matters of religion and education. The church was the first public institution to be erected after a shelter had been reared for the family, and this was soon followed by the little log schoolhouse. Among the many religious denominations that were brought to the new state, none have had a more beneficial effect than the quiet and peace-loving faith of the Quaker. A large colony early settled in the eastern part of the state, and of this number was the family of the late Dr. John Carrol Whinnery. Dr. Whinnery was born April 1, 1816, in Butler township, Columbiana county and died in Salem, Columbiana county, in 1896. He was the son of James and Nancy (Carroll) Whinnery. The father was a native of this county, and was a son of Robert Whinnery, who, with his brother Patrick, came from the north of Ireland in the latter part of the eighteenth century. They were of the sect denominated Friends, and were of Scotch-Irish extraction. Our subject's mother was brought to this country from the north of Ireland at the age of sixteen years, she having been born in county Down.

Dr. Whinnery was educated in Columbiana county schools, and early became interested in the profession which he later adopted, that of dentistry. He took up the study of dentistry with Mr. John Harris, and later graduated at a Cincinnati dental college. In 1848 he began the practice of the profession at Salem and for a half century was continuously engaged at that point. Dr. Whinnery was a man of fine influence in the community, and during all of his lifetime was connected in one way or another with the advancement and progress of Salem and the surrounding country. He was for long years president of the school board of the village. In his early life he was intensely antagonistic to the institution of slavery. He took a very prominent part in the establishment and maintenance of what was known as the underground railroad. Many of the poor creatures who were fleeing for life and liberty found rest and sustenance beneath his roof. Although he was a Quaker in religious belief, he was exceedingly liberal in his views and would never obtrude them upon his fellows. He married Miss Harriet Burson, of Salem, a daughter of David Burson, a pioneer of the Western Reserve. To these parents were born the following children: Mary, deceased wife of E. A. Lease, of Salem; Ophelia, deceased in girlhood; Abbie, who is living in Philadelphia, where she is engaged in teaching music, has had a wonderful career, having sung in Paris and in the London Crystal Palace; Gertrude, wife of Stephen B. Richards, secretary and treasurer of the Buckeye Engine

Company, Salem, Ohio; Joseph died in infancy; Dora, a single lady of Salem; James C., a successful practicing dentist in Omaha, Nebraska; Dr. C. E.; and Olivia, the wife of L. B. Nixon, residing in Washington, D. C.

Dr. C. E. Whinnery is a graduate of Boston Dental College, and has been engaged since 1880 in the practice of his profession in Salem, except for a period of six years which he passed in Omaha. He married Miss Elizabeth Allen, of Salem, daughter of William W. Allen, a prominent merchant and pioneer of this city for long years. They have three interesting children, Robert, John and Virginia.

The life of the deceased subject of this sketch was one which was most beautiful in many respects, his influence having been cast for every good work that was meant for the advancement of his local community. His death was a distinct loss and was mourned by a large number of admiring friends. The younger members of the family are highly respected and esteemed citizens, and merit the esteem in which they are universally held.

#### E. M. PETERS.

This enterprising and industrious representative of the iron and steel industry of Leetonia, Columbiana county, has been superintendent of the Cherry Valley Iron Company since its organization in 1900. At that date the company was reorganized, the following being the personnel of the officers: President, Joshua W. Rhodes, of Pittsburg; vice-president, E. N. Ohl, of Pittsburg; secretary-treasurer, R. W. Fleniken, also of Pittsburg; Mr. E. M. Peters being the superintendent. The Cherry Valley Iron Works had been in operation for a number of years previous to the new company's taking hold, but it was thoroughly rejuvenated and placed on a sound basis, and the capacity of the plant doubled in extent; the improvements and equipment being overhauled in a very thorough manner. The capacity of the plant is now seventy thousand tons of pig iron per year. In connection with the plan there is a coal mine operated at Washingtonville, Ohio, which has a capacity of three hundred tons of commercial coal per day. Part of the output of this mine was formerly consumed in the manufacture of coke, there being ovens near the iron works with a capacity of three hundred tons per day. The whole plant employs a force of three hundred and twenty-five men, and is the largest works of its kind in northeastern Ohio.

Mr. E. M. Peters came to Leetonia from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he had been identified for a number of years as superintendent of the leading coke works near that city. He was also for a period of six years superintendent of the Atlanta Iron and Steel Company, at Newcastle, Penn-

sylvania. His whole life has been spent in different branches of the iron industry, and he is therefore thoroughly qualified for the responsible position which he holds. He is a native of Steubenville, Ohio, where he was born in 1865, the son of Mr. C. H. Peters, of Steubenville. His grandfather before him, Joseph B. Peters, was a pioneer settler of that section of Ohio. Fraternally Mr. Peters is a prominent and worthy member of the Masonic order, not only of the blue lodge, but of the chapter and commandery. He is married, his wife's maiden name having been Miss Annie A. Lytle, of Hermitage, Pennsylvania; she was a daughter of Mr. W. S. Lytle, a farmer living in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Peters takes a lively interest in the local political life of his community, having been, in 1902, the Republican candidate for mayor of the city. He is a gentleman whose many genial qualities attract to him a large number of friends, who hold him in the highest esteem.

#### JOSEPH KING.

Joseph King, one of the leading farmers of Berlin township, located two miles north of Berlin Center, was born July 13, 1829, and is a son of Jonathan and Lydia (Kecke) King. Jonathan King was one of the early settlers of Berlin township, coming to Mahoning county as early as 1820. He was one of the pioneer settlers who will long be remembered for his high character, for the estimable family he left at death, and for his long and useful life. He was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1804, and in early life became the only support of his widowed mother. Although he was denied educational advantages in his youth, later in life he studied with his own children, and became proficient both in German and English. In 1825 he married Lydia Kecke and in 1826 settled in Berlin township, a poor man, and there resided during the rest of his life. His energy and industry were rewarded by the accumulation of a large property. In addition to being a farmer, he operated one six-horse team on routes from Pittsburg to Cleveland, and to the mouth of the Huron river, and was known as a reinsman. Until the disbanding of the local guardsmen, he acted as the captain of that organization. He was the father of ten children, although but five grew to maturity. At his death in 1896, when ninety-two years old, the survivors were: David King, of Berlin; Joseph King, of this sketch; and Mrs. Susan Shively. The mother of these children was born in 1806 in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and came with her parents to Springfield township, Mahoning county, in 1808, where she died in 1868. Both she and husband belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which they were zealous and liberal supporters. Jonathan King voted for Andrew Jackson, but later

adopted abolition views and was identified with the Republican party until 1881, at which time he joined the Prohibition party. His death occurred in Berlin Center, at the home of his son David, after an illness of ten days. He had lived there seventy years and was the oldest resident of the township, and to the last possessed wonderful vigor of mind and body.

Joseph King has resided in his present residence for the past fifty years, this house standing on the site of the old log house constructed here more than eighty years ago. In 1852 he purchased one hundred and ten acres of land of his father, and in 1858 bought twenty-five more and later thirty-three acres more, the whole cost of the property being six thousand seven hundred dollars. The land is all worth at least sixty dollars an acre. Mr. King has moved all the buildings on the place, but still keeps the original frame of the old barn, where can be seen the heavy hewn timbers. He has carried on a general line of farming and has engaged in considerable stock-raising, and has invested in a fine grade of sheep and cows. He also operates a small dairy. He has prospered and is regarded as one of the substantial men of his township.

On May 6, 1852, he married Lucinda Greenamyre, who was born March 29, 1830, and after a lingering illness died May 29, 1902, in her seventy-third year. She was most highly esteemed by all who knew her, and much beloved by her family and friends. Early in life she united with the Lutheran church at Berlin and was always faithful and consistent in her membership. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. King were: Warren H., who is a resident of New London, Ohio, and has three daughters; Samantha, who remains at home with her father; Orvie, who is a farmer and stationary engineer residing in North Jackson, has two daughters and one son; Luella E., an accomplished teacher, a graduate of a college at Wooster, Ohio, has been an instructor in music since her twenty-first year, and now resides at Lima, Ohio; and Alberta, who is also an accomplished musician, is a typewriter in an insurance office in Youngstown. Mr. King's politics identify him with the Republican party, and he is a strong supporter of Prohibition principles. He and his children belong to the Lutheran church.

#### EMERY FRANCIS LYNN.

This gentleman, who is a well known member of the Youngstown bar, belongs to a family whose representatives have been identified with the history of Ohio from the pioneer period. His grandfather, John Lynn, came from his native state of Pennsylvania in the first quarter of the nineteenth century and located in Mahoning county, where he spent the remainder of



*Emery T. Lynn*



his days. His son, David Lynn, was born in Mahoning county in 1829, became a farmer at maturity, followed that business all his life and died in 1885. He was united in marriage with Mary A. Peters, by whom he had four children, the survivors being Willis S. and Emery F. Lynn.

The latter, who is the subject of this sketch, was born on his father's farm in Mahoning county, Ohio, February 9, 1858, and remained there until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He attended the schools in his native township of Canfield and in 1880 entered Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, where he was graduated in June, 1882. After completing his academical course, he matriculated in the Cincinnati Law School, where he spent two years and was graduated with the class of 1884 and in which city he was admitted to the bar. Immediately thereafter he located at Youngstown, and entered upon the practice of his profession. After the usual term of probation, which awaits every young professional man, he gradually came into a good practice, which he has retained and increased as the years pass by. At the present time he has a good business and enjoys high standing at the Youngstown bar.

In 1886 Mr. Lynn was united in marriage with Miss Hattie B., daughter of Henry Crooks, of Tiffin, Ohio, and they have two children: Donald J. and David E. Though an adherent of the Democratic party, Mr. Lynn has neither sought nor held office, preferring to avoid the entanglements of politics and devote his entire time to his business, and he stands well both socially and professionally.

#### ENOS COOK.

Enos Cook, a retired farmer of Beloit, and an old resident of Smith township, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1821, and is a son of Caleb Cook, who was born October 15, 1788, also in Chester county. In 1829 Caleb Cook moved from Pennsylvania to Delaware, whence, in 1835, he removed to Columbiana county, Ohio. The latter removal was made by a four-horse team, in emigrant style, the company consisting of eleven persons, his seven children and his two nephews being of the party. Although he was never a man of wealth, he accumulated enough means to give each of his living children three hundred dollars. A family of eleven children was born to him, namely: Phoebe, born February 1, 1811, married Joel Baker, had nine children and died in Chester county; Mary Ann, born December 19, 1812, still survives and has one son; Louisa, born December 6, 1814, married, first Samuel Hendershott, and, second, Charles Brosius, had two children and died aged eighty-eight years; Eliza, died an infant; Lydia, born February 15, 1819, married Pleasant Coppoc, reared eleven of her thir-

teen children, and died July 4, 1873; Enos is the subject of this sketch; Sarah, born July 4, 1823, married Eli Garrettson, reared three of her five children and died August 22, 1864; John died young; Elizabeth, born April 23, 1827, married Thomas Cobb, and died September 15, 1850; Francina, born September 22, 1829, married Joseph Ladd, and had three children; and Hannah, born April 11, 1833, married Henry Pickering, had one daughter and one son, and died January 25, 1880. The mother of this family died June 14, 1864, and the father September 20, 1870. They are buried in the churchyard of the Hicksite Quaker Society, which was then known as Quaker Hill, but is now known as the West Meeting.

On April 25, 1844, Enos Cook married Miss Ann E. Michener, who was born January 8, 1827, and is a daughter of James and Eliza Michener, the former of whom was born March 18, 1802, in Chester county, and the latter, April 18, 1801, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In 1826 they removed to Ohio, where Mrs. Michener died November, 1841, leaving eight children, the youngest but one and one-half years old. At this time the wife of our subject was not yet fifteen years old, and much of the responsibility of the family fell upon her. The father married again, but outlived the stepmother and died in Kokomo, Indiana, June 22, 1893, in his ninety-second year. Both belonged to the Society of Friends.

Enos Cook and wife began life as farmers on property belonging to Mrs. Cook's father. Two years later Mr. Cook bought ninety acres of land, going into debt for the same and settling in a log house, which continued their home for some time. Mrs. Cook was entitled to five hundred dollars when she was twenty-one years, but as she was but eighteen when she was married, she could not claim her dowry at that time. They resided on the farm until March, 1880, when they removed to Beloit, where Mr. Cook had purchased a whole block of the most desirable part of the town with streets already laid out on four sides. Here he erected a fine residence, which continues to be the best one in the village. It is beautifully located, stands well back from the street, from which it is separated by an ornamental evergreen hedge, and is a very attractive home. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook: Eliza, who was born March 20, 1845, is the wife of Jackson Grove, a retired farmer of this township, and they have three sons and three daughters; and Howard, who was born March 17, 1856, owns the old farm on the state road and is engaged in a large dairy and stock business, in which he is assisted by his one son, Berton, a fine young man of twenty-three years; Howard married Margaret Harold, a member of one of the old families.

For many years Mr. Cook was one of the leading stockmen of this section. Although a successful agriculturist, he thinks a more satisfactory business can be done in the raising of stock than in farming, and his son is of the same opinion. Their choice of dairy stock is of the Ayershire breed. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook are well known in this locality and are very much esteemed. They belong to the Society of Friends, in which they have a birth-right membership.

#### DAVID CRUMRINE.

One of the much esteemed and successful farmers of Goshen township is David Crumrine, who was born August 23, 1831, in Berlin township, and is a son of John and Susan (Burgett) Crumrine, and a grandson of one of the very first settlers of Ellsworth. His grandfather was of German extraction, a man of thrifty habits, and both in Pennsylvania and in his new home accumulated property. He died about 1843, his widow surviving a short time. The father of David Crumrine was born in 1795 and died at Berlin Center in 1870. He and wife had six children, five of whom were reared to maturity, as follows: Sarah Ann, born in 1817, married Daniel Hartshorn, had one son, and died in 1865; Fanny died at the age of fifty-six; J. M. died in 1851 in Hancock county, Ohio, and his only child died soon after; Elias is a blacksmith in Logan county, Ohio, and has five surviving daughters; and David.

David Crumrine had but meager schooling, in the old log schoolhouse of pioneer days. On January 26, 1854, he married Aseneth Cook, who was born in 1833, in this township, on the farm of her maternal grandfather, and is one of five children born to Job and Mary Ann (Swem) Cook these being: Mathias, who lives at Council Bluffs and has one daughter; Mrs. Crumrine; Caroline is deceased; Louisa is also deceased; and John A., who lives on the farm and has five sons. Job Cook died aged eighty-nine years, and his wife lived to be almost ninety. Mr. and Mrs. Crumrine have four children, as follows: Carrie, Mrs. Wolf, who lives at Atwater station and has three children; Mary, Mrs. Smith, lives in Trumbull county, Ohio; Eva is the loving nurse of her invalid mother; and J. L. lives at Wellsville, Ohio, and has two sons and one daughter.

In 1864 Mr. Crumrine volunteered for the one hundred day service and was out four months, a member of Company G, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, mostly engaged in garrison duty, and was on picket duty within hearing of the battle of Petersburg. For eight years he and his wife were tenant farmers in Berlin township, eight years in Goshen township, and then for some ten years he was engaged in selling

pianos and organs at Ravenna, Ohio. In 1873 he returned to Goshen township and since then the family has occupied two different farms, residing on the present one since the spring of 1899. This contains eighty-three acres, and the other one eighty-six acres, both devoted to general farming. In politics he has always been a Republican, but has not sought office. As one of the prominent and worthy members of Kirkwood Post No. 600, G. A. R., he has been elected commander on several occasions. With his wife and children, he has been connected with the Methodist church for a long period and has been an interested worker in the Sunday-school.

Mr. Crumrine has a relic of other days in his possession which is of great family interest. It is a small Bible, bearing date of 1791, and was the property of Miss Mary Eddy, who became the wife of one Smith, the maternal great-grandmother of Mrs. Crumrine. She was born in Oneida, Madison county, New York, May 21, 1762. The record in it tells that her daughter Aseneth was born April 16, 1790, and became the wife of John Swem. This time-worn, calf-bound book has come to the fifth generation and is now claimed by Miss Eva Crumrine, by whom it is much valued.

#### JOHN H. BLOOM, M. D.

The longest established and best patronized physician in New Middletown, Mahoning county, Ohio, is the above named gentleman, who has been here since 1880 and has built up such a large practice that he finds it difficult to attend to it although he is going night and day. His father was John Bloom, who was born in what was then a part of Columbiana county on February 27, 1826, and he and three brothers and two sisters were left at an early age by the death of their parents. John was a well-to-do farmer and added forty-eight acres to the sixty which he had inherited; he had a sorghum mill on the farm, and from this and other sources made good profits. His wife was Harriet Margaret Wealand, of this county, and she was the mother of five children: Daniel M. is a physician at New Waterford, Columbiana county; the second is John H.; Nathan W. is a German Reformed minister at Fort Wayne; Caroline C. is also at Fort Wayne; and George E. is a farmer at North Lima. The parents of these children were members of the Evangelical Association and lived to a good old age, the father dying on August 6, 1896, and the mother on January 25, 1899, respected and honored citizens of the county.

The birth of John H. Bloom occurred at North Lima in this county, February 1, 1855, and he enjoyed with the rest of the children a good education. After completing his studies at the Poland Union Seminary he en-

tered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1878, and he has been an ardent exponent of the eclectic school all his life. He opened up his first office in Hillsville, Pennsylvania, from there went to Leetonia, Ohio, and established himself here in 1880. He had small means when he started, but he has been constantly building up his patronage, and about sixteen years ago erected his fine home and office and barn, and later purchased the old homestead farm at North Lima, Ohio, and is now also interested in a number of other industries. He owns his own horses and is often called out for long drives into the country. In the time that he has been here two competitors have appeared on the scene, but they remained only a short time, and Dr. Bloom now has such a large country practice that he is seriously thinking of selling out and moving to the city of Youngstown, Ohio, to follow his profession, where the practice will be devoid of a great deal of the exposure he now has to contend with.

Dr. Bloom was married on August 14, 1879, to Mary A. Burt, who is the daughter of Jehu Burt and his wife Rebecca Jane Taylor, farmers of Columbiana county, the former of whom died in 1891 at the age of sixty-eight and the latter in 1897, aged sixty-four; these worthy people reared all their six children, who are all married and have families: Joseph S. Burt is at Alliance, Ohio; James C. is a farmer at Middleton, Ohio; Sylvester is a core-maker and a foreman in the Morgan Engineering Works at Alliance, Ohio; the fourth is Mrs. Bloom; Ella is the wife of Jefferson Hayes; William Jefferson is a foreman in the Harris Automatic Press Company at Niles, this state. The first child born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bloom was Ida Mae, who is a graduate of the normal college at Canfield, Ohio, and is a teacher of music, being at the present time a student in the conservatory of Oberlin College; Clark H. is an industrious student at the Canfield normal, going there from the school at Poland; Raymond is a bright fellow of twelve years and in school at home. Dr. Bloom is a member of the Knights of Pythias, votes the Republican ticket, and he and his wife are both members of the English Lutheran church, and being still in the prime of their life are energetic and useful members of society.

#### R. MELVILLE SCRANTON.

Three generations of this worthy family have lived near the town of Alliance, Ohio, so that no name could sound more familiar to its inhabitants than that of Scranton. Grandfather Scranton was an old settler in Lexington township and located on a farm about four miles north of where Alliance now stands, for this village was not yet on the map, nor were there

any railroads within fifteen miles of the farm. His son Edwin E. is now the secretary of the Standard Bolt and Manufacturing Company at Alliance, one of the principal industries of the thriving town.

R. Melville Scranton is the son of Edwin E. and Hannah Scranton and was born four miles north of Alliance on July 11, 1867. He attended the Alliance public schools until reaching the high school, and then entered Mount Union College, where he studied nearly two years in the literary department, and then completed the full commercial and business courses. With this educational equipment he began his career by learning the printing business, and after working as a journeyman at the trade for several years he went into business on his own account. For the last thirteen years Mr. Scranton has conducted a printing and publishing establishment. About four years ago he started in the real estate and insurance business with Colonel George R. Gyger, and has been a partner in said business ever since, the firm name now being Scranton & Cole, Mr. Gyger having been succeeded by Mr. A. M. Cole.

Mr. Scranton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but is not connected with any lodges or secret organizations. He is a young business man of much capability, and as he has been successful so far, there is doubtless a good future before him. On October 20, 1890, he was married to Miss Jessie Horton, of Atwater, Ohio, and they have two children, Grace, aged twelve, and Evangeline, aged two years.

#### THOMAS B. JONES.

Long identified with the public and industrial life of Youngstown and at present serving as one of the commissioners of Mahoning county, Thomas B. Jones is one of its best known and most esteemed citizens. Coming to this country without means, a stranger from a distant land, he set to work bravely to meet his new responsibilities, and by industry, good management and popular traits of character has achieved an enviable position in his adopted community. He is descended from an old Welsh family, long settled in Wales and connected influentially with the industrial and religious life of that historic country. John Jones, grandfather of our subject, was born in South Wales in 1760 and died there in 1844. He left a numerous family, and seven of his sons were ministers of the Congregational church. Benjamin Jones, the eldest child, was born in Cardiganshire, South Wales, in 1776, married Mary Evans and by her had nine children, of whom the following named four are survivors: Samuel; Ellen, wife of Thomas Thomas; Thomas B.; and William.



*Thos. B. Jones.*



Thomas B. Jones, third in age of his father's living children, was born at Hawen, Cardiganshire, South Wales, August 13, 1836, and grew to manhood in the place of his nativity. In 1856, when he reached his twentieth year, he determined to come to America, where two of his brothers were already located, and this resolve was successfully carried in the year above mentioned. As soon as he landed in New York harbor, he proceeded inland to Ohio and without accident arrived in Youngstown, where he found his brothers doing well in business. He had learned the shoemaker's trade in his native country, which furnished him a livelihood for some time, but eventually he abandoned this occupation as he found more satisfactory employment. He soon "caught on," to use the American term, and his popularity and aptitude secured him positions of trust and profit. He served twice on the decennial state appraising board and discharged his duties in that connection to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He was also for seven years a member of the board of education, in which position he did much for the cause of public instruction, which he has always had at heart. At the November election in 1901 Mr. Jones was chosen by the people as one of the members of the board of commissioners of Mahoning county and entered upon his term of service in September, 1902. He is one of the best judges of real estate in Youngstown. For forty years Mr. Jones was engaged in the manufacture, in Youngstown, of boots and shoes, and for twenty-five years he employed from twelve to fourteen workmen. He was extensively known for his custom work.

In 1861 he was married at Youngstown to Mary A. Davis, and they have had seven children, of whom the five surviving are as follows: Thomas B., Jr.; Richard M.; J. Arthur; Ella, wife of Lewis Jones; and James Emlyn, who is now a chief clerk in the bureau of plant industry in the agricultural department at Washington. Like his family for generations, Mr. Jones belongs to the Congregational church, in which he holds the position of trustee, and he is also treasurer of the Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania conference. For quite a number of years he has been an active worker for the principles of the Republican party.

#### FRANK M. MOORE.

It was Francis Moore, the great-grandfather of the above named gentleman, who was the progenitor of this family in America. He was a native of Ireland and came to this country before the Revolutionary war, but returned to the old country before that event, dying there. Mr. Frank Moore has in his possession an old book with a thick leather cover, which contains

this old gentleman's name written in gilt letters, a precious heirloom. His only son William came to Poland township, Mahoning county, and selected a site for his future home in the woods in 1804. Two years later, with his wife carrying her youngest child in her arms and with the oldest riding behind him, he made the tedious horseback journey through the wilderness and by the devious trails and unbroken ways out to the place where he had determined to establish his abode. He came without means, but his pioneer pluck soon put him in comfortable circumstances. He had married Mary Smith, of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and they reared four of their seven children, three having died within a week from dysentery. The son Francis was born December 3, 1802, and died in the old home here, June 13, 1833; he was engaged to be married and had built a house of his own on the farm when death took him away. The next child was James S.; Martha, the wife of David Arrel, died leaving three sons and one daughter; Rebecca, born February 28, 1813, died in 1886, unmarried.

James S. Moore was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1804, being but two years old when his parents came to Ohio. He was married on what is now the Kennedy farm, on May 3, 1838, to Hannah Truesdale, who was born in this township, April 2, 1816, and was the only child of Hugh and Ann (Riley) Truesdale. Born to Mr. Moore and his wife were: Rachel A., wife of John Stewart in Washington, Iowa, and they have two living children; William B. served in the Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry for eight months and now lives in Lowellville, Mahoning county; Hugh R. was also in the same regiment as his brother, was a physician, was born January 24, 1842, and died in Poland in 1895, leaving his widow and two children; Frank M. is the next in order of birth; Mary E. is the wife of Dr. E. L. McKinney, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and has five children; Rebecca J. is the wife of E. J. McComb, in Los Angeles, California, and has one son and one daughter; Julia A. married a Mr. Crawford, but both are now deceased. These children lost their devoted mother on January 16, 1883; their father and his sister Rebecca spent their lives here and died within a few hours of each other, being buried by one funeral service.

The birth of Frank M. Moore occurred in the house his grandfather had built many years before, on September 28, 1843. He was reared to the labor of the farm and enjoyed a good education in the common schools and later at Westminster College at Wilmington, Pennsylvania. On June 16, 1886, he was married to Ella J. Bell, of Youngstown, who was born in Niles, Ohio, May 24, 1857, and is the daughter of J. S. and Caroline (Barnhisel) Bell. The latter is a widow residing in Youngstown and was born at Tibbets Cor-

ners about sixty-eight years ago; her husband was a farmer and died at the age of fifty-five, in 1888, leaving his widow and three children in comfortable circumstances, the latter being: Ida, the wife of W. J. Whitworth in Youngstown, four children; Ella J.; and Albert L. Bell lives with his mother in Youngstown and has a wife and two children. The oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Moore is Charles C., who was born in 1887, and is in school in Poland; Belle was born April 4, 1897. The family reside in the comfortable old house built by grandfather Moore, with its characteristic windows with panes seven by nine inches. In 1836 his father built an addition, but half of the dwelling is nearly one hundred years old. Mr. Moore is a Republican, has served as land appraiser and in 1900 was the decennial appraiser of Poland township; he served seven years as one of the four jury commissioners, twenty years as a member of the board of agriculture and three years as its president; he is a trustee in the Presbyterian church, and in many ways has evinced his interest in the public weal.

#### A. E. ALBRIGHT.

There is probably no parallel in the history of the great state of Ohio to the rapid growth of the city of Sebring, Mahoning county. In July, 1899, there was no sign of habitation on the site of the town; today it is a hustling little city of sixteen hundred souls, with hundreds of tasteful homes and blocks of well built business houses, with street cars, electric lights, sewers, water works and every modern convenience known to civilization. This is all the result of careful planning by the eastern Ohio pottery kings, the Sebring brothers, from whom the town takes its name. One of the very first men on the ground after the town was platted, and before a single nail had been driven, was the gentleman whose name appears above, and who carried in his pocket his commission as the first postmaster of the town of Sebring, to be. Mr. Albright's commission was signed by the late President McKinley, and was dated July 29. The following November Mr. Albright was elected mayor of the city, there being only forty-four legal voters in the town. In the following spring he was re-elected, this time with a total vote of four hundred, and in the spring of 1902 the vote was nearly six hundred. Mr. Albright has been wide awake to the interests of the town, and has been among the very first to organize the different public utilities. Being an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, one of the first institutions to which he gave his attention was the organization of that society, and of which he is a working official. He was also immediately interested in the organization of the Buckeye Building and Loan Association, being its first

secretary, and also receiving appointment from the Adams Express Company as its first agent in the town. He was connected with the land company that laid out the town, up to the first of January, 1902, when he formed a partnership with Mr. E. L. Hammond in the real estate and insurance business, and this firm is now one of the leading real estate firms in the city.

Mr. Albright built and is living in the second house that was built in the city. He has passed his life in eastern Ohio, never having resided outside of Columbiana county until his removal to Sebring. He was born in Homeworth, Columbiana county, and spent most of his adult years in the city of East Liverpool, where he was constable of that corporation for four years. The Albrights came to Ohio from the Keystone state, our subject's grandfather, Daniel Albright, settling in Columbiana county in the early part of the nineteenth century, where he continued to engage in agriculture until his death at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. J. W. Albright, the son of Daniel, was also born in Columbiana county, and has lived in the city of Liverpool for the past nineteen years.

Mr. Albright is a gentleman whose suave and kindly manner attracts friend and stranger alike, and the sterling quality of his integrity breeds faith in his honesty of purpose in the hearts of all who know him. He is a man of strong friendships and many of them, and is a most popular official.

#### ERASTUS E. EELLS.

Erastus E. Eells, funeral decorator and graduated embalmer of Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, is one of its esteemed citizens. He is a descendant of one of the prominent colonial families, which still has many members in the state of Connecticut. The early records tell that one John Eells came to America in 1628, but returned to England in 1640, taking with him his son Samuel, who was born in 1639. In 1661 this son came back to America, was a brilliant lawyer and held the rank of major in the colonial army during King Philip's war. From this Major Samuel Eells our subject directly descended, and one of his forefathers was Rev. John Eells, who was the first minister of the church in New Canaan, Connecticut, in 1733. Great-great-grandfather Jeremiah Eells was born in New Canaan, and his son, Nathaniel Eells, came to Columbiana county in 1817 and settled on a farm in Elk Run township, and died in August, 1823.

Grandfather Erastus E. Eells came to Columbiana county in 1817 and to Lisbon in 1824, from Clapboard, Connecticut, where he was born August 9, 1808. After locating in Lisbon, Ohio, he became an apprentice to Joseph Ledlie, but began the business of cabinet-making for himself in 1828. In

1834 the only hearse in Lisbon came into the possession of Mr. Eells. It was a large coffin-shaped affair on cross bars, joined with long wooden springs, and was drawn by one horse, while the driver's seat was a chair placed one-third of the way back from the front. The records do not show the final disposition of this strange and ghastly piece of furniture, although its present location may be in some museum, where it would doubtless attract interest in comparison with modern vehicles of the kind. Few may realize how important were the services rendered the community by Erastus E. Eells in those early days. Until 1866 he constructed all the coffins, except the metallic ones, which were used in Lisbon or vicinity. During his sixty-three years of business life there he buried over five thousand bodies, drove fifty thousand miles personally, and never missed an engagement, or was behind the appointed time, although he conducted funerals as far away as Cleveland, Cadiz, Newcastle and Canton. During this time he interred three persons who were over one hundred years of age. His death occurred April 18, 1892, at the age of eighty-three years, eight months and five days. It was a sudden collapse, Mr. Eells having been attending to business on the day of his death.

Thus passed away one of the prominent and useful citizens of Columbiana county. He was one of the original abolitionists of eastern Ohio and became one of the most active promoters of the underground railway, working for twenty-five years prior to the Civil war to assist escaping slaves. In 1859 he was elected treasurer of the county and served the office with that strict integrity which made him notable in every relation of life. Probably no man in eastern Ohio was more highly respected. Possessing a strong character, he was kind, gentle and charitable. His most unselfish devotion was given his friends, his family and the oppressed. For very many years he was an elder in the United Presbyterian church and was active in all its good work.

The first marriage of Erastus E. Eells took place on March 12, 1829, to Mary Ann Ramsey, and four children were born to them: Susan R., who married John Arter; Robert G., who resides in Lisbon; Elizabeth, who married David Sterling, now resides at Los Angeles, California; and Leonard H. The mother of these children died November 14, 1837. The second wife of Mr. Eells was Janet S. Briggs, who died July 13, 1840. The third marriage was to Nellie Bell McKarg, who died July 24, 1843. Mr. Eells was married the fourth time to Catherine Figley, and the children of this union were: Hannah H., who married William Johnson, of Lisbon, and Martha R., who married Robert Armstrong, of Lisbon.

Leonard H. Eells, son of Erastus E., was born in Lisbon in 1836, and attended the village schools. He learned the furniture and undertaking business and was associated with his father until the latter's death, carrying on the same and later associating his son with him. Leonard H. Eells was first married to Miss Crowe. His second marriage was to Miss Lizzie Herman, who was born in Lisbon, and is a daughter of David Herman, one of the well known citizens. The children born to this union were: David, who holds the position of city marshal of Lisbon; Mary, who is the wife of William Farmer, of Elk Run township, Columbiana county. The third marriage of Mr. Eells was to Minerva J. Chain, who is the daughter of Henry and Lizzie (McCormick) Chain, of Elk Run township. The children born to this union were: Effie Louella, who is deceased; Leonard H., Jr., who resides in Lisbon; William Clyde, who is deceased; Clara, who is Mrs. Warren Wolfgang, of Columbiana; Elizabeth, who is Mrs. William Wright, of Elk Run township; Henry S., who is a resident of Lisbon; Erastus E.; and Susan R., who is Mrs. Jesse Davidson, of Wellsville, Ohio.

Erastus E. Eells, who bears the honored name of his grandfather, was educated in the public schools of Lisbon and learned the undertaking business with his father. On February 17, 1899, he graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming and does all the business in that line in this section. He was married to Miss Jennie B. Rees, who is a daughter of Elias Rees, of Youngstown, Ohio. Mrs. Eells is an educated lady, and prior to marriage was a trained nurse, having graduated from the Youngstown Hospital. One child has been born to this union, Myron. Mr. and Mrs. Eells are valued members of the Presbyterian church.

#### LAURENCE H. COONEY.

The old Keystone state of the Union has contributed in no small measure to the personnel of the populace of Youngstown, Mahoning county, and one distinctive cause of this fact is that involved in the prosecution at this point of conspicuous industries of a sort which had given Pennsylvania prestige in an early period of its history,—enterprises touching the manufacture of iron and steel. Pennsylvania has thus developed many experts in the various branches of manufacture, and their services have later been in requisition in Mahoning county, so that many natives of that state are to be found identified with the leading industrial activities of Youngstown. One of this number is the gentleman whose name initiates this sketch and who is incumbent of the position of superintendent of the finishing department of the Ohio works



L. A. Rooney



of the National Steel Company. He is one of the able young business men of the city and is entitled to representation in this work.

Laurence H. Cooney was born in Bellefonte, Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of December, 1869, and in the public schools of his native town he received excellent educational advantages, completing a course in the high school, in which he was a member of the class of 1885. Shortly afterward he went to Braddock, Pennsylvania, where he entered upon the duties of assistant ticket agent in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, retaining this position about two years, after which he was in the employ of the Braddock Wire Company for six months, and then secured a position in the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, in that city, with which concern he continued to be identified until June, 1900. His marked business capacity and faithful service secured him advancement, so that at the time of his resignation he was in tenure of the office of assistant superintendent of the finishing department. Upon leaving Braddock, in the month noted, Mr. Cooney came to Youngstown for the purpose of accepting his present position as superintendent of the finishing department in the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, the office being one that implies distinctive trust and responsibility and one whose duties are being discharged with signal facility and discrimination by Mr. Cooney.

His religious faith is that of the Catholic church, in which he was reared, and his political proclivities are indicated in the staunch support which he accords to the Republican party; fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Royal Arcanum and the National Union. In Braddock, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of April, 1894, Mr. Cooney was united in marriage to Miss Clara C. Baughman, a daughter of Hiram and Catherine Baughman, of that city, and of this union two sons have been born, Laurence E. and Chauncey.

Reverting to the genealogy of our subject, we record that he is a son of Laurence Cooney, who was born in county Galway, Ireland, in the year 1820, and who came to America in 1834, when a young man of twenty years, in company with his parents. The latter first located in Vermont, where they remained but a short time and then removed to Bellefonte, Center county, Pennsylvania, where the father of our subject passed the remainder of his long and signally useful and worthy life, his death occurring in May, 1901. He was a stonemason by trade, and to this he devoted his attention through practically his entire business career. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Flynn, who likewise was a native of the Emerald Isle, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom six survive, namely: Mary, the

widow of Joseph Fox; Martin L., a resident of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; Bridget, the wife of William L. Dillon; Michael, a resident of Bellefonte; Alice, the wife of Thomas Brennan; and Laurence H., the immediate subject of this sketch. The devoted wife and mother, who was a sincere and consistent communicant of the Catholic church, died in 1888, when the subject of this review was a young man of about nineteen years.

#### JOHN A. ROACH, M. D.

For a period of sixteen years this gentleman has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Alliance, Ohio, where he is regarded as one of the best practitioners of medicine in the city. Dr. Roach is a native of Carroll county, Ohio, born in 1858. His father, who is still living in Alliance, but has now retired from active practice, is Dr. J. B. Roach; his mother was Delila Ashbrook. Their family consisted of four children, all living: William M. Roach, an attorney at law, in Alliance; Olive, wife of D. B. Turnipseed, a merchant in Alliance; John A.; Eva M., wife of M. D. McEniry, government land office, Crookston, Minn. The father was born in Stark county, Ohio, at the little town of Robertsville, in 1828. He began the practice of medicine in 1865 at Augusta, Carroll county, where he continued to follow the profession for thirty-six years. He retired from active practice in 1891. Dr. Roach was exceedingly active in public affairs, having held the office of justice of the peace for a continuous period of twenty-eight years, and when quite a young man served two terms in the state legislature, in 1858 and 1860. He was a staunch Whig in the early days, and became one of the organizers of the Republican party in his section. In 1861 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a private soldier, and afterwards received appointment as surgeon of the regiment. In this position he continued to serve to the end of the war. His wife was a native of Carroll county, also, and was the daughter of John and Katherine (O'Neil) Ashbrook. The Ashbrook family were originally from Little Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dr. John A. Roach was reared amidst the refining influences of a splendid home, his early education having been acquired in the public schools of Carroll county. He applied himself with such diligence to his books that he was able at a very early age to enter the schoolroom as a teacher, and that constituted his occupation for the first five years of his adult life. Resolving to adopt the profession of his father for a life work, he matriculated in the Western Reserve Medical College of Cleveland, and in 1884 received a diploma from this institution. He first settled in the practice of his pro-

fession in Sherodsville, Ohio, where he remained for two years, then came to Alliance and has since been engaged in active practice at this point.

Dr. Roach married Miss Maggie Dunlap, of Carroll county, a daughter of Daniel Dunlap, and of a family which was among the earliest settlers of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Roach have one child, a daughter, Rhea. He keeps in touch with the medical fraternity, being a member of the State Medical Society, and also of the Union Medical Society of northeastern Ohio. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and at the present time holding the office of high priest in the chapter. Dr. Roach and his family are members of the Disciples church, in which they are greatly esteemed.

No branch of human endeavor approaches the medical profession in the responsibility assumed. The price of health cannot be measured in dollars and cents, let alone setting a value upon life itself. The personality of Dr. Roach seems to breathe forth this idea, and having such a high conception of his profession, he gives to his cases the most profound and painstaking study. He is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and he and his family occupy an admirable place in the society of their little city.

#### ORVILLE AUGUSTUS RHODES, M. D.

Though a resident of Salem only three or four years, Dr. Rhodes has been connected with Columbiana county since 1887 and has long enjoyed an extensive medical practice, especially in general surgery. Before coming to Ohio he had practiced some in his native state of Pennsylvania, and he neglected no opportunity to qualify himself for the highly responsible and honorable profession to which he has devoted his life, by long and thorough study in the best schools, supplemented by those indispensable agencies of young physicians, known as the post-graduate courses.

The Rhodes family, to which our worthy subject belongs, has long been identified with the social, professional and religious life of Pennsylvania. For many generations they have been known in that state, especially in the counties of Blair and Butler, and various members of the family have risen to eminence in the Evangelical Lutheran church in different sections of the Union. Peter Rhodes, grandfather of the Doctor, lived for an extended period in Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he labored through most of his life in the cause of religion, morality and a high order of living. His son, Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., of St. Louis, is one of the most prominent ministers of the Lutheran church, having been president of the general synod and also holding the presidency of the educational board of his denomination.

Dr. Orville Augustus Rhodes is a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and son of A. B. Rhodes, who was a merchant by occupation and well known in the business circles of his section. He married Rheuamy, daughter of David Patterson, of Butler county, and member of a family whose ancestors were pioneers of Pennsylvania and numerous represented by their descendants throughout their native state and other portions of the Union. Orville Augustus Rhodes began the study of medicine at an early age, and when properly fitted entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, where he received his degree in the class of 1882. After leaving that institution he located at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and after practicing in that city several years, came to Columbiana county and took up his residence in the town of Washingtonville. This was in 1887, and Dr. Rhodes remained in that place twelve years, during all of which time he was busy in his profession and steadily growing both in business and reputation. Desiring a wider field and a more populous community, he came to Salem in 1900 and since that time has enlarged his territory so as to include both Mahoning and Columbiana counties in the range of his professional employment. He enjoys a large practice and excellent standing, having met with especially flattering success in medical cases, his skill in that line being universally acknowledged. In 1894, for the purpose of availing himself of the latest discoveries and improvements in surgical science, Dr. Rhodes took a course at the New York Post-Graduate College, and he loses no opportunity to perfect himself in his profession by reading and close study of its best literature. As aids in the same direction, and for the purpose of keeping in touch with the most eminent and efficient of his professional brethren, he holds membership in both the National and State Medical societies, and attends the regular meetings of those bodies and takes an active part in the discussions.

Dr. Rhodes has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Linnie Campbell, of Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. His second wife was a Miss Jennings, of Cleveland, Ohio, by whom he has a five-year old son named Philip Augustus. Dr. Rhode's fraternal connections are with the Maccabees and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

#### ALBERT M. OSBORN.

Albert M. Osborn, who is farming on the old family homestead in Jackson township, Mahoning county, was born here October 21, 1843. His father, Jonathan Osborn, was a native of Virginia, born May 28, 1804, and when a babe of only a few weeks was brought to Ohio, the family locating in Youngstown township, Mahoning county. Jonathan's parents were

Joseph and Margaret (Wolkale) Osborn, both of whom were natives of Virginia, and on coming to the west Joseph purchased eleven hundred acres of land covered with a dense growth of timber. He made a trip in 1800, at which time he invested in the property, and later he was enabled to assist all of his children by giving them farms. At the time of the war of 1812 he entered his country's service and fought in the second series of engagements with England. His son Jonathan Osborn was reared here and with the other members of the family shared in many of the hardships and trials of pioneer life, as well as in its pleasures. He wedded May Ann Goff, who was born in 1818, the wedding taking place about her eighteenth birthday. They settled in Jackson township, where Mr. Osborn had purchased two hundred acres of land, on which stood the native forest trees. These he had to cut down and clear away before he could cultivate his fields, but he continued the work of development and improvement, and in course of time was the owner of a productive farm. When he was married he moved into the frame house which he had built, and in which our subject was born, and it now stands upon an adjoining farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Osborn were born six children, but William Nelson and Jonathan Wallace died at about the age of two and five years, respectively; George Washington was born March 12, 1837, is a widower with one daughter and one son, and lives upon seventeen acres of the original home tract of two hundred acres; Margaret Jane, who was born June 14, 1840, became the wife of Joel Woodward, and died when past middle life, leaving her husband and one son; Albert is the third of the family; Alice is the wife of H. C. Orr and lives on the farm adjoining the old home place, which was bought by the father, who there owned two hundred and ninety-three acres, and also had one hundred and four acres near Paris, Portage county. In politics Jonathan Osborn was a Democrat and for many years served as justice of the peace. He also acted as county commissioner while living in Trumbull county. He was one of the land appraisers, was called upon to settle many estates and was ever found faithful to the trusts reposed in him, discharging his duties to the best of his ability. His wife long held membership with the Methodist church and he was a moral man, respected the Sabbath and lived at peace with his fellow men. While serving as justice of the peace he often induced litigants to settle their differences outside of the courts.

Albert M. Osborn was reared to farm labor from early boyhood. He was the first man drafted for service in the Civil war in Jackson township, when a call was made for twenty-six men from this township, but he furnished a substitute, to whom he paid three hundred dollars. On the 16th

of May, 1867, he was married to Miss Nancy C. Moherman, a daughter of Abraham Moherman. She became the mother of four children: Cora M., the wife of E. S. Goldner, who resides on the home farm and by whom she has a daughter; Dallas J., who has a wife and a daughter and a son, and is now in East Las Vegas, New Mexico; Alma A., in business in Cleveland, Ohio; and Albert Otis, a dentist of Cleveland, is a graduate of the Cleveland Dental College and is well versed in his profession. The older son was graduated at Hiram College, and all the children taught in the district schools. Dallas went to New Mexico for his health and is now a prominent business man there; he married Pearl Miller, of Tiffin, Ohio. Mrs. Nancy Osborn, who was born in 1848, died February 27, 1878, and Mr. Osborn afterward married Christine Yoxtheimer, of Jackson township, Mahoning county. She became the mother of two daughters, Maud Hazel and Mabel Fern, both at home. Mr. Osborn was bereft of this wife by death, March 14, 1892, when she was forty-six years of age.

Fraternally, Mr. Osborn is connected with the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed all the chairs. He votes with the democracy, and for two terms served as assessor of his township and as township trustee for fifteen years. He was also a school director, and in official service has been most loyal to the obligations devolving upon him. He belongs to the Disciples church, in which he has been an elder almost continuously since 1885. Farming claims his attention the greater part of the time and he pays taxes on two hundred and forty-five acres of land. He and his son-in-law are carrying on general farming, and he also makes a specialty of the grazing of stock keeping from fifteen to thirty head of cattle, a high grade of short-horns. He also has from six to ten head of horses and has kept from seventy-five to two hundred head of delane sheep and from ten to forty head of Berkshire hogs. He raises corn, wheat and oats, and has a well improved and productive farm, his labors thereon resulting in the acquirement of a comfortable competence. He has two good frame houses and two good barns on the place, and the latest improved machinery facilitates the farm work.

#### RODERICK D. CAMPBELL.

When we enter the name of the subject of this sketch in its full form, Roderick Donald Campbell, the combination becomes one which indicates beyond peradventure what must be the nationality of his ancestors, and the name cannot but suggest most potently the fair land of hills and heather, and thus it is to the sterling clan Campbell of the highlands of bonnie old Scotland may the lineage of our subject be traced. We of this electrical



*R. W. Campbell*



twentieth century, materialistic in many senses, and representing the most magnificent industrial progress, cannot afford to hold in light esteem the record of worthy lives and worthy deeds, and not to honor those who take just pride in the bearing up of the standard of an honored name. While each man must practically work out his own destiny, it should ever be held as a privilege and satisfaction to revert to the lives and labors of worthy forebears, and such a privilege is given to the gentleman whose name initiates this review and who is one of the highly esteemed business men of the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, where he is incumbent of the responsible position of master carpenter in the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, one of the most important corporations of the Union.

Of stanch Scottish lineage, Roderick D. Campbell is himself a native of the Dominion of Canada, having been born in Middlesex county, province of Ontario, on the 6th of October, 1867. His father was there engaged in farming, and thus the youth grew up under invigorating and sturdy discipline, while his educational training was secured in the schools of that locality. He remained in his home county until he had attained the age of seventeen years, having in the meantime begun his apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and he then, in 1885, proceeded to British Columbia, where the line of the Canadian Pacific was then in process of construction. In connection with this work he found employment at his trade, which he had followed for the two preceding years, and he became an expert artisan and one in whom implicit confidence could be placed at all times and under all conditions. He was employed on construction work along the line of the Canadian Pacific from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, being thus engaged for a period of about two years, within which time his parents had removed to the village of East Tawas, Michigan. To that place he proceeded and in that locality he continued to work at his trade until 1890, while for two years prior to that date he had held the position of assistant master carpenter for the Detroit, Bay City & Alpena Railroad Company. In April, 1890, Mr. Campbell came to Youngstown, where he was engaged in the work of his trade in a general capacity until 1898, when he entered upon the duties of his present position. He has given such faithful and effective service and shown such marked discrimination and executive ability as to gain the endorsement of those by whom he is employed, while he has the good will and esteem of those whose work he directs, as well as of all others with whom he has come in contact in a business or social way.

In politics Mr. Campbell pins his faith to the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, of which he is now noble grand, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian denomination. On the 14th of December, 1893, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Campbell to Miss Anna Rundel, a daughter of Thomas Rundel, of Vienna, this state, and they are the parents of a little daughter, Isabella B., born August 9, 1897.

John Campbell, the father of our subject, was born near the city of Glasgow, Scotland, in the year 1814, and thence accompanied his parents on their removal to Canada, about 1830. He chose as his companion and helpmeet on the journey of life Miss Catherine Beaton, who was born in Nova Scotia, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Emily, Isabelle B., Roderick D. and William J. The devoted wife and mother was summoned into eternal rest at East Tawas, Michigan, in 1897, and in death she was not long separated from her loved husband, whose death occurred in the following year. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Duncan Campbell, who was born in Scotland in 1784, and died in Canada in 1872.

#### JAMES A. AND MARY ANN BEGGS.

The American branch of the Beggs family originated in county Tyrone in the north of Ireland, where Alexander Beggs was born in 1794. He married Susan Dickson, and in 1822 they emigrated to this country, settling in Coitsville township, which at that time was a part of Trumbull county, Ohio. He was a mechanic and a maker of weaver's reeds, and he followed that occupation in Ireland and for awhile after coming to Ohio, from the proceeds of which he was able to make his first payment on his land here. But after becoming a landed proprietor he had weightier business to attend to in the clearing of the heavy growth of timber and building a double log house. The logs which entered into the construction of this abode he had only time to scotch, but the building was perhaps more commodious than a majority of such structures, for it contained, besides the usual living apartment, a sleeping loft. In that early day bears and panthers were a constant menace to the settler's stock, and more than once, while he was driving the cows from the neighboring common a bear would frighten them so that he was compelled to spend many hours in rounding them up again. At the time of his death he owned one hundred and twenty-eight acres of well improved and cultivated land, and a good frame house now occupies the site of the original log dwelling. Alexander Beggs was a well read man, notwithstanding the early limitations upon his education, and the record of his life in the community was that of a modest but worthy citizen, who did what was right for his family and his fellow men. He was independent in politics, voting for

awhile with the Democrats and for awhile with the Republicans, and still later united with the Prohibitionists in their effort to overthrow the liquor traffic. He and his wife were both esteemed members of the United Presbyterian church. Mrs. Beggs lived to be only fifty years old, her death occurring March 15, 1851, but her husband lived to be over ninety-eight years old, dying on June 7, 1887. There were four children of this union: George is a farmer in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, with seven of his nine children living; James A. and Mary Ann are the names which head this sketch; William D. lives on the old farm, although at present he is away for the purpose of educating his daughter.

Neither James A. nor Mary Ann ever married, owing to their loyalty in remaining at home to care for their father. Mary Ann has, since her mother's death, been keeping house for her father and her brother, but in spite of these restrictions she is a most intelligent lady, reading a great deal and taking a lively interest in matters of public concern. There are one hundred and twenty-eight acres in the farm of the old homestead, a good orchard and correspondingly substantial improvements. Having no children of their own, they naturally take much interest in their nephews and nieces, the first children of their brother, W. D. Beggs, and their pride in them is very justifiable. One of these is Samuel Sterrett Beggs, who was named after his maternal grandfather, Rev. Samuel Sterrett. Samuel is a college-bred and scholarly man and is a successful educator, having held positions in Beardstown, Illinois; Olathe, Kansas, for three years; and in Lansing, Michigan, for the past four years; he is married and has one son and one daughter. Elizabeth Susan Frances is the wife of Rev. J. G. Houston. William Alexander was a fine student and a good farmer, and after suffering a year and a half from an injury and the pleuro-pneumonia, he died at the age of twenty-four. Mable F. is a member of the class of '04 at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, where she is pursuing a musical course; her parents are residing there temporarily until she finishes.

#### JESSE SIMON.

The student of the history of Mahoning county cannot carry his investigations far without learning that the Simon family is an old, prominent and honored one here, and that its representatives in different generations have taken an active and helpful part in the upbuilding of the county from the period of its pioneer development down to the present. Jesse Simon was born February 15, 1830, in the old family home which had been built in 1819 and which is still standing, but is now used as a sheepfold. His father,

Jacob Simon, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, born January 12, 1786, and his father, Michael Simon, was born of Swiss parentage, either in Switzerland or in the Keystone state, early in the eighteenth century. He came to Mahoning county when there were no roads between the old family homestead in Broadman township and Canfield. He paid eight dollars per bushel for salt in those days and the commodity was brought on horseback from Georgetown on the Ohio river, forty miles away. As there were no roads, he had to follow the old Indian trails. He owned six hundred and forty acres of land, which he purchased of Mr. Broadman, and he afterward sold to his son Jacob one hundred and fifty-one acres for the nominal price of three hundred and thirty dollars, the deed of this property being dated February 4, 1813.

Jacob Simon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Stemple, a native of Preston county, West Virginia, born in 1790. The young couple began their domestic life in most humble financial circumstances. They were married January 13, 1811, and their first home was a little log shanty. The following year Mr. Simon was drafted for service in the war of 1812 and went to Youngstown and paid ninety dollars whereby he obtained release from military service. It took all the household goods to pay for the release, leaving them nothing but their land. Their first frugal meal consisted of plain flour mush and their fare for some time was limited in quantity and quality. They ground their own cornmeal in a hand-mill and went through all the hardships and experiences of pioneer life. Mrs. Simon had been reared in West Virginia, coming to Mahoning county during her girlhood, and when the young couple wished to be married they went on horseback to Canfield, making the trip in a snow storm. As the years passed, however, their earnest labors brought to them a reward in the shape of a good improved farm. They were both strict and conscientious Christians, holding membership in the Lutheran church, and in that faith they reared their family, making it their daily work to instil into the minds of their children principles which would result in making them upright men and women. In the work of field and meadow they also continued, and were largely engaged in making maple sugar, this section of the country being almost an unbroken sugar-tree forest. Wolves made the night hideous with their howling, and the men in the camp would take turns in watching to protect the others from these animals. Jacob Simon passed away in this county on the 12th of September, 1861, when about seventy-five years of age, and his wife died in 1879 at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years. This worthy couple were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom were married with

the exception of one son and one daughter and had children of their own, the families of some being as large as that of the parents. David Simon, the eldest, was born in 1811; Lydia, born in 1813, became the wife of Elias Rupert, and died in Indiana; Delilah, born March 23, 1815, became the wife of George Wormley; Levi Simon, born January 21, 1817, died in Wood county, Ohio, in the fall of 1901; Stilling was born December 25, 1818; Gideon, born October 7, 1820, had the greatest affection for his brother Jesse, and they were the firmest of friends and companions and spent much of their time together in hunting, and also did much of their work together; Salome, born October 20, 1822, is the widow of Masus Weber; Selinda, the next of the family, is the wife of John Shaffer, of Maysville, Indiana; Jesse is the youngest of the family. Levi was the scholar of the family and was a self-educated man, who became a very successful educator, and, like his father, was an excellent penman. David's oldest son, F. M., is an able business man, a resident of New York, and the overseer of a large oilcloth manufactory, receiving a salary of four thousand dollars per year; he also draws a large pension for his services in the Civil war, having been wounded at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. David became the county auditor of Mahoning county and his books show fine penmanship, neatness and accuracy.

Jesse Simon was reared upon the home farm and early became familiar with the work of field and meadow. He assisted his father throughout the period of his minority and in the district schools obtained his education. On the 24th of August, 1854, he was united in marriage to Miss Betsey Williamson, who was born in Youngstown, in April, 1831, on the old homestead farm where her grandfather had settled. Her father was Piatt Williamson, who was born in the same place in 1815, the grandfather, Joseph Williamson, having been one of the pioneers who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and he established his home in Youngstown. To Mr. and Mrs. Simon have been born the following children: Wilber, who follows farming on the old home place and has a wife and five children, two sons and three daughters; Wade E., who is a farmer and stock-dealer and also a meat merchant at Flint Hill, Mahoning county, and is married and has one son and one daughter; Eben N., of Portage county, Ohio, who is married and has four sons and three daughters; Edith, who became the wife of Professor W. H. Wagner, of Findlay College, and who died at the age of twenty-five years, also losing her infant daughter; Fitch, who died at the age of four years; Della, who was scalded to death at the age of sixteen months.

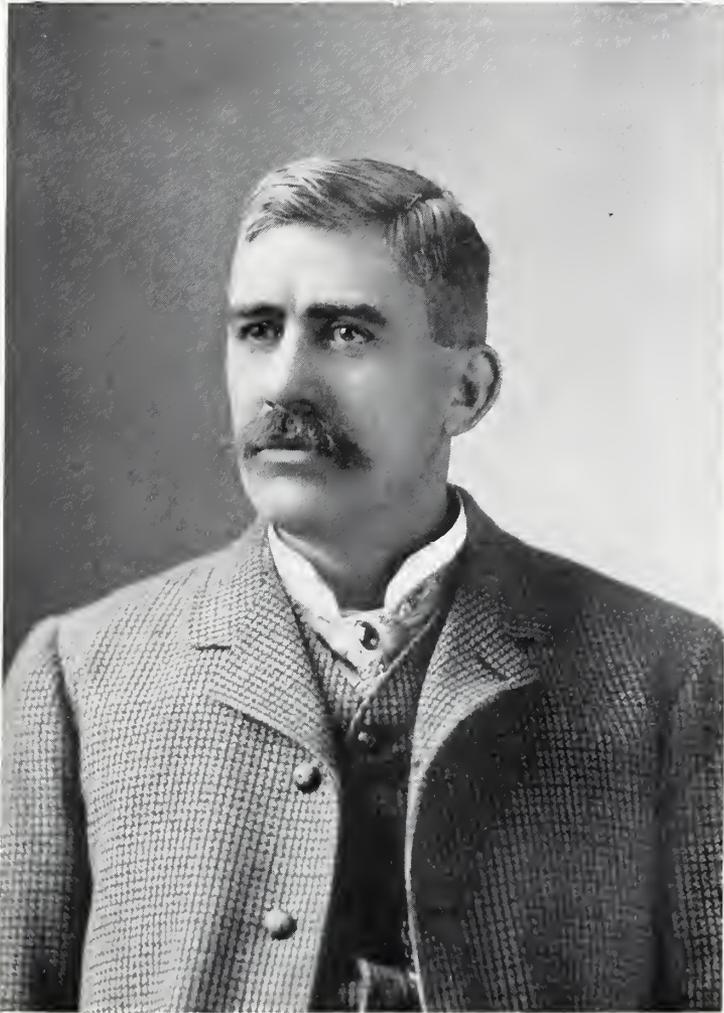
Mr. Simon is the owner of one of the fine farms of Mahoning county.

He makes sugar from six hundred trees, and in the past year had four hundred gallons of syrup and seven hundred pounds of sugar. He also has a fine orchard of fifty fruit trees which were planted by himself. His farm comprises one hundred and fifty-one acres, an excellent timber tract, including many sugar maples, and everything about his place is neat and thrifty in appearance, for the farm is equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories, and everything is kept in first-class condition. His home, a most attractive one, was erected about 1874 and it is an ideal place in which to spend the summer, having a shady retreat with a fine lawn, on which are growing many splendid forest trees. Mr. Simon is a Republican, active in support of the party, and has served as a trustee and school director. He has also been a delegate to the county and congressional conventions, and he and his wife and a number of their children are members of the Disciples church. The life record of Jesse Simon is in harmony with the family history. The name of Simon has ever been synonymous with honorable dealing and with sterling worth, and the subject of this review well deserves prominent mention in the annals of his adopted county.

#### JOHN T. GARDNER.

Numbered among the enterprising business men of Youngstown is John T. Gardner, who is now serving as superintendent of the rolling mill of the National Steel Company in this city. He was born in Buffalo, New York, October 31, 1859, and in the place of his nativity he was reared until after the close of the Civil war, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Springfield, Illinois, that city continuing to be their place of residence for five years. For a similar period they made their home in Decatur, Illinois, and while there our subject, then a lad of ten and a half years, entered a rolling mill as "butt puller" and water boy, and when this mill was moved to Rosedale, Kansas, he, too, went to that city and continued with the company until 1879. During the following year he led the wild and dangerous life of a cowboy in Benton county, Texas, and from there made his way to Dodge City, Kansas, continuing his adventurous life in that state, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona for two years. At Pueblo, Colorado, he assisted in the erection of a steel mill, continuing his residence in that city for one year, while for the following eighteen months he was engaged in prospecting, mining and running cattle in New Mexico.

Growing tired of this wild and adventurous life on the plains Mr. Gardner returned to his parents' home in Rosedale, Kansas, where he was employed in an iron mill until the corporation was compelled to suspend business, and in



*John F. Gardner*



1884 he went to Birmingham, Alabama. Three months later, however, he returned to Rosedale, Kansas, but as times were dull and steady employment could not be secured there at that time he went to Pullman, Illinois, where during the following three months he found work in a bar mill. From that place he started on the journey to Pueblo, Colorado, but stopping at Las Animas, that state, he was induced to take charge of a bunch of cattle. Unfortunately, while thus engaged, he was badly hurt by his horse and was sent to Pueblo, Colorado. When he had sufficiently regained his strength he accepted a position in the steel works there, thus continuing for a year, on the expiration of which period he again returned to Rosedale, and while there was elected by his fellow townsmen to the office of city marshal, which important position he continued to fill for a year. Going thence to Pueblo, Colorado, he went to work at "roll turning," thus continuing until the mill ceased operation, and from May until November, 1888, he was an employe in a bar mill at Gate City, Alabama, while for the short period of two weeks he was engaged in a similar capacity at Toledo, Ohio, after which he worked as a roll turner in that city for one year. Work then became scarce in that locality, and Mr. Gardner again made his way to Rosedale, Kansas, where for a year he was engaged as a foreman for a contractor and builder. In 1890 he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked at roll turning until the company failed, was next employed in a mill in South Chicago for a year, was then made superintendent of the roll turning department in the Tudor Iron Works of St. Louis, Missouri, for one year, and after various removals finally returned to Chicago and secured the position of foreman in the roll turning department of the Illinois Steel Company. In 1897 he took up his abode in Dent county, Missouri, where he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a farm there for two and a half years. For the third time he made his way to Chicago, where he was engaged as foreman of the night shift in the roll turning department of the Illinois Steel Company, and thus he continued until he came to Youngstown, Ohio, in March, 1901, and accepted the position of superintendent of the roll turning department for the Ohio works of the National Steel Company. In October, 1901, he was made superintendent of the rolling mill, which position he has since continued to fill. Mr. Gardner steadily worked his way upward in the business world, gaining success and winning the public confidence, and he is now ranked among the substantial and foremost citizens of this thriving city.

The marriage of Mr. Gardner was celebrated in 1890, when Miss Gertrude Mitchell became his wife, and they now have three children, Mary E., Ivor W. and Ruth. In his fraternal relations Mr. Gardner is a member of

the Masonic fraternity, and he was formerly connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. The home of our subject and wife is a happy and attractive one, where warm-hearted hospitality is always to be found by their numerous friends. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield.

#### JERUSHA TAIT.

This estimable lady is a resident of Boardman township, Mahoning county, and is known not only for her own virtues but as the widow of one of the most prominent farmers in the county, who for many years was a successful stock-raiser and general farmer. Benjamin L. Tait was the son of John and Catherine (Lane) Tait, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Warren township, Trumbull county, Ohio. Benjamin followed farming all his life, and notwithstanding that he suffered much from rheumatism, he lived to be seventy-three years old, passing away on September 17, 1893. He was married to Miss Jerusha Detchon, February 9, 1862, and their only son, William J., born June 16, 1863, lived only sixteen months. Mr. Tait was a member of the Disciples church, as is his wife, and was much respected in the community.

Mrs. Tait's family is a very interesting one and has some very prominent members. Her father was William Detchon, the eldest son of Oswald Detchon, the oldest in a very wealthy English family. William was brought to America in 1798, when nine years of age, and grew up in this country and was one of the largest land-owners in this part of Ohio, having over nine hundred acres of different tracts; some of this came into Mrs. Tait's possession, and she is still residing on the property and in the house into which she and her husband moved in 1865. Mr. Detchon was married about 1821 to Miss Hannah Jones, who was born in Warren township, Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1800, the first white female child born in that place; she died in 1839, while he lived to be nearly seventy, passing away in 1859. They were the parents of nine children: Horace Detchon, who died in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1898, leaving two daughters, one of whom is a gifted actress and lecturer; Mary Fankle; Edward, who died in childhood; Samuel D.; George died at the age of four; the sixth in order of birth is Jerusha; Eliza is the wife of George Baldwin in Boardman township, this county; Julia Wirt left at her death five of her six children; Hannah Maria lost her mother when only ten days old, and she died at the age of eighteen months. The survivors of this family are all most excellent people, and their high character is well exemplified in the lady of this biography, Mrs. Tait.

## J. J. HAMILTON.

The Youngstown bar has always been noted for the ability of its members and has furnished to the state some of the most eminent men of the legal profession. From this school of practice have been graduated not only able jurists and lawyers, but men who made their names in the councils and legislative bodies of the state, as well as in the halls of congress and high offices both of the national and state governments. It has therefore always been considered an honor to be a member of this bar in good standing, such a position being a stepping stone to preferments both at home and abroad. Though only in practice at Youngstown for ten or eleven years, Mr. J. J. Hamilton has taken rank among the industrious and successful members of the bar and enjoys the esteem of court officials and clients as well as of the public at large. The founder of his family in this country was Robert Hamilton, who came from county Down, Ireland, in 1795, locating first near Chester, and later in Blair county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer by occupation and reared a number of children, of whom the only survivors are John Hamilton, a resident of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and William Smith Hamilton, who since May, 1901, has been living at Youngstown. The latter was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1818, and during the whole active period of his life was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1857 he was married to Margaret, daughter of James and Mary (McCreary) Miller, and they had eight children, of whom the five survivors are as follows: Ralph T., James M., J. J., May and Albert B.

J. J. Hamilton, third in the list of the above enumerated children, was born on a farm in Blair county, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1862. In 1870 his parents located in Lawrence county of the same state, where he remained for the next eighteen years, meantime receiving his education at the county schools. He also attended the Grove City (Pennsylvania) College, and the Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania. After the termination of his educational career in 1888, Mr. Hamilton came to Youngstown and obtained employment as clerk in the office of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company. During his two years' continuance in this occupation he employed his leisure time in the study of law under the efficient preceptorship of General A. W. Jones, but in 1891 he obtained his admission to the bar, immediately thereafter entered into practice and from that time up to the present has continued the prosecution of his profession at Youngstown. On June 1, 1902, he became a member of the firm of Wilson, McNab and Hamilton, of Youngstown.

June 26, 1895, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Sarah

L., daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (O'Connor) Fownes, of Youngstown. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is an active member with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Though his political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he is an earnest advocate of its principles, Mr. Hamilton has never been a seeker or holder of office, but devotes all his time to business.

#### ALBERT S. HUGHES.

The industries of the United States, and more especially the present magnificent transportation system, are perhaps more indebted to the Irish than to any other class of foreign immigrants. It was the strong right arms and tireless muscles of the children of old Ireland which dug the ditches, bored the tunnels, piled up the embankments and laid the ties of the great railway systems, whose extent and splendor are now the wonder of the world. These busy artisans have for generations been found in close touch with every internal improvement of importance,—on the public pikes, the great drainage works, “down in the coal mines,” in the industrial shops, on the farms and along the canals; in fact, it is difficult to see how Uncle Sam could have got along at all without the sturdy industry, the unwearying labor and the dauntless courage in meeting every difficulty, that were displayed by the great army of the sons of Erin who did so much to build this great empire. In the army and the navy, too, and in all the higher departments of human endeavor the genius of this wonderful people has contributed more than its due share to the development and glory of the mighty republic of the west.

Among the communities which have been enriched by this valuable class of industrial emigrants is that of East Liverpool, whose industries owe much to the representatives of the famous Emerald Isle. A number of these are noticed throughout this volume, and another is now to be added to the list in the person of Albert S. Hughes, the well known president of the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters. His father, James Hughes, was born in Ireland in 1825, emigrated to America twenty-one years later and located at Wheeling, West Virginia, where he engaged in work and spent most of his active years of life. He was a fine specimen of the Irish laboring man, faithful to his employers and conscientious in the discharge of all his duties. He worked for twenty-eight years after his arrival in the United States, or until the time of his death in 1874. He was married in Wheeling to Bridget O'Hara, and this union resulted in the birth of seven children: Catherine, wife of John Ferguson; Mary J.; John L.; James F.; Daniel V.; Albert S.; and Fannie C., wife of Ignatious Braennen.

Albert S. Hughes, sixth of the above enumerated children, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, May 25, 1862, but like other children of poor parents, had too little opportunity in childhood for obtaining an education. When fourteen years of age he was compelled to begin work to help support the family, his first employment being in one of the glass factories of his native city. After an apprenticeship there of two years, he got a job with the Wheeling Pottery Company, which he held from 1881 until 1889. In the last mentioned year he secured employment with the Chelsea Pottery Company and remained with that concern until July, 1892, when he was elected president of the Brotherhood of Operative Potters and removed to East Liverpool for the purpose of establishing his headquarters. He has since made his residence in that city and has been re-elected to the presidency of the brotherhood at every recurring annual meeting of the order up to the present time. This fact furnishes ample evidence of his standing with his fellow workmen, and shows the esteem in which he is held by the organized potters. Mr. Hughes has always been an earnest upholder of union labor, and having himself been a workman from childhood, thoroughly understands and appreciates both the needs and the aspirations of his brethren. In his incumbency as president he has done much to increase the membership, as well as the efficiency, of the organization over which he has presided with such good judgment and zeal in the cause.

In 1890 Mr. Hughes was married at Wheeling to Miss Anna Hasenauer, and they have three children: Joseph V., Eva M. and Catherine. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Hughes has always been a Democrat in his political affiliations. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association; takes an active part in the affairs of these orders and lends a zealous support in assisting to carry out their philanthropic purposes.

#### WILLIS M. DAVIDSON.

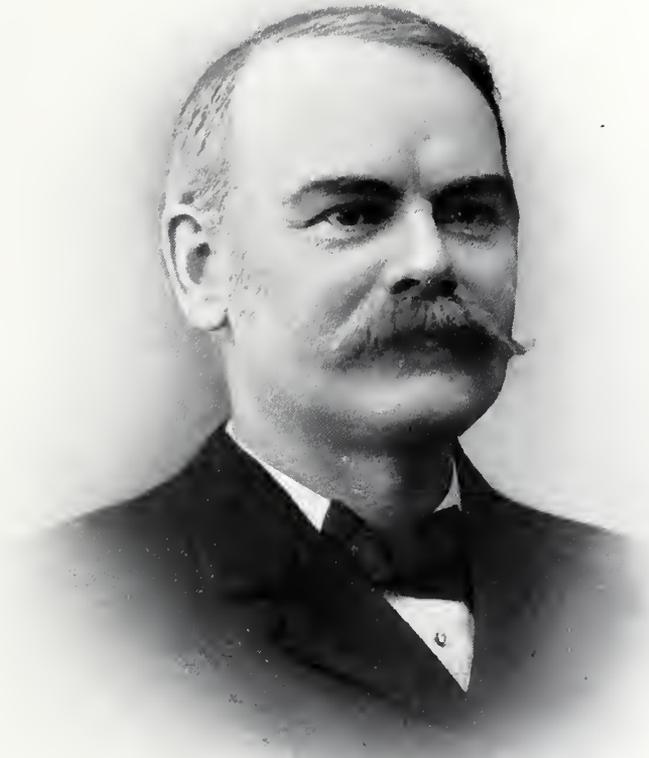
For a young man less than thirty years old, Mr. Davidson has had rather varied experience and his full share of the ups and downs of life. Driver of an express wagon at fifteen, passing through various grades in a glass factory until he became shipping clerk, then a police patrolman, and finally clerk of the city,—this summary marks the dividing periods of our subject's career up to the present time. There is enough in it to show that Mr. Davidson is not deficient in what the Americans call "get-there" traits, and that he is not only able to hold his own, but has a reasonable assurance of further successes and honors as the accumulating years ripen experience. His father,

James H. Davidson, was born in St. Clair township, Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1833, and devoted his life principally to farming. He made an excellent military record during the Civil war, serving three years as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after the termination of hostilities resumed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture. He married Sarah Moon, by whom he had three children: Willis M.; Mary, wife of George Stevenson; and Clyde C.

Willis M. Davidson, eldest of these children, was born on his father's farm, St. Clair township, Columbiana county, Ohio, September 9, 1872. When he was ten years old, his parents removed to East Liverpool, where Willis attended the common schools and a business college. At the age of fifteen he obtained employment as driver of a private express wagon and retained that place for the next three years. He then secured a job in the glass works and remained with the company for eight years in different capacities, having risen to the position of shipping clerk at the time the factory's destruction by fire threw him out of a position. Securing a place on the police force, he served for three years as patrolman, during which time he made acquaintances and acquired a popularity that led to political preferment. In the spring of 1902 the friends of Mr. Davidson obtained for him the nomination as candidate for the city clerkship and at the ensuing election he succeeded in being chosen to that position. As he has the faculty of making friends, possesses a pleasing address and shows an aptitude for business, the admirers of Mr. Davidson predict for him further honors in the political world.

#### THOMAS McDONALD.

Practical industry wisely and vigorously applied never fails of a due measure of success. It carries man onward and upward, brings out his individual character and powers, and tends to greatly stimulate the action of others. It is this unflagging spirit of industry that has brought to pass the magnificent industrial and commercial prestige of our nation, and everywhere in our broad land are to be found men who have worked their way from obscurity and small beginnings to places involving marked responsibility and association with enterprises of great scope and importance. Of this valued type of citizenship is the subject of this brief review, who is incumbent of the position of general superintendent of the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, the great plant of which he thus has charge being located in the city of Youngstown, where he has maintained his home for nearly a decade. It is consistent that he be accorded definite recognition in a compilation which has to do with



*This is W. G. Donald,*



the representative business men of Mahoning county and other portions of Eastern Ohio.

Thomas McDonald claims the old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity, and he is a representative of staunch old Irish stock. He was born on a farm in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of November, 1848, being a son of Patrick and Christiana (Foster) McDonald. Patrick McDonald was born in the north of Ireland, in 1823, and about five years later accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family taking up their abode in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where the grandfather of our subject devoted the remainder of his life to contracting. Patrick McDonald and his estimable wife, who was also born in the north of Ireland, county Down, a daughter of Richard Foster, now reside in Youngstown, being known and honored as people of sterling character and having lived honorable and useful lives. To them, fifteen children were born, Thomas having been the second in order of birth, and it is worthy of particular note that only twice has death invaded the family circle, the parents and thirteen of the children still living. Patrick McDonald manifested his sturdy loyalty and patriotism in August, 1864, when he enlisted as a volunteer in Company E, Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, with which he was in active service until the close of the war of the rebellion, when he received his honorable discharge, having made the record of a valiant and faithful soldier of the republic. He was deprived of a father's care when he was a mere child, his father having died a few years after coming to America, and he was reared in the home of Robert Black, on Deer creek, Allegheny county, and in that county he devoted the major portion of his active life to the great basic art of agriculture.

On the homestead farm in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, Thomas McDonald grew to maturity, gaining strength and vigor through the sturdy discipline involved, while his early educational advantages were such as were afforded in the public schools of the locality and period. In his youth he learned the carpenter's trade and for several years followed the same as a vocation in his home county. In 1875 he was employed in the steel works of the Carnegie Company at Braddock, Pennsylvania, and he continued with this great corporation until 1889, having gained distinctive advancement during his term of service, and being night superintendent of the converting department at the time of severing his connection with the concern. In the year last mentioned he assumed a similar and responsible position in the Allegheny Bessemer Works, at Duquesne, Pennsylvania, and there he was a faithful and trusted employe until 1893, when he came to Youngstown to

assume his present office as general superintendent of the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, the enterprise having been conducted under the title of the Ohio Steel Company until its absorption by the great corporation named. His wide experience in connection with the iron and steel industry, his intimate knowledge of all the scientific and mechanical principles and methods involved, his distinctive executive ability and his inflexible integrity of purpose eminently fit him for the responsible and exacting office of which he is in tenure, and his administration of the duties of his position has been most creditable to him, gaining him the confidence and respect of his superior officers and the esteem of the large corps of operatives of whose work he has the general supervision.

Mr. McDonald is essentially progressive and public-spirited as a citizen and business man, and is well known and highly esteemed in Youngstown. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, of whose cause he is a stanch advocate, though he has never had political ambition of a personal nature. Fraternaly he is identified with the time-honored order of Free and Accepted Masons and is deeply appreciative of the teachings and privileges implied. On the 27th of November, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of James McClary, of Braddockfields, Pennsylvania, and this happy union has been blessed with five children, namely: Edna, Irma, James Harlan, Louis and Isabel.

#### JOSEPH A. McDONALD.

In the preceding sketch, touching the life record of Thomas McDonald, brother of our subject, sufficient reference has been made to the genealogical history to render a recapitulation unnecessary at this point, while from the foregoing article, also, may be derived an idea of the great scope of the enterprise with which the two brothers are so intimately identified, Thomas McDonald being superintendent of the Ohio works of the National Steel Company at Youngstown, while Joseph A. is incumbent of the position of assistant superintendent, both being business men of distinctive ability and being thoroughly equipped for the discharge of the responsible duties which devolve upon them in connection with this great enterprise.

Joseph Anderson McDonald was born in the village of Swissvale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of December, 1864, and was there reared, receiving his early educational training in the schools of his native town and in those of Braddock, Pennsylvania. He early became dependent largely upon his own resources, since at the age of fifteen years he entered upon a clerkship in a grocery store in Braddock, where he was thus employed



Joseph A. McDonald



about a year, at the expiration of which he came to Ohio and located at Bellaire, Belmont county, where he secured employment as a "blower" in the Bellaire nail works, and within seven years he had familiarized himself with the various details of manufacturing and had risen to the position of foreman. In 1894 he came to Youngstown, where he entered upon his duties as night superintendent of the converting department of the works of the Ohio Steel Company, now known as the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, and this incumbency he retained until 1899, when he received deserved recognition of his ability and fidelity, being then promoted to the position of superintendent of the department mentioned, having full charge of operations. In 1901 Mr. McDonald was also placed in charge of the rolling mill, thus becoming superintendent of the two departments, while in February, 1902, he was given his present responsible office of assistant superintendent of the entire plant, in which capacity he has manifested the same executive ability, punctillious care and thoroughly efficient discipline which insured his advancement in former years. He holds the confidence and esteem of those over whom he is placed in charge and his success is well merited, while it also proves that true value is appreciated and that advancement comes to the man who works faithfully and shows a capacity for added responsibilities.

While duly mindful of the duties of citizenship, Mr. McDonald maintains an independent attitude in political affairs, not being an active partisan, and fraternally he is a popular member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. On the 10th of September, 1900, he was united in marriage, in Youngstown, to Miss Clara Momeyer, the daughter of Lewis and Stella (Small) Momeyer, the former of whom was a soldier in the Civil war, having been an officer in his company, which was a part of one of the Pennsylvania regiments of volunteer infantry. Mr. Momeyer died in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1876, and Mrs. Momeyer is now a resident of Youngstown, Ohio.

#### LOUIS N. McDONALD.

The foregoing sketches indicate in a significant way to how great a degree success has crowned the well directed efforts of the two brothers of our subject, and that he also has made the most of opportunities and has forged to the front in connection with his chosen vocation is shown in his tenure of the position of superintendent of the Bessemer department of the Ohio works of the National Steel Company. He has been dominated by the same energy, discretion and good judgment which have gained the advancement

of his brothers to places of trust and responsibility, and the record of the three redounds to their credit, and to the honor of the name. Further mention of the parentage and genealogy need not be made, since a due outline has already been given in the sketch of Thomas McDonald, and thus we may pass on and enter a brief resume of the more individual career of the capable young business man and popular citizen of Youngstown whose name forms the caption of this paragraph.

Louis N. McDonald, like his brothers, claims the old Keystone state as the place of his nativity, having been born near Braddock, Allegheny county, on the 23rd of August, 1870, and there he was reared to the age of seventeen years. He prosecuted his studies in the public schools until he had attained the age of fifteen, when he gave early inception to his practical business career and gained his initial knowledge of the industry with which he has ever since been identified, by securing employment in the Bessemer department of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works and Furnaces at Braddock, Pennsylvania, where he remained for two and one half years, while at the time of leaving the employ of this concern he was incumbent of the position known as regulator, showing that advancement had rewarded his discriminating and faithful efforts even while he was a lad. At the expiration of the period noted Mr. McDonald went to Benwood, Marshall county, West Virginia, where he secured a position as "blower" in the Bessemer department of the Wheeling Works, and in this capacity he served for two and one half years. His next position was in the Allegheny Bessemer Steel Works at Duquesne, Pennsylvania, now the Carnegie Steel Works, where he was employed from 1890 to May 1, 1902, adding to his practical knowledge and gaining valuable experience which further fortified him for higher preferment in connection with the practical work of this great line of industry. At that place he held the position of foreman in the Bessemer department, and he resigned the same on the date noted and came to Youngstown, where he entered upon his duties as superintendent of the Bessemer department of the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, in which capacity he is rendering the most excellent service.

In politics Mr. McDonald has been a staunch and uncompromising advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party from the time of attaining his legal majority, and he has taken an active interest in the cause. While he was residing in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, he was elected to the office of city auditor, in which he served for one term, with marked efficiency. He is a member of Vesta Lodge No. 352, of Duquesne, Pennsylvania, Knights of Pythias. He is a young man of alert mentality and unbending



Louis N. McDonald.



rectitude of character, and he fully merits the esteem and confidence so freely accorded him. On June 5, 1900, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Lottie C. Schwartz, of Redstone, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and a native of West Virginia. To this union has been born one child, Thomas Morrison McDonald, born August 15, 1901.

### JOEL SHARP.

It is natural that men should desire to be remembered after death, and to this feeling is doubtless due the stately stones often seen in cemeteries which record the deeds, titles and virtues of the departed. Most monuments, however, though built of brass or the most enduring marble, are little heeded nor long remembered by the rushing throngs of the busy world. The only lasting memorials of men are those constructed during their lifetime, and it is in vain to seek immortality by the post-mortem erection of mausoleums, however stately the structure or costly the design. On the other hand, he who founds a university, establishes a great charity, or develops a permanent industry, is sure of such earthly immortality as is within the reach of men, by having a perpetual reminder before their eyes of the deeds done in the body; thus, they are remembered favorably long after their mortal remains have mouldered away, and thus future generations are constantly reminded of the benefactors who wrought well for the race and in so doing perpetuated their names to the latest posterity. Our country has seen many men of this class, and none familiar with the facts of his life will deny to the late Joel Sharp the right to have his name enrolled as one worthy to enter this "hall of fame." His claims rest upon his connection with great industrial enterprises and more especially upon his achievements as one of the founders of the Buckeye Engine Works, whose product is now familiar throughout the world. His whole career was fruitful and productive, but those who loved him in life and revere him in death may safely rest his fame upon the organization of the great industrial plant at Salem, to which he devoted the best part of his mental and physical energies.

For the purpose of this biography, the genealogical records of this family will not be traced farther back than to Joel Sharp the elder, who was born at Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, August 13, 1779. He was adopted by Aaron Stratton, and reared to manhood in the place of his nativity. In early life he was united in marriage with Rebecca Tyrrel, born in New Jersey, November 17, 1783, and in company with his adopted father he came to Ohio in 1806. They located on a farm in Goshen township, and shortly afterward established a sawmill, which they operated for several years in

partnership. The Strattons were members of the Society of Friends, and Joel Sharp and wife joined the meeting of that religious sect at Salem, May 11, 1813. Joel Sharp was cut off in the prime of life and usefulness, his death occurring March 8, 1820, but his wife survived him more than half a century and passed away at Salem, June 12, 1875, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Following is a brief biographical record of their children: Ruth, the eldest, died unmarried; Martha married Daniel Bonsall, and a sketch of their son Joel will be found elsewhere in this volume; Thomas, the eldest son, was born in 1808 and died at Salem in 1896; Clayton, the second son, died at Olmsted, near Cleveland, Ohio; Mary Ann, the third daughter, married Caleb Hunt, of Salem, Ohio; Aaron, the third son, died in youth; Simeon, the fourth son in order of birth, is noticed in detail in another part of this work.

Joel Sharp, Jr., the youngest member of this interesting family and to whose career this biography is devoted, was born in Goshen township, Columbiana county, Ohio, on February 22, 1820. At seven years of age he was apprenticed to Daniel Bonsall and remained with him on a farm until he had reached his fourteenth year, when he joined his mother, who had married Nathan Hunt and was then residing at Cleveland. Joel obtained employment as clerk in a store of that city, spent five years in that occupation and used the money saved from his salary to pay expenses of one year's attendance at a school of the Society of Friends, situated at Mt. Pleasant. His first venture in life was as assistant to Daniel Bonsall in driving a lot of cattle over the Allegheny mountains to Philadelphia. In 1841 he went to work for his brother Thomas in the latter's sawmill at Cleveland and four years later began to learn the trade of a machinist with the Cuyahoga Furnace Company.

The year 1848 proved to be the crucial period of his career, as it laid the foundation for his main achievement and gave the bent of his whole future life. Returning to Salem, he formed a partnership with his brothers Thomas, Clayton and Simeon and established the Sharp Brothers Foundry, destined to be the forerunner of greater things in that line. Later, with the omission of Thomas, the other brothers joined the firm of Sharps, Davis & Bonsall, which in 1871 was incorporated as the Buckeye Engine Company with Joel Sharp as president, Colonel T. C. Boone as secretary and treasurer, Milton Davis as vice president, Joel Bonsall as superintendent and Simeon Sharp as assistant superintendent. From that time on, Mr. Sharp, as president of this company, gave his whole time and attention to the development of the enterprise, with what success is well known at Salem. From very

small beginnings the business was steadily increased until it has grown into the present mammoth establishment, employing nearly five hundred men and turning out a product which, as the Buckeye Engine, has a reputation of the first rank wherever machinery of that class is known and used. For this result, so valuable to Salem and so creditable to the industrial enterprises of the state of Ohio, Joel Sharp is accorded chief credit as the moving spirit of the company and prime factor in its management. Mr. Sharp's next most important work was in connection with the Salem Wire Nail Company, of which he was one of the organizers in 1885, and subsequently president until it became part of the American Steel and Wire Company in 1898. His minor but important services of a public nature admit only of brief mention. He assisted in organizing the Salem Coal Company and became one of its directors. He was largely instrumental in obtaining the construction of the Salem Railway and was a member of the original board of trustees controlling that enterprise. For many years and up to the time of his death, he was a director of the First National Bank of Salem and a valued adviser in all its operations. The civic services of Mr. Sharp, though of a local nature, were in keeping with the public spirit he displayed in all his undertakings. For a long period he was a leading member of the city council of Salem, and during his various terms was active and influential in establishing the city water works and electric lighting plant. He joined the Republican party in 1856, thus becoming a charter member, and through all the following years was a strenuous advocate of the principles of that historic organization.

On November 21, 1844, Mr. Sharp was married to Angeline, daughter of Josiah and Hannah (Boone) Lee, members of old and well known Pennsylvania families. They were born during the last years of the eighteenth century in Berks county, Pennsylvania, married there on the 3d of September, 1818, and subsequently came to Salem, Ohio, for permanent residence. Josiah Lee died in 1844, while on a business trip to Memphis, Tennessee. His wife, Hannah (Boone) Lee, who lived to the age of ninety-two years and died in 1890, was a relative of Daniel Boone, the famous Kentucky pioneer and Indian fighter. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sharp had two children, Frances and Herbert. The former was born at Salem, Ohio, August 31, 1845, and was married to Charles H. Ellis, August 22, 1872. She is living with and caring for her mother. The latter was born at Salem, Ohio, January 9, 1860, and obtained his education in the public schools, supplemented by a course at Andover Academy and the Boston Institute of Technology, where he studied mechanical engineering. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship with the Buckeye Engine Company and in 1886 entered the employment of

the Salem Wire Nail Company as shipping clerk. In 1892 he was promoted to the superintendency and held that position until the sale of the establishment to the American Steel and Wire Company in 1898. After the death of his lamented father he became a director of the Buckeye Engine Company, and in January, 1903, was elected president of the company.

On September 26, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Herbert H. Sharp and Bessie Church Rush, from which union was born one son, on April 8, 1896, who is named in honor of his father and grandfather, Joel Herbert Sharp.

After a long and honorable career, useful both to himself and his community, Joel Sharp passed away on July 28, 1898, and it is needless to add, after a perusal of this memoir, that by his death Salem lost one of her most valued citizens. His widow still resides at the old home in Salem in enjoyment of that esteem which is the just reward of a well spent life.

#### CHARLES N. CRANDALL.

The history of a state as well as that of a nation is chiefly the chronicles of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society, whether in the broad sphere of public labor or in the more circumscribed, but not less worthy and valuable, realm of individual activity through which the general good is promoted. Out of the depths of his mature wisdom Carlyle wrote: "History is the essence of innumerable biographies." Farther than this, what greater element of propriety could be asked in justification of the publication of works of this nature? The individual is the national unit, and if the unit be justly estimated the complex organism will become correspondingly intelligible. The world to-day is what the leading men of the last generation have made it. From the past has come the legacy of the present. The name borne by the subject of this sketch is one which has stood as exponent for the most sterling personal characteristics, the deepest appreciation of the rights and privileges of citizenship in our great republic, and is one which has been indissolubly identified with the annals of Mahoning county from practically the pioneer epoch, involving prominence and value in civic and industrial affairs. Still further may we go in a genealogical line, to find that the name is one which became concerned with American history in the early colonial epoch, while the record shows that there have been strong men and true as one generation has followed another, men loyal to our national institutions and to the high duties of citizenship.

As to the original American progenitor of the Crandall family the records are, unfortunately, meager in exact information, though it is sufficiently well authenticated that the lineage is traced back to the Rev. John Crandall, who



*Nelson Corndall*



emigrated from England to Rhode Island in the early or middle part of the seventeenth century, having been a clergyman of the established church of England. His descendants became disseminated throughout New England and other eastern states, and representatives of the name have gone forth to identify themselves with the interests of the most diverse sections of our great national domain. The great-grandfather of Charles N. Crandall was Samuel Crandall, whose birth is supposed to have occurred either in Connecticut or Rhode Island. His son Israel was born in Dutchess county, New York, in that ever memorable year which marked the signing of the declaration of independence, and he became one of the early residents of Youngstown, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his long and useful life, and he was ninety-five years of age at the time of his death, which occurred in 1871. He was a man of prominence in this community, having been identified conspicuously with industrial interests and civil affairs and having been distinguished for his strong mentality, his pragmatic ability and his sterling honor in all the relations of life. He was a wagon-maker by trade, and his early life was devoted to that work. He was an active participant in the war of 1812, in which he rendered yeoman service. The maiden name of his wife was Pamela Cook, and her death anticipated his by a number of years, several of their children having lived to years of maturity.

Nelson Crandall, son of Israel, and long known as one of the distinguished and valued citizens of Youngstown, was born near North Norwich, Chenango county, New York, January 4, 1826. There he was reared to the age of twelve years, when he came to Ohio and entered the home of relatives in the village of Youngstown, in 1838. In the local schools he completed his educational discipline and as a youth inaugurated a business career which was to reach its culmination in a magnificent success, worthily achieved. He became conspicuously concerned in the great iron industry in this section of the Buckeye state, and for many years was incumbent of the office of secretary and treasurer of the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company, whose interests were largely advanced through his able efforts and marked business acumen. He was a Republican in his political proclivities, having identified himself with that party at the time of its organization, and for a number of years, in the early days, he was incumbent of the office of postmaster at Brier Hill. He was a man of distinct individuality, mature judgment and discrimination, and was animated by a broad humanitarian spirit so that in the daily walks of life he ever held the implicit confidence and the unequivocal esteem of all with whom he came in contact, at all times standing "four-square to every wind that blows," while no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil remain to cloud the memory of his long and singularly useful life. He ac-

cumulated a valuable estate, but his success was that which comes of honorable and determined effort along legitimate lines, and thus none could begrudge him his prosperity, while in his death, which occurred on the 5th of August, 1899, the community lost one whom it had honored as a man and a citizen, and whose value was recognized in connection with all that touched the welfare of his city, county and state. Not an exalted or pretentious life was his, but one signally true to its ideals and to "whatsoever things are of good repute." He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and here, as in all other relations of life, was felt his beneficent influence, while his tolerant and kindly spirit won to him warm and enduring friendships.

Nelson Crandall was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Stambaugh, who was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, a daughter of John Stambaugh. She preceded him into eternal rest by many years, her death having occurred on the 1st of June, 1877, when her son Charles was but seven years of age. She was a woman of gentle and noble character, and was beloved by all who came within the immediate sphere of her gracious influence. Of the four children of this union three are living at the present time, namely: James Ford, a resident of Youngstown; Arabella, who is also a resident of this city; and Charles N.

Charles Nelson Crandall is a native son of Youngstown, where he was born on the 4th of August, 1870, and in the public schools of this city he received his preliminary educational discipline, which was effectively supplemented by a course of study in Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898, after which he returned to his home. His father's death occurred the following year and entailed responsibilities which have ever since demanded his undivided attention in the management of the large estate bequeathed by the honored father.

He is one of the representative men of the younger generation in his native city. In politics, while not actively concerned as a worker in the cause, he gives a staunch allegiance to the Republican party, and his religious faith is that in which he was reared; he is one of the zealous members of Trinity church, Methodist Episcopal, and a liberal supporter of the same and its collateral benevolences.

#### JAMES NELSON ROSE.

The gentleman above named has long been a familiar figure at East Liverpool, owing to his incumbency as justice of the peace, an office which he has held for twelve years and in which he is now serving his fifth term. Previously he had been known in various Ohio towns as a jeweler, which trade he abandoned in 1889 to become a part of the force engaged in trying causes

and administering justice between man and man. The family originated in north Ireland, whence John Rose emigrated to the United States about 1780, and immediately thereafter enlisted in the continental army as a member of a New York regiment, with which he served until the war closed in the triumph of the cause of independence. For his services he was given a land warrant in Chautauqua county, New York, to which place he went shortly after the war to take possession of the land. While trying to secure possession, his life was terminated by murder, the cause and details of which crime do not seem to have been clearly ascertained. He left a son named Henry Rose, who was born in Chautauqua county, March 24, 1812, and was but six years old when deprived of his father by the cruel crime above mentioned. In 1833 he was married to Betsey Jennings, of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and later removed to Ohio, where he was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in Randolph township, Portage county, May 30, 1890. His wife survived him about seven years and passed away March 19, 1897. Of their twelve children two died in infancy and four at subsequent periods, the six survivors being: Sarah A., wife of David Crawford; Carrie, wife of N. C. Davis; James N., subject of this sketch; Mary J., wife of Ora F. Clapp; Byron B.; and Hiram E.

James Nelson Rose, third of the living children, was born at Tallmadge, Summit county, Ohio, in 1842, but was reared on a farm in Portage county, to which his parents subsequently removed. He was living there when the Civil war began, and on September 25, 1861, enlisted in the First Regiment, Ohio Light Artillery, for service in the Western Army. He went to the front with his command, but after arduous campaigning for eighteen months was sent home on account of sickness, and was honorably discharged in March, 1863, for physical disability. During his presence with the western forces he was engaged in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth and the engagements at Lawrenceville and Dog Walk, Kentucky. After recuperating from his illness sufficiently to undergo hard labor, he worked on the farm one season and then went to Alliance, Ohio, where he learned the jeweler's trade. In 1865 he opened a jewelry store at that place, but a year later removed to Minerva and remained in the same business there until 1871. Returning then to Alliance, he remained there until 1877, in which year he came to East Liverpool, and continued in the jewelry business in that city until 1889, when he was elected justice of the peace. Since then, by continuous re-elections, he has retained his judicial office, devoted all of his time to the discharge of its duties, and is at present serving his fifth term. His long retention of the same office is sufficient proof of the fidelity with which he has filled it,

and also attestation of his popularity with his fellow citizens, as well as their entire satisfaction with his work as a dispenser of justice.

In 1864 Mr. Rose was united in marriage at Alliance, Ohio, with Mary C. Miller, who died December 28, 1897, leaving two children: Cora May, wife of Dr. F. E. McFarland; and Charles H. July 6, 1899, Mr. Rose contracted a second marriage, with Miss Emma C. Heiserman, member of an old and prominent family at Alliance. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has always been conspicuous in connection with its religious work, having served as trustee and steward and for twelve years was superintendent of the Sunday-school at East Liverpool. Fraternal associations with his old comrades of the Civil war are renewed by Mr. Rose, by meeting with them often as a member of General Lyons Post No. 44, G. A. R.

#### JOHN W. GIPNER.

It does not fall to the lot of many to have such a varied career and so many different employments in different places as has been the case in the life of the gentleman whose name is presented above. After a long siege in the army, with its hard marches and battles, its hair-breadth escapes and eventuation in a term at that modern inferno at Andersonville, Mr. Gipner was successively clerk in a store, in the railroad business at various points, conductor of a construction train, coal operator, general merchant, farmer, and eventually an official of the water-works board at East Liverpool. Those who know him best affirm that in whatever position he has been placed, he has always borne himself in such a way as to gain credit for a conscientious performance of his duties. The family originated in Germany, where our subject's grandfather, George Gipner, was born, reared and ended his days. His son, George Frederick Gipner, was born at Bidingen, Germany, in 1810, came to the United States in 1832 and soon after was married to Margaret Smith. Of their seven children, one died in infancy, and the others who grew up were: George F.; Charles, who died in 1862; Frederick M.; Margaret, widow of George Salathe; Catharine, who died in girlhood; and John W. The mother died in 1846, and the father seven years later, when several of the children were still of an age that can ill bear such a loss.

John W. Gipner, the youngest child, was born at Zelienville, Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1845, and was consequently eight years old when the death of his father made him an orphan. Thus bereft, he was sent to Pittsburg, where he lived with his elder brother, Charles, until July, 1862, when he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment,

Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served nine months, and during that time was promoted to the rank of corporal. His term having expired, he re-enlisted at Cincinnati, January 22, 1864, in Company A, Seventy-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years. A few months later he was transferred to Company K of the same regiment and served with that command until made prisoner in August, 1864. During his first enlistment Mr. Gipner was in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. The regiment in which he re-enlisted being mounted infantry, they served principally on raiding expeditions, and during one of these in Florida, had a severe engagement with the force of General Dickinson at Gainesville. In that fight Mr. Gipner was captured and sent to the prison at Andersonville, whose sufferings and cruelties have gained for it an immortality of infamy. He was held in this pen of horrors until the close of the war and was one of the last victims to leave the accursed place, being taken first to Jacksonville, Florida, thence by boat to Annapolis, Maryland, and from there to Columbus, Ohio, where he received his final discharge in June, 1865. He received a slight wound during the skirmish at Gainesville, but aside from this was not touched by bullet or sabre in the many battles and skirmishes in which it was his fortune to participate.

After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Gipner went directly to his old home at Pittsburg, where he secured employment in a notion store and remained there until 1868. His next move was to Marion, Indiana, at which point he was engaged for eighteen months as conductor of a construction train in charge of work on a branch of the Panhandle Railroad. Returning then to Pittsburg, he resumed his old place in the notion store, remained there four years and in 1874 went to California, where he became baggage master on the Southern Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Watsonville. After spending two years in this occupation, Mr. Gipner returned to Pittsburg, and again took up the business of selling notions for the same firm with which he had twice previously been employed. After two years thus spent, he went to Rock Island, Illinois, and was there engaged for a year or so as operator in a coal bank, but not liking this business he came to East Liverpool, and embarked on his own account in general merchandising, his line including notions, dry-goods, millinery and men's furnishings. Mr. Gipner carried on this store for ten years, when he retired to a farm in Columbiana county, where he lived until 1892. He then returned to East Liverpool to become secretary of the water-works board, which position he has since retained.

In 1877 Mr. Gipner was united in marriage at Zelenople with Sophia J., daughter of James Copp, of Rock Island, Illinois, and has three children: Bailie D., Charles C. and Bertram H. The family are connected with the First Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Gipner holds the position of deacon, and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

#### THOMAS ROBERTS.

Thomas Roberts, an industrious and well known citizen of Struthers, Mahoning county, Ohio, was born in the county of Durham, England, January 15, 1856, and is a son of Richard and Sarah (Watson) Roberts. The father, Richard, was born in Forest of Dean, England, about in 1810, and died in Bilston, Staffordshire, at the age of seventy-two, while his mother died in West Bromwich, December 15, 1872, aged thirty-six, and both were buried in Staffordshire. The following family was born to these parents: Thomas, John, Watson, Alfred, Albert, Matilda, Sarah Ann and Fannie, all of whom grew to maturity and married. Three sons, Alfred, Watson and Thomas, came to America, although the two former returned on account of poor health and died in their native land. Grandfather Roberts was a soldier in the English army and participated in the battle of Waterloo, coming out of the fight with five bullet wounds, from the effects of which he finally died at one hundred and seven years of age, while his wife died at the age of one hundred and five years.

The father was a worker in tin, but was a poor man, and Thomas began to earn his own living when only seven and one-half years of age, so had no educational advantages and is entirely a self-made man. He learned his present occupation of shearman when he first started to work, and has continued in this line ever since. At first he received twenty cents a day, and from that worked up to ninety-six cents per day in England, and his remuneration has been higher in this country. On July 28, 1881, Mr. Roberts landed in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was employed for eighteen months, and in February, 1883, he located at Struthers and entered the iron and steel mill of that place, where he remained for five years, and after several changes he returned to Struthers in 1894 and resumed his former position.

On July 28, 1877, Mr. Roberts was married to Miss Sarah Jarvis, a daughter of Samuel and Anna (Bennett) Jarvis. Ten children were born to them, of whom four died in infancy, and the remaining ones are as follows: Sarah, who is her father's housekeeper; Fannie; Katie graduated from the Youngstown schools and is now taking a teacher's course there;



*Thomas Roberts*  
AND SON.



May is taking a business course at Youngstown; Annie; and Thomas Albert, who was born in February, 1892. On September 1, 1898, Mrs. Roberts died at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving a mourning husband and family. Mr. Roberts resides in his own home, which he erected in 1885, and owns another house which he put up in 1892. In politics he is a staunch Republican and for six years served on the school board. In 1902 he had the honor of being elected the first mayor of Struthers, in opposition to a most worthy and popular opponent, and in March, 1903, was nominated for a second term. Fraternaly he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is deservedly popular. During his residence in England he was a member of the Congregational church. Although deprived of all opportunities of securing an education, Mr. Roberts has carefully garnered all information he could secure; he has read and studied by himself, and deserves unqualified credit for his patience and the success which has attended his efforts. Not content with improving himself, Mr. Roberts has given his children the advantages he lacked, and takes a deep pride in their achievements. Industrious, hard-working, public-spirited and genial, Mr. Roberts numbers his friends almost by the inhabitants of the municipality over which he is now presiding, and the respect in which he is held is but the just reward of a lifetime of honest endeavor.

#### RUSSELL C. HEDDLESTON.

Russell C. Heddleston is one of the enterprising young business men of East Liverpool, where he is now conducting a grocery store. He is a native of this city, born in the year 1877. His paternal grandfather was Robert Heddleston, a native of Illinois, and the father of our subject is William D. Heddleston, whose birth occurred in Grandview, Washington county, Ohio, in 1849. The latter is a farmer and followed that occupation throughout many years and then came to East Liverpool, and until 1893 was engaged in the pottery business. He then returned to the farm, where he now resides. He wedded Margaret Dorff, and they became the parents of eight children, seven of whom are yet living. Mr. Heddleston is at the present time serving as justice of the peace in Washington county and is a leading and influential citizen of this community, highly respected because of his fidelity to office and his upright life.

Mr. Heddleston of this review was reared and educated in East Liverpool and acquired his elementary education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen, however, he put aside his text books to learn the more difficult lessons in the school of experience. He first worked in a pottery for a

short time and then secured a position as a salesman in a grocery store, whereby he gained the practical experience that has proved of value to him in his own career as a merchant. In 1900, associated with his brother, he opened a grocery store in East Liverpool, which he is yet conducting. The store is well equipped with a large line of staple and fancy groceries and because of the excellent goods carried, the honorable business methods of the partners and the earnest desire to please their customers, they have secured a large patronage, which renders their enterprise a profitable one.

On the 20th of August, 1899, Mr. Heddleston was united in marriage to Ella L. Laughlin, a daughter of John T. Laughlin, and they now have one interesting little daughter, Sarah Margaret. Mr. Heddleston is quite prominent in political circles as a supporter of the Republican party. He was elected in April, 1900, to represent the first ward in the city council, and served as vice president of the council for two years. Socially he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order, and is now serving his second term as president of the East Liverpool Grocers' Association. He belongs to the Christian church. Interested in everything belonging to the general good, he has given his co-operation to many measures of benefit, along moral, social, intellectual and material lines in his native city.

#### JAMES CLEMENT McQUILKIN.

Three generations of the McQuilkin family have lived and died in eastern Ohio, and they are therefore surely deserving of a place in this history. The grandfather of our subject, John McQuilkin, was born in the northern part of Ireland, came to America in the early years of the last century and died in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1863. His occupation was farming. His wife was a Miss Laughlen, and their children were: William, James, Robert, John, Harvey, Isaac and Margaret, of whom only Harvey and Isaac survive.

The line of descent in which we are interested is through John A., who was born on his father's farm in Columbiana county in 1826. In early life he was engaged in the interesting occupation of steamboat captain on the Ohio river; he left the river in 1862 and farmed until his death in 1885. In 1856 he took as his wife Sarah Binsley, daughter of John Binsley, and ten children were born, all reaching maturity: Mary Agnes, wife of William Hull; Margaret; James C.; Homer S.; Harmon H.; Walter C.; William Chester, who died in 1898, aged twenty-six years; Alice A.; Charles B.; and Earl F.

James Clement McQuilkin, whose life we shall now record, was born in Hanoverton, Columbiana county, in 1862, and in his infancy was taken to Summitville, in the same county, where he received his education and lived until twenty-eight years old. In 1892 Mr. McQuilkin opened a livery and undertaking establishment in Salineville, Ohio, and the next year came to Liverpool. There he and Mr. Burns started the same business; in 1902 Mr. Burns retired, and the concern has since been conducted by Mr. McQuilkin alone, and he is now the leading undertaker in this city.

Mr. McQuilkin's first marriage was celebrated in 1890 in Columbiana county, Emma J., daughter of James Hanlon, becoming his wife. She died soon after without leaving children, and in 1900 he married in East Liverpool Mary Andrews, daughter of Mathew Andrews. They have twins, named John A. and Harriet A. Socially Mr. McQuilkin is connected with the Knights Templar, the Knights of Pythias, and the Woodmen of the World; he belongs to the First Presbyterian church.

#### CHARLES EVERSON MACRUM.

The name of the above mentioned gentleman, whose career constitutes the subject of this brief biography, has long been familiar in Ohio politics, owing to his activity as manager of campaigns and prominence as a federal official. It was his fortune to spend some time as consul at the capital of the Boer republic in South Africa, since rendered so famous by reason of its life and death struggle for existence against the powerful British Empire. Preferring business to politics, however, Mr. Macrum, after his return from Africa, devoted his time to commercial pursuits and is at present treasurer of the Pottery Association. His family is of Irish origin and was founded in this country by his grandfather, William Macrum, who was born in county Armagh in 1787, and emigrated to the United States in 1848. With him came his son N. G. Macrum, who located with his parents at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, and there grew to manhood while being educated in the public schools. His first employment was as clerk in the store of F. H. Eaton at Pittsburg, and later he became a member of the firm which, as Eaton, Macrum & Company continued in business for ten years. At the end of that time a re-organization took place, which brought into existence the firm of Macrum & Carlisle, which carried on business until 1878, when Mr. Macrum retired and came to East Liverpool to become cashier of the First National Bank, which position he has retained up to the present time. He married Amelia Everson, and their five living children are Charles E., Bertha, Mary, Edward K. and George H.

Charles Everson Macrum, eldest of the above enumerated children, was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1865, and when fourteen years old came with his parents to East Liverpool. He attended school in that city until the nineteenth year of his age, when he connected himself with two pottery companies in the capacity of bookkeeper. In 1887 he retired from this position and went to southeastern Missouri, where he spent a few months in the office of a coal company, but returned in March, 1888, to his Ohio home to enter the employment of the Specialty Glass Company as secretary. He retained this position until 1897, when he joined the clerical force of the First National Bank and remained in that institution until May, 1898, resigning to accept appointment as United States consul at Pretoria. Mr. Macrum remained at the capital of the South African Republic until December, 1899, when he returned to East Liverpool, and in July of the following year became traveling salesman for the National Glass Company of Pittsburg. He remained with this concern about one year and then engaged in the real estate business at East Liverpool, which occupied the principal part of his time and attention until January of 1903, when he became identified with the Pottery Association.

In 1890 Mr. Macrum was married at East Liverpool to Miss Dora, daughter of the late Samuel McHenry, and by this union has one daughter named Natalie. The family hold membership in the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Macrum is quite prominent in Masonry, having reached the thirty-second degree in that ancient order. His first conspicuous service in politics was during the campaign of the late President McKinley for the governorship of Ohio, during which heated contest Mr. Macrum was the efficient chairman of the Republican city committee at East Liverpool. He is regarded as a man of superior business qualifications, and these have been repeatedly displayed in the various important positions he has held, both of a business and political nature.

#### EMANUEL HARTZELL.

The history of our country contains many characters of worth and excellence, furnishing such practical illustrations of the distinct value to society of the cardinal virtues in business life, as to make it desirable to record the more prominent examples of personal commercial integrity and success, for the high purposes of instruction and honorable commendation. Men in business life can rise into prominence and become objects of high consideration in public estimation only by the development of the nobler attributes of manhood, in enterprises that largely affect the well-being of the community.

The accidents of birth and fortune can do little to give those men position whose resources are within the limits of their brains and hands. Among those who have attained high reputation in the business circles of eastern Ohio and gained a success which is worthy the name, stands Emanuel Hartzell, a member of the firm of Hartzell Brothers & Company, dealers in clothing and men's furnishings in Youngstown, Girard and Brier Hill, the finely equipped establishment which figures as the headquarters of the concern being located in the attractive city first mentioned.

Mr. Hartzell is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where he was born on the 18th of October, 1848, and where he was reared to the age of seventeen years, within which time he received excellent educational advantages. He then emigrated to America in company with his brother Isaac, and they came to Girard, Trumbull county, where their uncle, Emanuel Hartzell, had previously located and established himself in business, and the subject of this review continued in the employ of his uncle at that place until 1871, when he opened a small general store in Sodom, a hamlet located in Liberty township, Trumbull county, his associates in the establishment of this enterprise being his brother Isaac and Homer Hood, the business being conducted under the firm name of Hartzell & Hood. This store was thus carried on until February, 1872, when the firm disposed of the same, and our subject and his brother continued their business relations by opening a general store in Girard, under the firm name of Hartzell Brothers. In 1884 Mr. Hartzell, in connection with his brothers, Isaac and Henry, opened, in addition to their general store at Girard, a general store at Brier Hill, Mahoning county, Ohio, which they carried on until March, 1901, when they sold to Mr. Ike Sigel. In 1894 they likewise disposed of their Girard business. Under the name of Hartzell Brothers & Company, in 1889, our subject opened the present large and metropolitan clothing establishment in the city of Youngstown, being the founder of an enterprise which has grown to magnificent proportions under his able and discriminating direction, the interested principals being Emanuel and Isaac Hartzell. They also conduct branch clothing houses in Brier Hill and in Girard.

Of the establishment a previous publication has well said that it "is known throughout the Mahoning valley as the leading enterprise in the clothing trade in this section. In addition to clothing, the firm carries also the largest stock of hats, caps and men's furnishing goods of all kinds, besides jewelry, umbrellas, fancy goods and endless variety of small wares. In the broadest sense in which the term can be applied this establishment is the representative one of its character in the Mahoning valley. It is appreciated

accordingly and is in command of an ever increasing patronage. Emanuel Hartzell is recognized as a broad-minded, liberal business man, whose success in life may be traced to clearly defined and carefully worked out methods. Every movement looking toward the material development of the city has his earnest support and personal assistance." These are warm words of commendation and are thoroughly deserved.

Emanuel Hartzell commands the highest regard and confidence in the city of his home and the unqualified respect of all who know him. In politics he is a stalwart adherent of the Republican party and has served as a member of the county central committee of Mahoning county. For eight years he has been president of Rodef Sholem congregation, in Youngstown, and fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the encampment and the canton, also a member of the Knights of Pythias, enjoying marked popularity in each of these organizations. He is a man of inflexible integrity of purpose, of fine business and administrative ability and is well entitled to consideration in this publication as one of the representative business men of Mahoning and of the state of Ohio.

In the year 1871 Mr. Hartzell was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Hood, who died in 1873, leaving one daughter, Anna, who is now the wife of Michael C. Samuel. In 1874 Mr. Hartzell consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Jennie Mayer, and they have five children, namely: Rose, the wife of Louis Meyer, of Sharon, Pennsylvania; and Isaac M., Dr. Sol. M., Nate M. and Edgar M.

#### MARK H. LIDDLE.

The careers of some men are marked with especial interest because they have risen to their present position through many grades of promotion, and if fickle fortune may be said to have smiled on them, it is due to their own individual efforts, and they are conscious of owing little to luck. The small but rapidly growing town of Struthers, Mahoning county, is proud to own one of this class of men in the cashier of the Struthers Savings and Banking Company. Mark H. Liddle is a prosperous young business man who may be counted upon to rise to still greater prominence and assist in developing his town to become one of the most flourishing in the county. A sketch of Mr. Liddle's parents and more distant connections will be found on other pages of this work, and it is necessary merely to mention that his father was James Liddle and was a native of this county.

Mark H. Liddle was born near Poland, May 6, 1864, and received his



*Mark W. Liddell*



education in the Poland Union Seminary and later graduated from Duff's Mercantile College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He began his business career as a bookkeeper in the bank of Poland, this being fifteen years ago. He remained in this position for two years, and then went to Girard, where he held the place of teller and bookkeeper for four years; he was next in a similar position in the First National Bank of Youngstown, but in 1894 he was called to accept the office of cashier in the Poland Bank, which he held for eight years. He had begun with no capital and had already risen to an enviable place in the business world, but he was now determined to make use of his previous experience and organize an institution in which he should have a more controlling interest. So on January 1, 1902, he completed the formation of the Struthers Savings and Banking Company, whose president is D. C. Cooper, vice president J. Arrel Smith, second vice president Charles S. Thomas, and secretary and treasurer Mr. Liddle, who is also acting as cashier and is managing the bank with the aid of one bookkeeper. The capital stock of the institution is fifty thousand dollars, and is housed in a new brick building, equipped with improved furniture, and with a modern burglar-proof steel vault. The bank is affording a great impetus to business in Struthers and will certainly prove a very successful undertaking.

On May 12, 1891, Mr. Liddle was married to Miss Daisy E. Seabury, who was born in Girard and is the daughter of Frank and Sylvia (Ramsey) Seabury. They have four children: Ethel May, who is twelve years old; Eugene Mark, nine years old; Carl Lester, a healthy little fellow of five; and Ruth Elizabeth is three years old. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Liddle lived one and a half years in Girard, then kept house in Youngstown, and in April, 1902, took up their residence on their nice farm of forty-five acres near Struthers, where they have a delightful country home. Mr. Liddle is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to the Lake Erie Consistory at Cleveland, and St. John's Commandery No. 20, at Youngstown. He is a Republican, but has never aspired to office, and is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church in Youngstown.

#### THOMAS J. DUFFY.

The Duffy family, as might be inferred from the name, was of Irish origin, but by emigration became citizens of England, and later of the United States. Michael Duffy, who was born in county Roscommon in 1853, at an early age realized the necessity of leaving his native land to seek a betterment of his fortune in foreign countries. In early manhood, therefore, he crossed the Irish Channel and later found employment in Staffordshire, England.

When quite young he was married to Mary McGarry, and after the family had increased by the birth of several children, and prospects in England not being of the brightest, he determined to try his chances across the Atlantic. The voyage was undertaken in 1883, and upon arrival Michael took up his abode at Trenton, New Jersey, where he succeeded in finding employment. This lasted five years, when a move farther west was deemed advisable, and in 1888 the Duffys, with their cluster of little children, made their way to Wheeling, West Virginia. Michael got work as a potter in that city and lived there until the time of his death, which occurred in September, 1901; when that event took place he had become the father of fifteen children, of whom only twelve are now living.

Thomas J. Duffy, who was the second of this large family and is now the eldest survivor, was born at Burslem, Staffordshire, England, in 1877, and was consequently but six years old when the voyage to America was undertaken. Such education as he was able to obtain in early youth was received at Wheeling, but this, owing to the exigencies of the family, was so meagre as to be of little use. He was compelled to leave school when eleven years old to join the all too large army of children who labor for a living. Securing such work as he could do with the West Virginia China Company, now the Riverside Pottery, he was with that firm and the LaBelle Pottery until March, 1892. In November of that year he entered the Wheeling Business College, with a determination to repair as much as possible the educational deficiencies of his childhood. He could only attend at night, but this he kept up studiously for three years, working meantime during the day in the Warwick Pottery and so continuing until 1899. In that year, being elected secretary of the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters, he came to East Liverpool and has since retained his residence in that city. He is a young man of good habits, ambitious to succeed and attentive to business, and as these qualities are prime factors in success it is safe to predict a prosperous future for their possessor. Mr. Duffy is unmarried, his politics are Democratic, and his fraternal connections are with the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and is a member of the Catholic church.

#### ROBERT WEASNER.

In presenting the history of the men who have been prominent in the development of Mahoning county and who have carried on its agricultural and commercial interests, thus producing its present prosperity and progress, prominent mention should be made of Robert Weasner, one of the leading agriculturists of this part of the state. He is the owner of a very fine farm

of four hundred acres, in the midst of which stands an attractive two-story frame residence, commodious and substantial. Other improvements and well-tilled fields are indicative of his life of industry and thrift, and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, his success coming to him as a logical result of his own labors.

For forty-six years Robert Weasner has lived on his present farm in Milton township. He was born in Hardison township, Sussex county, New Jersey, December 31, 1836, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock. His paternal grandfather, Fada Weasner, was born about 1764, and during the latter part of the war for independence, he joined the continental army, being then a youth of seventeen years. He was an able farmer and died in New Jersey about 1841. William Weasner, the father of Robert Weasner, the subject of this sketch, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, in 1784, and he also devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He had one brother and two sisters who reached mature years and came to Ohio. Uncle Robert Weasner, the brother of William, located in Milton township, Mahoning county, prior to 1840. He settled near Price's mills on the west bank of the Mahoning river, developed a good farm there and reared a son, Horace. Sarah Weasner, one of the aunts of our subject, became the wife of John P. Simpson, of New Jersey, and had a large family; the other aunt, Hiley Winfield, also reared a family.

William Weasner followed farming in New Jersey for a time, and then, selling his property in that state, came to Ohio, making the journey in a covered two-horse wagon. He was two weeks upon the way and was accompanied by his wife and five children. The father of Robert Weasner was three times married; by the first union there were no children. By the second marriage there was one daughter, and by the third marriage there were twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, hereinafter named, and one of whom was Robert, the subject of our sketch. Reaching his destination, William Weasner began farming in Mahoning county, and the family was surrounded by pioneer conditions. He carried on the work of improvements and development on his land until his death, which occurred in 1862. His widow, Mahala Weasner, is still living at the advanced age of ninety years and makes her home with her daughter Margaret in Newton Falls, Ohio. The children of William and Mahala are as follows: Susan Maria, who became the wife of Jeffry Vaughn, died in middle life, leaving two sons and two daughters; Rebecca, the wife of Leonidas Carson, she being now deceased, left six children, a son and five daughters; Robert is the third of the family; William joined the army and went to the war of the Rebellion in 1861, and at Tus-

cumbia, Alabama, in the summer of 1862, he died of typhoid fever, being then about twenty-two years of age, and his body now rests under the clods at Tuscumbia; James is a prominent farmer of Milton township and has two sons and four daughters; Margaret is the wife of William O. Beck, of Trumbull county, Ohio, by whom she has three sons and two daughters; Sarah is the widow of Moses McClure and has four sons; Hannah is the wife of John Van Winkle and has five sons and two daughters; Horace resides near Garrettsville, Portage county, and has two sons; Jeffrey died when about thirty years of age; Lois died at the age of sixteen years; and Grace is the wife of Addison Cronke, by whom she has five sons and one daughter. One son of Grace, Harry Cronke, is now a member of the United States navy.

Robert Weasner was reared on the home farm in Milton township, in said county of Mahoning, and while the work of the fields largely occupied his attention in youth, he also had opportunity to acquire a good education. He attended the district schools and subsequently spent two terms as a student in Hiram College, and he spent the winter of 1856-7 as a teacher. In September, 1861, he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union and was mustered in as a member of Company D, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, becoming a corporal. He remained with the regiment until it reached Spring Hill, Tennessee, when he became ill and was sent to the hospital at Columbia. In April, 1862, he was sent home on a sick leave and in July was honorably discharged because of physical disability.

On the 5th of March, 1857, Mr. Weasner was married to Miss Rachel Best, who was born in Berlin township, Mahoning county, Ohio, on September 24, 1839, a daughter of William and Anna (Morrison) Best, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania after their marriage, in 1834. The father, Mr. William Best, was born December 7, 1806, and was married October 28, 1834, to Anna Morrison. They had three children, of whom John, born December 4, 1835, died July 29, 1842. Mrs. Weasner is the second. Her brother, William Morrison Best, the third, was born December 28, 1841, and enlisted in the same company and regiment to which Mr. Weasner belonged, entering the army as a private for three years' service. He was wounded at the battle of Stone River and died and was buried there, when twenty-one years of age. His remains were removed to and now rest in the churchyard in Berlin, Mahoning county, the scene of his birth and the home of his childhood.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weasner: Alvah H., a physician, who was educated in Mount Union College and the Cleveland Eclectic College. He began the practice of his profession at Berlin Center

with Dr. W. K. Hughes, doing business under the firm name of Hughes & Weasner, physicians and druggists. This relationship was continued for six years, when Dr. Weasner was called to his final rest. He died October 26, 1887, when about thirty years of age, leaving a widow and daughter. Maud Albertina, the second child of Robert Weasner, died in 1874, when about eleven years of age. Lee Etta Alvirda was his third child; she is the wife of Charles Kline, of Berlin township. They have a daughter living, Dorothy Rachel Kline; one little son, Robert Olin, died at the age of twenty months. Dr. Weasner's widow bore the maiden name of Hattie Shilling, and their daughter, Ivy Lulu, has now reached mature years, and is the wife of Charles Baringer; they have one son, Alva Delmer Baringer.

Robert Weasner has been a member of the Grange for a quarter of a century and has filled many official positions therein. In politics he is a Democrat and has served for fifteen consecutive years as justice of the peace. After retiring from the office he was twice re-elected, but refused to qualify. Certainly no higher testimonial of his capability could be given than the fact of his re-election. When sixteen years of age he became a member of the Disciples church, and when the organization in his neighborhood disbanded he joined the Lutheran church, in which he has almost continuously held office, acting as superintendent of the Sunday-school for thirty years. His wife is also a member and they are earnest Christian people, deeply interested in the growth of Christianity and the moral development of the race.

As before stated, Mr. Weasner is the owner of a very fine farm. He owns nearly four hundred acres, of which one hundred and sixty acres is rich river-bottom land, very fertile and productive. He raises wheat, corn and oats, the average production of wheat being from twenty to twenty-eight bushels per acre, while fifty bushels of shelled corn to the acre is the production of said land. He has kept from sixty to sixty-five head of high-grade shorthorn cattle and some thoroughbreds, and he has from twenty-five to thirty head of hogs and from four to fourteen horses. He has good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and in 1897 he erected his present attractive residence, a two-story structure containing ten large rooms, with a cellar under the entire house. The cellar is divided into six apartments, for various purposes, one room containing a large furnace, which heats the entire house. The residence is finished throughout in quarter-sawed oak and is richly and tastefully furnished. In fact it is one of the best country homes in Ohio, and is a monument to the life of industry and enterprise of the owner. For many years Mr. Weasner, generally speaking, devoted his energies to his

business affairs, but at the same time he gave considerable attention to other matters, including the performance of official and public duties. In addition to serving as justice of the peace, as hereinbefore mentioned, he was post-master of his village (Frederick) during the administration of James Buchanan; on his return from the army he was elected and commissioned captain of the militia of Berlin township, and served in that capacity until that office was discontinued by the state; he served as coroner of Mahoning county one term and was again nominated for that office by his party, but declined to accept. He has also settled twelve different estates, including the Forder estates, which were involved in litigation for nine years, and included real property of eleven hundred acres in Mr. Weasner's neighborhood. In all of life's relations he has been found true and faithful to the trust reposed in him, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellow men in the slightest degree, and while he has won prosperity he has also gained an honored name.

#### JOHN LOMAX.

This gentleman, after a long and fruitful life of eighty years, in which he has engaged in several pursuits by which to gain a livelihood, principally in mining, has retired, and spends his remaining days in peace and quiet in Lowellville, Mahoning county, Ohio. His ancestors were of the sturdy yeomen of England, and William Lomax, his grandfather, was a native of Duxbury, England. He, as well as his son and grandson, was a coal miner, and by his wife, Elizabeth Wignall, reared five sons and four daughters; he died when about seventy years old, in 1846. Henry Lomax, one of the above sons, was born November 5, 1797, in Duxbury, England, and on reaching manhood married Nancy Fisher, who became the mother of two children; one of these, William, met his death in 1848 from a fire in a mine, in his twenty-fourth year, and left a widow and three children.

The other son of these parents was John Lomax, who was born in Duxbury, Lancashire, England, January 10, 1823. He was only eight years old when he went to work in the mines, and the highest wages he received up to his sixteenth year was two dollars and a quarter per week, while he never was paid more than seven dollars and a half while he remained in England. He married and some years later sailed for America, embarking on September 12, 1854, and landing in New York forty-six days later. His destination according to his ticket was Philadelphia, and when he arrived there he had small means and few effects, his bedding having been stolen enroute. He still recalls how despondent he felt when he left his wife and children with only twelve cents in money and went to work in the mines in Minersville,—



John Thomas  
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although those early hardships and privations throw an appreciative glow of contentment around his present better fortune. He walked four miles to the mines and was then given a job by the foreman, who chanced to be an Englishman. He then returned for his family and was soon at work at fair wages. In 1856 he went from Minersville to Hornersville, near Pittsburg, thence to Sixmile Ferry, and from February to September 9, 1857, he was in McKeesport; from that time till 1865 he lived at Syracuse, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and from there removed to East Palestine, Ohio, where his first wife died on June 12, 1866. He soon afterward came to Lowellville and worked in the mines and quarries until December 2, 1867, when he returned to England for his present wife. Returning early in the following year, he worked in the iron mines for a few months, but having made a small investment of one hundred and twenty-five dollars in a tinshop before going to England, he took up his business in his store and shop. He added hardware and groceries to his establishment and made a success of his ventures until in 1899 he retired with a competency sufficient to keep him in comfort for the rest of his days. Besides his nice brick residence in the center of the town, he owns various other properties in the city. He once lost by fire three thousand dollars' worth of buildings, but his prosperity has steadily increased, and today there is no more respected citizen in Lowellville than Mr. John Lomax.

Mr. Lomax was first married in England, April 14, 1845, to Margaret Taylor, and when she died she left four sons and three daughters of the eleven children born to her. The four now living are: Thirza, the wife of Thomas Planton of Lowellville, four children living; Ann is the wife of Almond Webb of Warren, Ohio, and has one daughter; Alpheus lives at Danville, Illinois, and has three sons and four daughters; and Eliab of Youngstown has a second wife and has one son and three daughters. When Mr. Lomax returned to England he married his cousin, Alace Lomax, the ceremony taking place December 26, 1867, in St. George's church. She was born April 25, 1835, and is the daughter of John and Alice (Morris) Lomax; the former was a sawyer in the days when lumber was cut by the whipsaw, with one man above the log and the other below. She has proved an excellent helpmate to her husband and appears much younger than she really is, performing all her household duties with case and tenderly caring for her husband, who is now rather infirm. By this marriage two sons and one daughter were born. William died March 2, 1885; Ralph Morris is a railroad conductor at Ash-tabula, Ohio, and has a wife and one son; Maud is the wife of Howard Pyle and is the mother of two sons and one daughter. This is a most estimable family, and all seem to have inherited the excellent traits of their parents.

## GEORGE WESLEY ASHBAUGH.

As the potteries have been a prime factor in building up East Liverpool and adding to its population, those prominently connected with these useful industries are deserving of special notice in any history dealing with the developments of eastern Ohio. These potteries have attracted people from all over the world and have given employment to many thousands, it being the custom in this as in other lines of the mechanic arts, that the son followed the pursuit of the father, and taught the same to his own descendants, so going on for generations. The gentleman whose name is above given, and whose life history is now to be traced, is a sample of this general rule, as he is not only a potter himself, but the son of a life-long potter. Commencing at the lowest rung of the ladder, Mr. Ashbaugh rose gradually but steadily through the various grades until at present he holds the presidency of one of the important pottery companies of Columbiana county.

The family is supposed to have originated in Holland, from which country John Ashbaugh emigrated many years ago, found his way to Ohio and ended his days at East Liverpool. His son, Samuel Ashbaugh, was born in East Liverpool, March 25, 1824, became a potter after he grew up and worked at that trade until his death in 1899. In 1864 he enlisted in the Ohio National Guard for the hundred days' service, but being unfit for the field, spent most of his time as a nurse in the hospital at the national capital. He was a Methodist in religion, first a Whig then a Republican in politics and held membership in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He married Narcissa, daughter of John Knowles, and their nine children are thus recorded in the family register: Eliza J., wife of M. Soudders; Catherine died in infancy; George W. and Nimrod T.; Rachel C., wife of Richard Till; Sarah M., wife of Benjamin Bishop; Ella, deceased wife of Clarence Laird; Narcissa Florence, wife of James White; and John A., who died at the age of eighteen years.

George Wesley Ashbaugh who, as will be seen from the above enumerated list, was the third of the children in age, was born at East Liverpool, Ohio, August 22, 1848, and in infancy went with his parents to live on a farm in Pike county. When nine years old he returned to his native place and was engaged in the Knowles & Harvey Pottery as straw-boy, later getting promotion to the packing and subsequently to the shipping departments. Eventually he was employed as traveling salesman, in which capacity he spent four years, the firm name in the meantime having been changed to Knowles, Taylor & Knowles. The foregoing services covered a period of twenty-eight consecutive years and at the end of that time Mr. Ashbaugh de-

cided to go into business on his own account. In 1889 he joined others in forming the Sebring Pottery Company, in which he held his interest three years, and then disposed of the same. In 1892 he was one of the stockholders in the organization of the West End Pottery Company, of which he was made president, and has since continued to hold that position.

In May, 1864, Mr. Ashbaugh enlisted in the Ohio National Guard as a musician and after serving one hundred and eighteen days was honorably discharged. On April 16, 1871, he was united in marriage with Mary H., daughter of James A. W. and Elizabeth J. (Ruth) Koonz, from which union four children were born, the two survivors being Charles C., secretary and treasurer of the West End Pottery Company, and Ada B. Mr. Ashbaugh served for four years as a representative in the city council from the fourth ward of East Liverpool. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church and his fraternal connections with the Elks, Odd Fellows and General Lyons Post No. 9, G. A. R.

#### D. E. McNICOL.

In the cosmopolitan life of America all nations are on equal footing. And to the worthy emigrants from Europe we owe some of our best citizens. Among the descendants of the hardy Irish we find Daniel E. McNicol, a prominent and representative citizen of eastern Ohio.

The grandfather of our subject was John McNicol, and he was born in Ireland, meeting death by drowning at an early age. His son, John McNicol, was born in county Donegal Ireland, in 1822, and in early boyhood went to Glasgow, Scotland, where he learned the potter's trade. There he married Mary McCarron and in 1848 emigrated to America, settling in East Liverpool, Ohio. In 1869 he started a pottery in a small way and continued his increasing business for ten years, when he retired, leaving the business to his son. His death occurred in 1882 and his wife died in 1880.

The son of the above and the subject of this brief history, Daniel E. McNicol, was born in East Liverpool in 1856. His education was received in the public schools and was supplemented by a course in Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York. After completing his education he entered the pottery company of which his father was a member, the McNicol, Burton & Company, first as a clerk, but later, in 1879, as stated above, succeeded his father. In 1892 the company was incorporated as the D. E. McNicol Pottery Company, of which he became president. This company has constantly increased its business and is now one of the leading potteries of the state.

In 1881 Mr. McNicol was married in Liverpool to Hanora Cronin, and they have the following children: Mary, Anna, John, Hugh, Daniel and Cornelius. Mr. McNicol has always been interested in the affairs of his town and served for two years on the city sewer committee. He is a member of the Republican party; his church membership is in the Roman Catholic church.

#### JOHN J. PURINTON.

This gentleman, long and favorably known at East Liverpool on account of his influential connection with the legal, banking and other business interests of the city, is well worthy of a prominent place in any history of eastern Ohio. During his residence of twenty-seven years his life has been an active as well as useful one, especially in connection with affairs of interest to the pottery industries and their army of workers, with whom he has been identified in the most intimate way since his arrival over a quarter of a century ago. The various stages of his activities will be given in detail later on, but meantime a word or two is necessary concerning the family's genealogical history, which is ancient and honorable. It commences in America with two brothers who emigrated from London, England, early in the eighteenth century, one of them settling in Massachusetts and the other in Maine. Jonathan Purinton, a descendant of one of these brothers and great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1732 and died February 9, 1818. In 1756 he was married to Elizabeth Chase, by whom he had two sons, Chase and James. The latter was born in New Hampshire, July 10, 1764, and was married three times. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Powell, and whom he espoused November 26, 1790, he had three children: John, born in 1793; Jacob, born in 1795; and Jonathan, born in 1796. His second wife was Mary Challis, whose only child died in infancy. The third marriage, which occurred in 1804, was with Phoebe Felch, who had four children, of whom one died in infancy and three grew to maturity. The latter were Nathan B., born in 1805; Elizabeth, born in 1812; and James E., born in 1818.

Jonathan Purinton, third son of the first marriage above described, was born at Kensington, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, in 1796, removed to Marietta, Ohio, in 1818, and at a later date settled in Vinton county. For two years, commencing in 1822, he was employed in the government service teaching the Indians of the Choctaw nation the art of working in iron. Returning to Vinton county, he spent some years there and in 1842 removed to East Liverpool, where his death occurred in 1882.

January 28, 1828, he married Julia A. Booth, who died in September, 1834, leaving a three year old child named Charles B. By a second marriage, contracted in 1836 with Margaret Riley, he had four children: Mary A., who died in 1858 at the age of eighteen years; Jonathan J., who was born in 1842; Margaret J., who became the wife of Thomas Worcestor and died in 1902; and George W., who died in infancy in 1851. Charles B. Purinton, only child of his father by the first marriage, was born in Vinton county, Ohio, in 1831, became a steamboat engineer after reaching his majority, and is at present living at East Liverpool. In 1860 he was united in marriage with Mary Negley, by whom he had six children: John J.; William H.; George F.; Charlotte, wife of John Durbin; Charles A.; and Gertrude E., wife of Fred A. Nichols.

John J. Purinton, eldest of the children last enumerated, was born at Warsaw, Hancock county, Illinois, in 1862 and remained at that place until the thirteenth year of his age, when he came with his parents to East Liverpool. He went through the public schools here, graduating in the class of 1879. Compelled to help earn a living, in September, 1879, he was employed as invoice clerk in the office of the William Brunt Pottery Company and remaining with that firm during the subsequent four years, meantime being made bookkeeper, which place he held at the time of resigning. In 1883 he was elected city clerk, served in that office four years and during this period employed his leisure time in the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1887, and since that date has practiced his profession, more or less, when his time was not employed in other business engagements. In 1887 Mr. Purinton organized the East Liverpool Building and Loan Association, of which he was made secretary, and two years later, in 1889, he organized the Potter's Building and Savings Company, which has grown to be the leading and largest financial institution in the city, having over \$1,700,000 of assets, and over five thousand accounts on its books. He was retained as secretary of the new organization. At present he is a director of the East Liverpool Potteries Company, a corporation of which Mr. Purinton was one of the principal figures in organizing, and which is a continuation of what was formerly the East End Pottery Company, the Elbe Pottery Company, the Wallace & Chetuyna Pottery Company, the George C. Murphy Pottery Company, the East Liverpool Pottery Company, and the United States Pottery Company. Mr. Purinton is a member of the Carnegie Library Board and for many years was one of the directors of the Potter's National Bank, and is at present vice president of the Ohio League of Building and Loan Associations, an organization representing over \$105,000,000 of in-

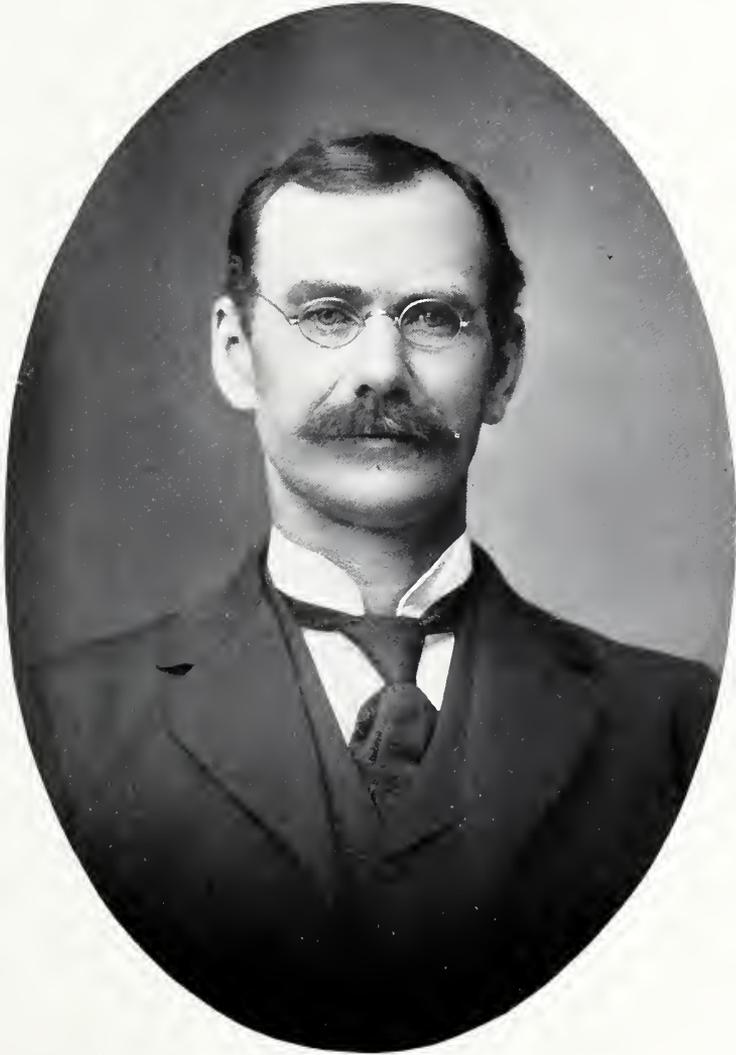
vested capital in this state. Several years ago he was elected to the East Liverpool city council, and during his term acted as president of that body.

In 1887 Mr. Purinton was united in marriage with Miss Mary L., daughter of Bernard Walker, and his three children are Bernard S., Allen C. and Miriam L. It will be seen from the foregoing particulars that Mr. Purinton comes from good stock, his ancestors for generations being people of worth and respectability, and that he himself has proved worthy of the line by contributing of his time and means to worthy enterprises and to assisting in building up his community.

#### JAMES B. GORDON.

This gentleman is one of the few model bachelors of the world, and his system of housekeeping in the little home on section 23, Coitsville township, might furnish an example to many a lady who considers herself an expert in this branch of domestic activity. He is the son of John Gordon, a native of Holland, who came to this country in 1846. He had owned a small farm in the old country and when he came here he had considerable means, but was fleeced out of it all by sharpers in America. He first settled in Buffalo, New York, and for four years was employed in a lead factory. About 1850 he moved to Lowellville, Ohio, and obtained work in the little iron furnace at that place, which had a capacity of three tons per day, and later in one which could make eight tons a day. He afterward removed to Youngstown, but receiving an injury there in a furnace, he was ordered by his physician to seek some other employment; accordingly, in 1864 he bought thirty-one and a half acres in what is now East Youngstown, where he lived and farmed until his death, which occurred February 6, 1883, when he was almost seventy-six years old. He and his wife were members of the German Protestant church and were numbered among the most respected citizens of the county. He lost his first wife in Buffalo, and in 1847 he was again married, to Miss Jane Gertrude Young, also a native of Holland, who survived him many years and died July 21, 1902, aged eighty-two years. Of this union there were seven children: William lives on a part of the old place and has two daughters and two sons; Sarah is the wife of Alexander Treaster, in this township, and has two sons and two daughters; Henrietta Spangle-hour lives in this township and has three children; the fourth is James B.; Mrs. Elizabeth G. Chapman lives in Struthers; John A., who lives in this township, has one son and one daughter; Mary J. Maust resides in this township and has two daughters.

James B. Gordon was born in Youngstown in 1858, when that now



*James B. Gordon*



flourishing city was only a hamlet. He has always lived at home and enjoyed, with all his brothers and sisters, excellent school advantages. One of the acts for which he will always respect himself and be honored by others was the faithful keeping of the promise made to his father that he would care for his mother, and he can say that he has fulfilled his pledge. The house and barns and the fine orchard on the place are all the result of the father's diligent effort. Whether the elder Gordon had a prophetic vision when he bought his land or not, the location was so fitting that in 1901 James Gordon sold twenty-nine acres of the original tract to the East Youngstown Land and Improvement Company for eight hundred dollars per acre, and this is now incorporated in the town of East Youngstown. Since his mother's death he has done what the westerners term "batching," but the neat and careful order of the house is worthy of a much more dignified word. His only companion is his brother's little son, and they live happily on the old place, surrounded with all the comforts of life. He is a member of the lodge of the Maccabees, and, like his father, is a Republican in political faith.

#### LAWRENCE M. THOMAS.

Readers of this volume will doubtless notice the frequent mention of Staffordshire in connection with biographies of those concerned in the pottery industries at East Liverpool. In fact, while these plants have drawn recruits from many different countries, there seems to have been a steady stream flowing in from old Staffordshire, from an early period of the country's history; nor will any one gainsay the fact that old England has no reason to blush for the representatives she has sent to assist in building up this enterprising city of eastern Ohio. Among this number is the Thomas family, which has been identified with the interests of East Liverpool for more than sixty years. John Thomas, who was born in Staffordshire in 1808, emigrated to the United States as early as 1831 and first located at Troy, Ohio, but ten years later came to East Liverpool. He was a crate-maker by trade, possessed in a marked degree the English characteristics of dogged determination and steadiness of purpose, and proved a good and true citizen of his adopted state until his death in 1889. Before leaving England he married Mary Stanley, by whom he had three children: Richard; Maria C., deceased wife of the late Jethro Manley; and William H.

Richard Thomas, eldest of the three children above mentioned, was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1827, and consequently was but four years old when brought to America by his parents. He attended school

during his ten years' residence at Troy and after coming to East Liverpool in 1841 qualified himself as a steam engineer, which business he followed for some years. In 1864 he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command one hundred and eighteen days. In 1869 he removed to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, bought a two-thirds interest in a knob factory at that place and remained in business there four years. In 1873 he returned to East Liverpool, and in partnership with his son George W. started a modest pottery, consisting of only one kiln, but which, as will appear later, has grown marvelously since that time. Mr. Thomas' only official service has been as a member of the city council, in which body he served several years. In 1851 he was married in East Liverpool to Esther, daughter of William and Mary (Smith) Warrick, and of the ten children born to this union seven survive: George W., president of the R. Thomas & Sons Company and president of the Thomas China Company at Lisbon, Ohio; Lawrence M.; Atwood W.; Mary, wife of George B. Harvey; Ella, wife of A. G. Mason; Hattie, wife of Charles E. Bradshaw; and Charles R. The father died in 1896, but the business established by him and now so ably conducted by his sons will remain as an enduring monument to his memory.

Lawrence M. Thomas, second in age of the surviving children, was born at East Liverpool in 1854 and remained at home, attending school until the completion of his period of adolescence. Besides the common schools, he spent some time at Mt. Union College, in Stark county, and after finishing this course became an employe in his father's pottery at East Liverpool. In 1875, one year after beginning, he became a member of the firm of R. Thomas & Sons, which was conducted as a partnership until 1892, when it was incorporated. Mr. Thomas was made treasurer as soon as he became a member of the firm and in 1896 was elected vice president and treasurer of the company. When his father first started this "infant industry," as previously stated, its equipment for production consisted of a single kiln. This has been increased twelvefold, and the capital stock at present is one hundred thousand dollars. The company manufactures porcelain for electrical purposes, doorknobs and a variety of other articles; the annual output from the twelve kilns being valued at about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

In 1884 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Josephine, daughter of Reeves Gardner, but has no living children. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, acts politically with the Republican party and has served three terms on the city board of health.

## ALEXANDER McBANE.

Alexander McBane, the secretary of the East Liverpool Sagger Company, was born on a farm near Glasgow, Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1854, and in his life he has exemplified many of the sterling traits of character of his Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, William McBane, was born in Inverness, Scotland, in 1768, and in 1806 bade adieu to the land of hills and heather, crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel to the new world. He followed farming throughout his entire life, or until advanced age caused him to put aside active labor, and he died in 1860, at the age of ninety-two years.

Alexander McBane, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Inverness, Scotland, in 1803, and was therefore only about three years of age when his parents sailed for the new world and took up their abode in the midst of the Scotch settlement in Columbiana county, Ohio. As he gained in years and strength Alexander McBane, Sr., assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm upon the frontier,—for this section was then almost upon the borders of civilization. When he had attained to adult age he began farming on his own account and always followed that pursuit in order to provide for his family. In 1838 he married Miss Christina McIntosh, a daughter of Donald McIntosh, and they became the parents of six children: William; Nancy, who died in 1860, at the age of eighteen years; Mary, who died in 1898; Daniel F.; Christina; and Alexander. The mother was called to her final rest in 1860, and the father, surviving her for about fifteen years, died in 1875. He became a leading and influential citizen of the Scotch locality in which he settled and for many years filled the office of justice of the peace. He was also filling the position of postmaster of Glasgow at the time of his death, having been in charge of the office from the time of its establishment. William McBane, the eldest brother of our subject, was a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war. He enlisted in February, 1862, as a member of the Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served for two years, when on account of physical disability he received an honorable discharge. In May, 1864, however, he again went to the front for one hundred days' service as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Infantry.

Alexander McBane, the youngest member of his father's family, was reared upon his father's farm until fifteen years of age, and during that time pursued his education in the public schools. When a youth of fifteen he entered the employ of the Cleveland & Pittsburg Railroad as fireman, filling that position for three years, when he went upon the west division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where he spent two years. On the expiration

of that period he returned to the old homestead and was engaged in farming for ten years, but at length he abandoned the work of the plow in order to become a resident of East Liverpool, where he obtained a clerkship in a hardware store, in which he was employed for several years. He was afterward engineer for Wallace & Chetwynd, owners of a pottery here, and was similarly employed in other potteries until January, 1902, when the East Liverpool Sagger Company was organized and Mr. McBane became its secretary, which is his present business relation.

In 1876, in Columbiana county, Mr. McBane was united in marriage to Miss Margaret N. McIntosh, a daughter of Alexander S. McIntosh, and their union has been blessed with three children: Nettie F., Lillian J. and Lester A. The family attend the services of the Presbyterian church. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as a representative of the lodge, encampment and canton. His entire life has been passed in this county, and that many who have known him from his boyhood are now numbered among his warmest friends, is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright career.

#### JOHN RINEHART.

The subject of this sketch, who has been long and favorably known in the business circles of East Liverpool, came on the scene of life's activities just as the Civil war was well under way, and during that terrible struggle made one of those records which furnishes the veteran so much ground for proud retrospective, when the passing years have introduced him to the evening of life. Mr. Rinehart served long, and, like all the other participants in the Titanic conflict, has many tales to tell, such as can only be told by those who bared their breasts to the storm in the days that "tried men's souls." Rinehart is a name that has been familiar in some parts of Ohio ever since it has been a state, as our subject's ancestors were among the earliest of the pioneers. His grandfather was John Rinehart, a native of Pennsylvania, and a Lutheran preacher by occupation, whose life extended over the period from 1772 to 1859. His son, Emanuel Rinehart, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1809, combined the occupations of farming and milling and lived until 1861. He married Hannah Arnold, and of their eleven children, eight grew to maturity and the following four are still living: Barbara; Mary, wife of Robert Mackey; John, the subject of this sketch; and Joseph A.

John Rinehart, fourth of the above enumerated children, was born on a farm in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1843, and remained at home until the

progress of the Civil war made it impossible for any young man of patriotic spirit to withhold his services from the cause of the Union. Therefore, in August, 1862, Mr. Rinehart enlisted as a private in Company G, Fifty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until the last "taps" was sounded after the surrender of Lee under the famous appletree at Appomattox. It is needless to say that being a member of the "old Fifty-second Ohio," Mr. Rinehart saw his share, perhaps more than his share, of the hardships and vicissitudes of war. First there were the fights which took place on the retreat from Lexington, Kentucky, and later the bloody battle at Perryville in the same state. Mr. Rinehart also went with his regiment through the engagement at Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga and Stone River, a list which embraces some of the most important as well as the most sanguinary of all the encounters during the deadly struggle. When Sherman began his famous campaign of 1864 at Dalton, the Fifty-second was with him, and Mr. Rinehart got a taste of many of the almost innumerable skirmishes around Atlanta, being later one of the mighty host which marched so proudly across the state of Georgia, until, like Xenophon with the famous "ten thousand," they were rejoiced by a glimpse of the boundless ocean. While the regiment was on its way up the coast to take part in the final strokes that were to end the rebellion, Mr. Rinehart met with his first serious mishap by being captured near Columbia, South Carolina. Fortunately, however, the "Johnnies" only held him eighteen days and then turned him loose, after which he lost no time in hastening to rejoin Sherman's army at Wilmington, North Carolina. Every one knows the story from that on,—how the matchless Army of the Republic, the rebellion completely crushed, completed the rest of its journey to Washington; how it was marshalled there in the greatest parade ever seen under the sun; how the foot-sore and weary veterans, covered with grime and dust, were paraded through the streets of the capital to be reviewed by Grant, Sherman and Sheridan and others of the most distinguished men of the nation; how, when it was all over, each command took its train for the distant homes in all parts of the loyal states and finally obtained that muster-out and final "honorable discharge" which is cherished by each recipient as his most precious possession.

When Mr. Rinehart obtained the paper which notified him that his duty as a soldier was done, and was released from his military obligations in June, 1865, he returned forthwith to his old home in Jefferson county. Shortly afterward he was married and in 1867 removed to Ford county, Illinois, where he spent six months on a farm, then came back to Ohio, and

engaged in the sewing-machine business. In 1876 he located at Toronto, Ohio, and embarked in the undertaking and livery business, which he followed in that place two years, and then settled permanently at East Liverpool, where he has continued in the same line up to the present time.

By this marriage with Margaret Kelley, in August, 1865, Mr. Rinehart has four sons: Harrison S., James S., Lyman P. and Leroy. Mrs. Rinehart died in 1889, and in 1890 Mr. Rinehart was united in marriage to Mrs. Ollie Logan. Naturally, like all old soldiers, he likes to talk of the stirring times of the great rebellion, and meet his surviving comrades in social reunions and he is able to gratify this desire by his membership in Lyons Post No. 44, G. A. R.

#### H. H. HOUSTON.

In whatever profession or occupation one engages there is some criterion, whether a just one or not, by which the world judges his success. The judgment of men is never apt to be exact, and especially in the case of one who has chosen the ministry as his calling and has devoted his life to the saving and uplifting of others is a just appreciation difficult. In the career of Rev. Houston, of Struthers, Ohio, one tangible evidence of his ministerial success, besides the multitudinous works of righteousness which every devoted man of God performs, is the remarkable manner in which he has built up the church in Struthers since he first took charge there, a truly excellent record for anyone. When he entered upon his duties in Struthers in 1885, the only church in the town was a mission church, erected the preceding year, and containing forty members. He led and encouraged this flock like the faithful shepherd, and when he resigned his pastorate in 1900, to the sincere regret of every member, the membership of the United Presbyterian church of Struthers was two hundred and eighteen. But he would not count this gain in numbers as his principal work, for he did a yet greater in wiping out the liquor from the beautiful town of Struthers, which, as a result, is a clean, moral place of residence, and a wholesome environment for the training of the young. He was almost alone in his fight at first, but in the end his determination and the cause of right triumphed, and much of the credit is due to Rev. Houston.

The life history of this reverend gentleman begins in Ireland, where his parents were born in Antrim county, Thomas Houston in September, and Nancy Adair in November, of 1810. They were married in 1832 and as a wedding trip went to America, being nine weeks and three days on the honeymoon voyage. For eight years they lived in Pittsburg, then came to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, having small means to start with, and settled



*G. H. Houston*



on a heavily timbered tract of one hundred acres. He cleared and made this an excellent farm, and added to it two hundred acres more. Sixty years of his life were passed on this place. These worthy people lived to an advanced age, he passing away in 1898 and she in 1900. They reared seven of their ten children, and all married and had children except the youngest son, who is farming the old homestead.

H. H. Houston was born to these parents in Mercer, Pennsylvania, and, thanks to his wise parents and his own desire, he remained in school throughout his youth, completing a full classical course in Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1871. He then took a theological course in the United Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Allegheny, where he was graduated in April, 1874. On March 2, 1875, he was ordained by the Monmouth (Illinois) Presbytery, after which he was the settled pastor at Laprairie, Illinois, for ten years. He came to Struthers in 1885 and held the pastorate until 1900, when he resigned. For the past nine years he has been stated clerk of the United Presbyterian presbytery of Cleveland, Ohio, and moderator of the first synod of the United Presbyterian church in 1903. He is still very active in all that concerns the up-building of his church.

On December 23, 1875, he was married to Miss Lizzie Bole of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Hugh M. and Mary A. (Hare) Bole, who are both deceased; the former was an able mechanic and for forty years an engine builder. Mrs. Houston was the only daughter, and there were four brothers in the family. She died March 16, 1885, leaving three children: Mary Evangeline, a graduate of the Poland Seminary, is the wife of William G. Knox and resides next door to her father, having an infant son; Nancy Gertrude Houston is a graduate of Poland Seminary and is a stenographer in the office of the American Sheet Steel Company at Struthers; Hugh Miller Bole Houston is a graduate of the Youngstown high school and is in his first year at the Ohio State University, where he is fitting himself for a mechanical engineer. On October 6, 1887, Mr. Houston was married to Miss Melissa Boston, who was born near Mercer, Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Adam and Christina (Crill) Boston, both deceased. There were seven children in the Boston family and five are now living, one of the sons, Samuel L., being the pastor of the Third Presbyterian church at Steubenville, Ohio. By this second union Mr. Houston had three children, but Ina Elizabeth, who is twelve years old, is the only survivor and is in the Struthers public school. The family reside in one of the most pleasant homes in the town and enjoy the high regard of all.

## JACOB SHENKEL.

Jacob Shenkel is an honored veteran of the Civil war and at all times has been equally loyal and true to the best interests of his country. He is well known in East Liverpool, where he has been an active factor in industrial circles. His birth occurred in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of January, 1841, and he comes of a family of German lineage, the name being originally spelled Schenkle. His father, Nicholas Shenkel, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1814 and in 1833 bade adieu to home and friends and sailed for the new world. He took up his abode in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained for fifteen years. In 1848 he came to East Liverpool, where his death occurred in 1856. He was married in Pittsburg in 1833, to Katharine Gross, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom eight reached years of maturity, while two died in childhood. Those who grew to adult age were: Josephine, the deceased wife of Thomas Robinson, also deceased; Charles H.; Jacob; William; Frederick; Albert; Mary, the deceased wife of Joseph Peterson; and George W. The mother of this family, long surviving her husband, passed away July 15, 1902, in East Liverpool, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mr. Shenkel was a member of the German Lutheran church, and the mother held membership in the Presbyterian church.

Jacob Shenkel was a little lad of seven summers when he accompanied his parents on their removal to East Liverpool. He entered the common schools here, pursuing his education until he had acquired a practical knowledge of the branches of learning that prepare one for life's responsible duties. After putting aside his text books he entered upon his business career in the capacity of a clerk in a general store in East Liverpool and was thus engaged at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He had watched with interest the progress of events in the south concerning the question of slavery and of secession, and when it was seen that the war was about to be no mere holiday affair, that it would take the combined efforts of many of the brave sons of the north to suppress the Rebellion in the south, he left home and went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where on the 8th of August, 1861, he enlisted as a defender of the Union, becoming one of the boys in blue of Company L, Sixty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, and served with that command until August, 1864, when he received an honorable discharge, having been for three years with the army. He had participated in many engagements, including the siege of Yorktown, the seven days' battle around Richmond, the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, the second battle of

Cold Harbor, the memorable three days' fight at Gettysburg and the battle of Petersburg, where he remained until July 24, 1864.

After receiving his discharge at Pittsburg on the 15th of August, 1864, Mr. Shenkel returned to East Liverpool, Ohio, and in the following year he established a grocery store, continuing in that business with success until 1880. He then sold out and joined N. A. Frederick and A. B. Allen in the establishment of the Globe pottery under the firm name of the Globe Pottery Company. Mr. Shenkel was chosen manager of the new concern, and under his capable direction the enterprise proved a profitable investment. The business constantly grew in volume and importance, and its large output brought to it a good financial return. Mr. Shenkel continued as manager until 1899, when he retired from that office, but he still retains an interest in the business. He is now, however, practically living retired from the control of business affairs, and his rest is well merited, for he has long been an honored factor in commercial and industrial circles of East Liverpool.

On the south side of Pittsburg, on the 1st of January, 1867, Mr. Shenkel was married to Anna E. Cowan, a daughter of Byram Cowan. They had five children, but one son, Florine, died at the age of twelve years. Four of the number are yet living: Mentor, who married Ella French; Pearl, Remus G. and Daisy K. In his social relations Mr. Shenkel is a prominent Mason. He has attained to the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and is also connected with the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Republican and served for one term as a trustee of Liverpool township, Columbiana county, while at the present time he is serving for the third term as water works trustee. In the spring of 1903 he was elected a member of the board of public service of East Liverpool. The terms progress and patriotism might be considered the keynotes of his character, for throughout his career he has labored for the improvement of every line of business or public interest with which he has been associated and at all times has been actuated by fidelity to his country and her welfare.

#### WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

Among the residents of Columbiana county who fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war was William J. Allen, who is now acceptably filling the position of kiln foreman at the Knowles, Taylor & Knowles pottery in East Liverpool. A native of Ohio, he was born on a farm in Belmont county in 1843, his parents being James and Margaret (Blackwood) Allen. His father was born in county Antrim.

Ireland, in 1812, and in 1833 came to America with his bride, locating in Belmont county, Ohio. He died in Clay county, Kansas, in 1885, and his wife departed this life at Industry, Pennsylvania, in 1871. In their family were three children, but two died in infancy, so that our subject is now the only survivor. His paternal grandfather, James Allen, came from Ireland to the United States about the same time as his son and died in Harrison county, Ohio, about 1866, at the extreme old age of ninety-six years. By occupation he was a farmer.

After spending the first twelve years of his life in this state, William J. Allen was taken by his parents to Rochester, Pennsylvania, where he received the greater part of his education, and on leaving school at the age of eighteen years he began learning the brick-maker's trade at that place, where he remained for thirteen years. In 1857 he and his father started a brick yard, which they carried on until 1868. In the meantime our subject entered the army, enlisting as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in August, 1862, and served until March 12, 1864, during which time he participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, besides several minor engagements and skirmishes.

On receiving his discharge from the service Mr. Allen returned to Rochester, Pennsylvania, where, as previously stated, he was engaged in brick-making with his father until 1868. During that year they removed to Newcastle, the same state, where they established a brickyard, but becoming disgusted with the business there, our subject traded the property for a farm in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, which he rented, and then embarked in general merchandising at Industry, where he and his father carried on a store for two years. At the end of that time they dissolved partnership.

Mr. Allen then went as fireman on the Ohio and Missouri rivers, being thus engaged until 1876, going down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers from Pittsburg to New Orleans, then up the latter stream to Fort Benton, and on up the Missouri river to the Big Horn mountains, carrying supplies to General Custer. He was only fifteen miles away when Custer was killed. Soon after this he quit the river, having for a year previous been second engineer on the steamboat with which he was connected.

Mr. Allen next came to Columbiana county, Ohio, and began manufacturing bricks under contract for N. U. Walker, in whose employ he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period, in 1879, he removed to East Liverpool and entered George S. Harker's pottery, where he worked for five years. During the following six months he was in the employ of

Homer Laughlin in the dipping department, and in 1885 accepted his present position with the firm of Knowles, Taylor & Knowles, as superintendent of their kilns. His long retention with this company is a good indication of his capability and trustworthiness.

In 1872 Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Campbell, and to them were born four children, but two died in infancy. These still living are Effie E., now the wife of Jesse Fisher; and Cora E. Mr. Allen is an honored member of Lyons Post No. 44, G. A. R., and in his religious connection is a member of the United Presbyterian church. He is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

#### ROBERT L. WALKER.

Robert L. Walker, who is a coal prospector and operator in Poland, Mahoning county, comes of good Irish stock. His grandfather Robert Walker was born in county Down, Ireland, in 1781, and died December 13, 1856. He came to this country when he was a young man, and although he had small means and very few educational advantages, by his industry he became a man of considerable property and was capable and intelligent. He served in the war of 1812, and while he was in Perry county, Pennsylvania, he married Jane Long, of York county, and they had three children: Robert H.; Mathew L.; and Mary Jane, who was the wife of James W. McClelland, the treasurer of Mahoning county; the son, Mathew L., was born on his father's original farm of one hundred and fifty acres cut out of the woods, on October 8, 1810, and died December 29, 1862, leaving a son and a daughter. Robert H. Walker was born near Newville, Pennsylvania, in 1806, and died at Churchill, Ohio, April 3, 1874. He was a prominent physician of his day, and married Harriet Long, who was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1805, the daughter of Bailey and Margaret (Weaver) Long, the parents of two children, and of whom John Long, born in 1817, is still living in Poland. Robert H. Walker and wife had two children, one named Robert L., and a daughter Amanda, who was the wife of William B. Sampson and died in the old home, June 8, 1878.

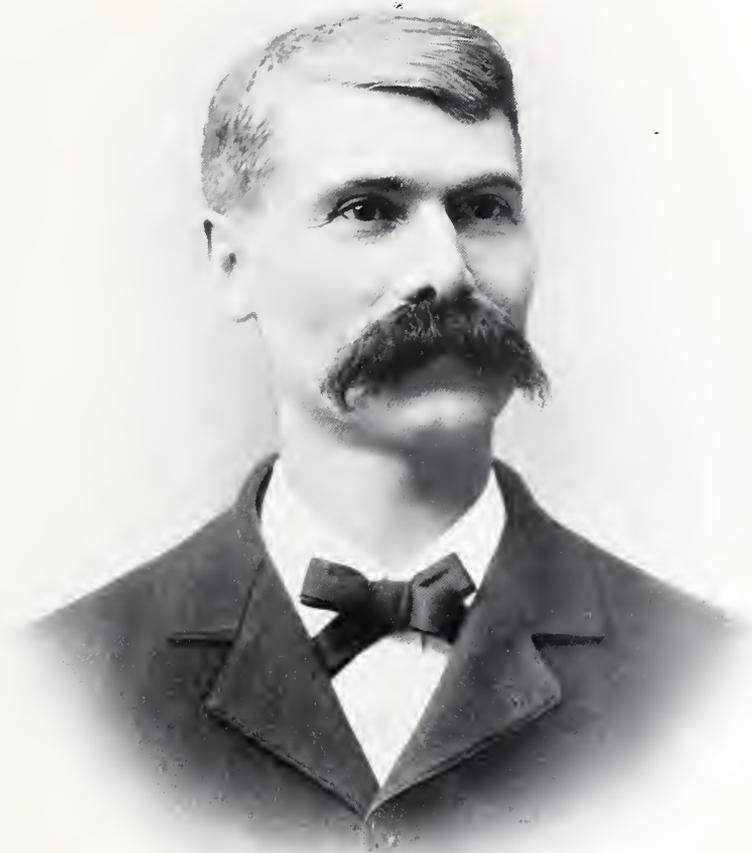
Robert L. Walker was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, north of Youngstown, on June 7, 1835. At the age of seventeen he left the Poland Academy and began work on his father's farm, which he continued until the Civil war broke out. He enlisted in Company D, Fifty-second Ohio National Guard, Captain Evan Morris commanding. He went in for one hundred days, but was out one hundred and twenty-four days in all, when he was called home to his mother's death-bed. By the almost unanimous vote of

the company he was chosen orderly. After his return to the farm near Churchill he followed agriculture until rheumatism contracted in the army service compelled him to abandon so arduous a pursuit. He had been interested in coal operations. In April, 1875, he removed to Poland.

On November 6, 1856, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Almira Powers, who was born in Austintown, Mahoning county, the daughter of J. W. Powers and his wife Miranda Gee. The latter was born in Delaware county, New York, April 6, 1816, and now in her advanced age lives with her children; she is the daughter of Nicholas and Nancy (Furman) Gee, who settled in this county in 1822, and the former of whom was a local Methodist preacher and built a church of that denomination on his farm. Miranda Gee was one of twelve children, all of whom had families, and she herself was married at the age of nineteen and became the mother of seven children, as follows: Almira, who became Mrs. Walker; Albert G. Powers, a farmer in Ashtabula county, and has a family; Adeline is the wife of W. W. McKeown in Youngstown, and has four daughters and two sons; Homer died at the age of fifty, leaving one son and one daughter; Sehon Powers was killed by a railroad train in Nebraska and left a wife and six children; Rhoda is the wife of B. R. Cowdery, in Leigh, Nebraska, and has two sons and a daughter; Augusta is the wife of John Darby, at Huron, South Dakota, and has one son. The father of these children died September 3, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have had two children born to them: John H., a coal operator, was born at Churchill, November 1, 1857, and married Anna Courtney, of Poland, and they now have one son and two daughters; Clara A. Walker, who is a well educated young lady, resides at home. Mr. Walker is a Master Mason of the Western Star Lodge in Youngstown, and as a Republican in politics has voted for every presidential candidate since he arrived at maturity; he is not an office-seeker, but was township treasurer of Liberty township; and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

#### MARTIN ASBURY KIMMEL.

It has been remarked that the teacher is, like the preacher, a sort of professional nomad, wandering from one position to another, but this fact is probably due either to his own restless desires or to his inferiority in educational work, for there are conspicuous examples of those who have been for years identified with the growth and upbuilding of one institution, and among this latter class may be mentioned the popular educator of Mahoning county, Professor Martin A. Kimmel, who for over twenty years has devoted his best efforts to the interests of the public schools of Poland. On his assuming



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charge of the Poland schools in 1880 he at once began the work of improvement, and since that time many valuable additions have been made, the schools have been graded, a three years' high school course has been instituted, and other excellent innovations brought about.

A short biography of this Mahoning county educator will be of interest to his many friends. His father was Smith Kimmel, who is a native of Pennsylvania and came with his father, Tobias, to this part of Ohio when he was a young boy. About 1852 he settled on a farm which has since been platted and made a part of East Youngstown, and in the next year he was married to Julia Ann Struble, who was born in New Jersey in 1829; her father, David Struble, was one of the early settlers of Trumbull county, coming over the mountains in emigrant fashion and buying one hundred and sixty acres of the land company; he lived to be eighty years old and was killed by a train. Mr. Kimmel is still living in Youngstown at the age of seventy-two, in feeble health. There were eleven children born of his marriage, and eight of them grew up, who are named as follows: Martin A., spoken of in the following paragraph; David A., a farmer in Jackson township, this county, and has two sons; Alice, deceased; Ella, the wife of A. N. Chapman of Youngstown, and her parents make their home with them; Frank E. is with the J. A. Fitch Company and has one son; Charles E. is a grocer in Struthers and has one daughter; Gilbert D. lives on the old farm in Jackson township, where his father settled in 1874; Arthur D. is an assistant yard-master for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Martin Asbury Kimmel was born on the farm that is now a part of East Youngstown, August 1, 1854, and was reared on a farm and attended the country and village schools until he was fifteen years old. He then entered the Poland Union Seminary, which was under the charge of Professor H. J. Clark. At the age of seventeen he began his career as teacher in the Flint Hill school, and for some years carried on this pursuit during the winters and went to school in the summer to gain the education which his young ambition longed for. He had already gained considerable prominence in county educational circles when he came to Poland in 1880, where he has made his reputation as an executive and teacher. In 1885 he was appointed school examiner on the county board, which position he still holds, and he has been an attendant at the county, state and national conventions for the past twenty-five years.

Professor Kimmel has been married twice. On November 8, 1877, he wedded Miss Emma L. McNabb, of Poland, who died in September, 1898, leaving two of the three children born to her: Jessie M. is the wife of Edgar

A. Tobey; Kennon K. is a young man of nineteen in the machine shop of the Westinghouse works, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. On July 5, 1900, Professor Kimmel was married to Miss Lillie B. Haynes, the daughter of Charles and Lucy (Meeker) Haynes, the former of whom died in 1898; her grandfather was one of the earliest pioneers to this section of the country. Mr. Kimmel is the owner of his present residence, the old McNabb place, where he has lived since coming to Poland. He is one of the directors of the Farmers' Deposit and Savings Bank of Poland, Ohio. He became a charter member of Poland Lodge No. 34, A. O. U. W., in 1884, and has represented the order in the grand lodge of the state since 1886; he is an official member of the Methodist church, and has been active in all Sunday-school and church work.

#### LEONARD BUSH.

The Bush family is one of the earliest ones in what was Columbiana county, Ohio, now Mahoning county, and its representatives were largely instrumental in the development of this section of the state. Prior to 1816 two young men, cousins, both bearing the name of John Bush, emigrated to America from their native Germany, and after suffering some hardships on their trip across the ocean as well as after landing, began to prosper. In 1817 they sent for their parents, who made the voyage with their respective families. Among the others was Gotlieb, brother of John and the father of our subject. This John, who was known as John, Sr., was born in 1797 and was twice married, first to Mary Baker, by whom he had six children, namely: Lewis, Jacob, Doratha, Sarah, Samuel, and an unnamed infant. After the death of his first wife in 1838, John, Sr., married Mary A. Hoffman in 1840. One daughter resulted from this union, Eliza Jane. John, Sr., died in 1882, highly respected by all who knew him.

Gotlieb Bush was born in Germany, September 10, 1810, and was the youngest in the family. He was married to Christina Muenkle in 1831, and she was also a native of Germany, and was born March 22, 1811. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran church, in which he was both deacon and elder. Gotlieb was a practical man who could do almost anything, and was very successful in his life work. His death occurred February 1, 1877, and his wife died June 14, 1883. These children were born to Gotlieb Bush and wife: Leonard, born March 16, 1832; Caroline, born in September, 1834; Mary, born in October, 1837; Daniel J., born in June, 1840; David W., born in September, 1844; Robert B., born in October, 1847; and Jane, born in November, 1850, and died January 20, 1870.

Leonard was reared in his native township, where he learned the trade

of carpenter and followed it for a number of years, but for some time he has confined his efforts to agricultural pursuits. On February 18, 1862, he was united in marriage with Mariah Reedfoot, who was born in Germany in 1833, a daughter of David and Christina Reedfoot. To this union there were born these children: Mary, February 7, 1863; William W., July 18, 1865; and Orville, deceased, born January 12, 1869. William W. was married December 22, 1896, to Elsie Streber, a native of Austintown, where she was born September 14, 1873; one child has been born to this marriage, Ruth.

In 1879 Mr. Bush purchased his present fine farm of seventy-eight acres, which he devotes to general farming. The entire family are consistent members of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Bush is both deacon and elder, and all are active in church work. The Bush family have always been noted as firm adherents to the faith of the Lutheran church, leaving their native land on account of persecution endured because of their religion. Leonard Bush is one of Canfield's staunch and prosperous farmers. He owns and operates one of the productive farms of the neighborhood, and he takes a pride in keeping up his premises, so that his entire property shows that a man of orderly habits, a capable and good manager is at the head of affairs.

#### WILLIAM E. FINK.

The parents of the above named gentleman were Samuel and Catherine (Lynn) Fink, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Canfield township, Mahoning county. The Lynn family history goes back to early pioneer days of Mahoning county, and the original antecedents were Swiss. The first to come to America was Nicholas Lynn, who came from Germany previous to the Revolution and took part in that struggle. It is said that he was the father of fourteen children, but the only ones of whom there is definite information are those who settled in Mahoning county in 1804, Philip, Jacob, Peter, George and John. Peter was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, in 1775, and after coming to this section became the owner of six hundred acres of land and was a prominent and influential man of the community. He and his wife, Catherine Grove, were members of the Reformed church. One of their children, Adam, grandfather of our subject, was born and reared on the farm where Mr. Fink now lives. He was one of the leading men of the county, was justice of the peace and held many other offices. Samuel Fink, the father of William E., was born in Poland township and was a practical farmer and the owner of two hundred acres of well tilled land, and was known throughout the

community as an obliging and quiet citizen. He and his wife were members of the Reformed church and in that faith they passed away, he in March, 1901, and she in 1882. Of their eight children the four now living are John F., George O., Rachel Yeager and William E.

It is to the last named that the attention of the reader is especially directed, for he has the reputation of being one of the most successful farmers in Canfield township, being the owner of one hundred and seventy-three acres of land with excellent improvements. He was born in the township where he has made his life-long home, on March 18, 1862, and after he had availed himself of the usual advantages offered in the way of schooling he set himself to his chosen pursuit. He devotes himself to no special branch of his business, but raises mixed crops and makes farming pay, as it always does for the provident and intelligent agriculturist.

On December 21, 1881, Mr. Fink was married to Miss Ida L., who was born to Christian and Ann Cramer in Canfield township in 1865, and by this marriage there were born in 1884 Maud A., and in 1886 Roy E. Mr. and Mrs. Fink are members of the Reformed church, and his public spirit has been appreciated by his fellow citizens so that they have bestowed various minor township offices upon him.

#### WILLIAM HENRY BRUNT.

The growth and upbuilding of a city depends upon its commercial and industrial activity, and among those who are contributing to the latter in East Liverpool is William Henry Brunt, the proprietor of the Riverside Knob Works. This is one of the old enterprises of this place, and under the capable management of our subject has been enlarged in its scope and its output. Mr. Brunt is a native of East Liverpool, his birth having occurred in 1857. The family is of English lineage and was established in America by William Brunt, the grandfather of William Henry, who was born in the "merrie isle." He lived there until he had attained to man's estate, and then, believing that he might better his financial condition in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic and took up his abode in East Liverpool, Ohio. Here he established a knob factory which he conducted with success until he was succeeded by his grandson. He long figured prominently in industrial circles here, and at the same time was a citizen of public spirit and marked enterprise, and took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the general good. He passed away in 1882, and the community mourned the loss of one of its most valued residents.

Henry Brunt, son of William Brunt, was also a native of England and accompanied his parents when they made the voyage across the briny deep, taking up his abode in East Liverpool. He was here married to Miss Anna Holzmann, and to them were born five children, three of whom reached mature years and are yet living, namely: William H.; Emma, the wife of Charles Thompson; and George F. At the time of the Civil war Henry Brunt responded to the call for troops to serve for one hundred days, enlisting in 1864 as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was assigned to Company I, and during the term of his service was largely engaged in doing guard and garrison duty. Well known in this city, his fellow townsmen recognized his worth and ability, calling him to public office, and he has capably served as a member of the city council. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows society. Although for a long time connected with business enterprises here, he is now living retired.

William Henry Brunt is indebted to the public school system of East Liverpool for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, and which fitted him for life's practical duties. At the age of nineteen he left the school-room to become an active factor in business life, and entered the knob factory which was then carried on by his father and grandfather. Eight years later he became a member of the firm, purchasing his grandfather's interest, and in 1894 he purchased his father's interest and became sole proprietor. This is an enterprise of considerable importance in the industrial life of East Liverpool. Employment is furnished for a number of workmen, and the output of the factory is growing, which shows that a liberal patronage is accorded Mr. Brunt. His success is largely due to his natural ability and his close application to the work in which as a young tradesman he embarked. He has never sought to dissipate his energies over many lines of business, but has concentrated his forces toward the successful conduct of the knob factory, and thus his prosperity has resulted. His plant is well equipped with the latest improved machinery for carrying on the work, and the output of the factory finds a ready sale on the market.

In 1881, in East Liverpool, Mr. Brunt was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Wallace, a daughter of Samuel Wallace, and they now have three children, Louis C. W., Vance C. W., and Earl C. W. Mr. Brunt is identified with no secret societies. His life history is one well known to his fellow townsmen because he has always lived in East Liverpool. He has lived quietly as a citizen, true to all the duties of public and private life; and all who know him esteem him for his genuine worth.

## R. EDNA WALKER.

Mrs. Walker is the widow of Isaac Walker, who was one of the most respected citizens of Poland township, Mahoning county, held large tracts of land, and was a representative farmer of the county. Isaac was the son of Josiah, who in 1802 came from Pennsylvania and settled in the woods of this township, where he cleared a space for his rude log cabin. He was unmarried when he came and lived for some time alone. He spent the Sundays with the Struthers family, and Mrs. Struthers, who was his cousin, baked enough bread to last him for the succeeding week. He thus worked away for some years and had a harder time than many of those pioneers, as he had no means to begin with. His first farm was one hundred and fifty acres, and in his earlier years he made somewhat of a specialty of raising horses, but as his sons grew up they decided there was more money in sheep, of which they got together a large herd. They also built a sawmill on a branch of Yellow creek, and they sawed lumber night and day. In the winter season they would set out for the woods before light, spending the whole day there and brought the logs on sleds to the mill; they thus accumulated enough logs in the winter to last them for their summer's sawing. By these two occupations Mr. Walker and his sons became quite well-to-do, and at one time there were seven hundred acres of land in the family, six hundred of which still remains. Josiah Walker married Nancy Polk, and they reared five children, two having passed away in childhood, and those reaching maturity being: Joseph, Mariah, Alexander, Jemima and Isaac.

Isaac was born in Poland township November 11, 1819, and lived on his farm until 1886. Because of an accident in which he broke his limb, he retired from the farm to Poland and bought eleven acres, paying eight thousand dollars in cash for it. He made many improvements on the dwelling and the surrounding grounds, putting down a fine stone walk, putting in gas for lighting, and in 1902 a furnace was put in. He was a Republican and a Presbyterian, and was one of the influential citizens of the town until his death, which occurred at his home October 10, 1901. On March 22, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss R. Edna Stewart, and they had one child, Della M., who was educated at Western University, afterwards studied medicine, and is now practicing at Salem, Ohio. Mrs. Walker is a descendant of an old and respected family, and it is pertinent to briefly sketch her connections.

Mrs. Walker is a descendant of Irish ancestors, who came to Pennsylvania at an early day. Her parents were Robert and Rebecca (McClelland)



Isaac Walker



Stewart, the former being born October 29, 1794; they were married February 22, 1814, and she died July 25, 1875, and he in 1877. They had thirteen children, and six of these are now living: Robert McClelland Stewart is a farmer in Windham, Ohio, and has one son and one daughter; he was born March 2, 1820. Cephas, born January 25, 1824, is a physician in Mercer, Pennsylvania, and has an unmarried daughter living. Mrs. Walker is the third in order of age now living. James Finley, born October 19, 1832, a farmer in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, has one grown son. Ellen Amanda is the widow of Nathaniel Bishop and has one son and one daughter and lives in Poland. Sarah Lovisa is the widow of Peter Smith, lives in Poland and has one son. Grandfather John McClelland was a well-to-do farmer and a man of excellent qualities; he was probably born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1762, and died February 22, 1847; his wife, Jane Lownry, was born April 15, 1770, and died in 1857. The ancestors of the Walker family were good christian people and members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Walker has been a life-long member of the same denomination.

#### JOHN T. WOOD.

Among the useful and acceptable contributions from the old world to the busy working forces of the East Liverpool potteries, none have proved more efficient than the Wood family. They are natives of England and come from the region of Staffordshire, which has sent forth so many of her sturdy sons to enrich the mines and factories of other countries. John, son of William Wood, was born in Staffordshire in 1844, there married Mary A. Holmes, and worked at his trade for a livelihood as his family grew up. Hoping to better his fortunes and find better opportunities for his children, he determined to cross the ocean, and carried out this resolve in 1882. Hearing of the industries in Columbiana county, he made his way to Ohio shortly after landing and in course of time found a satisfactory location at East Liverpool, where he secured work as a potter. His children were originally six in number, of whom one died, leaving the five following as survivors: John T.; William; Elizabeth, wife of George Hall; Ralph; and Albert.

John T. Wood, the eldest of these children, was born at Oldham, in Lancashire, England, July 6, 1868, and was consequently fourteen years old when brought to the United States by his parents. Before leaving the old country he had received some primary education in the schools of his native place, but as soon as he reached East Liverpool he became an employe in one of the potteries. He proved an industrious boy and later an efficient

workman, giving such satisfaction to his employers as to be made foreman of the kiln department of the George C. Murphy Pottery Company. He has taken much interest in trade unionism, especially as relating to his own particular craft, and has risen to a position of popularity and influence among his fellow workmen. When the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters held their annual meeting at Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1900, Mr. Wood was elected treasurer of the organization. This honor was conferred upon him not only in recognition of his zeal and work in behalf of the order, but on account of confidence in his integrity and good business judgment. As custodian of the funds of the association he has exhibited discretion and proved worthy of the trust confided to his care, there being no criticism by the membership of any of his official acts.

In 1892, Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Miss Nettie, daughter of Aaron Moore, of Beaver, Pennsylvania, and the six children resulting from this union are William R., Harry L., Elva C., Walter C., John A. and Arthur. Though not a member of any church, Mr. Wood may always be counted on the right side of every question affecting good morals and good citizenship. He usually votes the Republican ticket, but is not a violent partisan, nor has he either sought or desired political preferment of any kind. Sociable in temperament, friendly in disposition and just in his dealings with all, Mr. Wood is much liked by his fellow artisans and other acquaintances. His fraternal connections are confined to membership in the Sons of Saint George; in the social and business affairs of which order he takes a zealous interest.

#### ELIZABETH H. AND WASHINGTON S. RHODES.

One of Canfield's most prominent pioneer citizens was John Young, who was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1789. A great many of the early settlers of Mahoning county came from Connecticut, owing to the connection between that state and the Western Reserve, and one of those who came in 1810 was Mr. Young. He purchased of his friend, William Dean, land to the amount of fifty-eight acres, and as soon as he had completed payments on this he went in debt for more, thus by gradual accretions accumulating five hundred acres. The residence which he erected on his first purchase is still in a good state of preservation, notwithstanding the fact that it is one of the oldest frame buildings in the county. John Young had the usual limitations of the pioneer, he was poor and uneducated at the beginning, but his lack of worldly means did not prevent him from acquiring a large amount of property during his life time, and his desire for knowledge led him to fill out his deficiencies so far that he could intelligently attend to

business and all other matters. He was strictly honest in all his dealings, and while not a professing Christian he lived up to the highest moral ideals and practiced the religious principles in his life. He belonged to the Democracy of Jefferson and was one of its ardent supporters. He lived to the age of seventy-two and died in March, 1861. By his marriage to Jenett Porter, of Burlington township, this county, he had five children: Nancy E., William, Anna, John and Alvina C., the last named being the only survivor of that generation.

John, Jr., was born in Canfield township and was reared there and followed agricultural pursuits, as his father had done before him. This quiet life was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war, and in 1862 his loyalty to the flag caused him to enlist in Company H, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He followed the standard of the regiment through the war, was in every engagement in which his regiment participated, while the ranks were being thinned by disease and bullets, and in the last three months he, too, succumbed to exposure and sickness, and died in April, 1865. His remains were brought home to his young widow and the two-year-old child, whom he had never seen. He had married only a short time before the war Harriet Glass, and the only child of the union was Elizabeth H., who was born December 24, 1862. This child grew up under the fostering care of her mother and in 1881 she was married to Washington S. Rhodes, a native of Jackson township.

Washington S. Rhodes was born in Jackson township, Mahoning county, Ohio, February 22, 1857, the son of Simon and Charolotta (Broodsword) Rhodes. These parents were also born and reared and married in Jackson township. Grandfather Joel Rhodes came from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was one of the pioneers of Mahoning county, a farmer by occupation. Washington S. Rhodes was educated in the common schools and remained at home until he married, in 1881, and has been a general farmer in Canfield township since that time. He was interested in the sawmill business until 1903, when he sold out his interests and gave his full time to farming. He is a life-long Democrat and a member of the Knights of Pythias at North Jackson. Mrs. Rhodes and her daughters are members of Zion Reform church of Canfield. Her daughters are both attending the Northeastern Ohio Normal School. Four children were born to Mrs. Rhodes: John J., deceased; Elsa M., Ormindia M., and Mary C. Mrs. Rhodes resides on the original purchase of her grandfather, John Young, and she enjoys the highest regard, not only for her own beautiful character and native intelligence, but as a descendant of one of the most worthy of Mahoning county's pioneers.

## JAMES E. DAVIS.

The subject of this sketch is one of the promising, as well as most ambitious, of the younger members of the East Liverpool bar. Though scarcely thirty years of age and hardly a year in practice, he has already taken hold like a veteran, and if success does not come it will not be because he has neglected any measure to deserve it. He seems well fitted, both by temperament and preliminary study, to rise in this the most exacting of all the professions, and his friends are not backward in predicting for him a successful and even brilliant career. It is certain that his affable manners, pleasant address and adaptable disposition readily secure him friends, and these of themselves are no mean factors in guaranteeing the results which every true man desires to achieve as the reward of his efforts. The Davis family is of Kentucky origin, and has long been favorably known in that state.

Alexander Davis, grandfather of our subject, was a native of the "Dark and Bloody Ground," and in his day a man noted both for the force and integrity of his character. Job L. Davis, worthy son of a noble sire, was born near Greenup, Kentucky, in 1841, and made a most creditable military record during the Civil war. He was a sergeant in the Twenty-second regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and served with his command under Garfield, with Grant at Vicksburg and Sherman in Arkansas. After the termination of hostilities, he crossed the great river and settled on a farm in Columbiana county, where he closed his earthly career in 1900. His first marriage was with Isabella Calhoun, by whom he had three children, the two survivors being: Flora S., wife of C. A. Woollan; and Thomas A. He contracted a second marriage with Margaret McFarland, a native of Ohio, and the only child of this union is the subject of this sketch.

James E. Davis was born on his father's farm in St. Clair township, Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1873, and lived there until the latter's death in 1900. Meantime he attended the country schools, made diligent use of his time and later took a course at Mt. Hope Academy. A still more valuable addition to his educational training was obtained by a term in Northeastern Ohio Normal College and a professional course at the Ada (Ohio) Law School. He completed his law studies in the office of Hon. L. T. Farr, of Rogers, Ohio. The six years from 1894 to 1899 were spent in teaching, that almost indispensable "clearing house" and preparatory school for young lawyers, and this period terminated with his election as justice of the peace for his native township. His manner of attending to the duties of this office convinced his constituents that this young man had a natural aptitude

for business and that in the expressive slang of the day he would eventually "get there." Mr. Davis was admitted to the bar in 1902 and in March of the following year located in the eastern part of the city and opened up for business. In 1899 he was married at Calcutta, Ohio, to Miss Mary W., daughter of Homer Huston, of that place, and they have an only daughter; named Helen. Mr. Davis is not a member of any church or secret society, but in politics he has imbibed the beliefs and follows the example of his father by supporting zealously the principles of the Republican party.

#### BASIL C. SIMMS.

One of the principal industries of the thriving town of East Liverpool, Ohio, is the pottery business. In commerce and art articles of clay have been used for centuries, and their use is becoming more general in the complexity of modern times. Of one of the prominent manufactories for such articles, Basil C. Simms, to whom we now purpose to give a place in this history, is the vice president.

In tracing the ancestry of this man, we find that his grandfather was Claiborne Simms and was born in Maryland. He came to Ohio county, Ohio, about the year 1824 and there followed farming, but later removed to East Liverpool, where at the time of his death he was operating a grist mill. Basil Bealle Simms, the father of our subject, was born in 1804 in the part of Virginia which later became the state of West Virginia, and for twenty years lived there and was educated. He came with his father to East Liverpool, and during the early part of his life was a miller, but later became a farmer. In 1835 he was married in Liverpool to Eleanor Martin, daughter of Nathaniel Martin, and they had a number of children, of whom six grew up, as follows: Claiborne C., died in 1899; Mary A., the wife of R. J. Boyce; Nathaniel M.; Basil C.; Anna C., widow of A. Merchant; and Dorcas H., who is the wife of Joseph Marietta. Eleanor (Martin) Simms died in 1848, and Mr. Simms married again in 1857 Sarah Webber, and there are three surviving children of this union: Morgan S.; Sarah E., wife of John Seanor; Maria, wife of Charles Dougherty. Mr. Simms passed away in 1880.

Basil C., the third son of his father's first marriage, first saw the light of day in Liverpool, Ohio, in the year 1842, and in that place he attended school until he was fifteen years of age. After leaving school he worked in town for two years and at the age of seventeen began teaching school in his county, which he did for three terms. He then entered the employ of Josiah Thompson, dry-goods merchant; his services were terminated

here by his enlisting in May, 1864, in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he served until September, 1864. On his return from the war he re-entered the employ of Mr. Thompson, four or five years later became his partner and in 1878 sold out his interests and devoted his attention exclusively to the pottery business, in which he had engaged in 1873. In 1890 the concern was incorporated under the name of C. C. Thompson Pottery Company, and Mr. Simms was elected vice president.

Mr. Simms' wife, whom he married in 1874, was Mary, daughter of Benjamin Harker, and three children were born: John H., Mary E. and Sarah M. Apart from the active business life of Mr. Simms, he has found time to serve on the board of school examiners and on the board of education. He is a Knight Templar, belongs to the Methodist church, and is an ardent Republican.

#### WILLIAM KENT.

The majority of men behold with astonishment the phenomenal progress of the world in commerce, the arts and industrial development, and all that goes to make up the wonderful twentieth century civilization, but few stop to consider to whom this state of things is most due. The present condition of mechanical and industrial enterprise is only the growth of a short half century at the best, and if we seek for the power behind all these colossal factories, it must be found in the man who has had the inventive genius to so combine the products of nature that forces hitherto latent may be directed and combined into the wonderful machines which have transformed the industries of the world. The blast furnace and the new processes of steel and iron manufacture have been at the bottom of much of the industrial development, and a man who will always be known as one of the foremost inventors in the improvement of these processes is William Kent, whose life and career it will be our object to briefly outline in the succeeding paragraphs.

The ancestry of his family goes back to the times of the English Commonwealth and Oliver Cromwell, when a Kent ran away from home rather than submit to the family regime, and was disinherited, and in his old age he sold shoestrings on the Dudley market. He was connected with a noble family and was himself a friend of Lord Dudley. Grandfather Kent was named William, and his son Thomas was born at West Bromwich, in Staffordshire, England, in 1787, and died there in 1859. He was an iron worker and a keeper of a blast furnace. He married Maria Cartwright, a native of the same locality, and she became the mother of eleven children, rearing



Wm. Kent  
& Wife



seven of them; the three sons are: Thomas, who died in West Bromwich in 1892, leaving seven children; John lives in England, and his two daughters are teachers.

The third son is William, who was born in Staffordshire, England, August 18, 1844. At the age of ten he ran away from home and began working in the rolling mill which his godfather Edward Holden had erected in West Bromwich. He had twenty years of experience in the iron business in England, and his genius had opportunities to expand and receive appreciative recognition in that time. His mother died in 1877, and he shortly afterward came to America. For about twenty years he lived in Cincinnati and in Covington, Kentucky, in which latter place he was one of the most influential members of the city council. He has been for many years engaged in erecting and superintending iron mills, and the one he erected for the Youngstown Iron Sheet and Tube Company is one of the best if not the best in the world. He has resigned only recently from its superintendency in order to devote his whole time to his patent interests. He has already had two patents granted him and is an applicant for others. One of his most valuable inventions is a furnace which will save time and hitherto wasted heat energy in bringing the metal to a molten condition, and this will almost revolutionize the operation of puddling mills. A large house of New York financiers is behind the project of manufacture of these furnaces, and there is no doubt that the inventor and the world in general will reap great benefits from the enterprise. Two other of Mr. Kent's patents deserve mention, that known as the "Welded Cast Metal Process," and the "Hot System Sheet Rolling Mill." When Mr. Kent resigned his position with the Youngstown Iron Sheet and Tube Company, the men showed their appreciation of him by presenting him with a handsomely leather upholstered couch, which he prizes very highly.

When Mr. Kent came to America he brought with him a book with the leaves of fine sheet steel as proof of the skill of English steel workers. There were more sheets of steel in this given thickness of book than had ever been manufactured before, and he challenged the workmen here to do better. American workmanship was not to be outdone, and they surpassed it, but Mr. Kent has since excelled all previous efforts. He has a book with Morocco cover which contains leaves of such marvellous thinness that there are six thousand to the inch. The only regret which Mr. Kent has is that he did not remain in school long enough to acquire as thorough a scientific training as would have been useful to him in his after life, and with such a preparation he would doubtless have accomplished even more for the

world and himself. He is still a hale and vigorous man, with a splendid physique and large mentality, and has some years of activity before him.

Mr. Kent was married in England in 1865 to Miss Mary Hill, and she died in Cincinnati in 1894, aged forty-nine years, having become the mother of seven children: Maria is the wife of Fred H. Harris, of Niles, Ohio, and has three children; Bessie is a designer in millinery at Bedford, Indiana; Matilda is the wife of William Liddington in Youngstown and has two children; the son William was one of the victims in the Philippine war, and his death is still fresh in the minds of his sorrowing parent and relatives; he had been in the grocery business before enlisting for the Philippine service, and he was soon appointed provost marshal's clerk, and was killed in one of the engagements near Manila, when only twenty-seven years old; at the request of his father to President McKinley his remains were sent home, and they now rest in the country for which he gave his life; the fifth child in the family is Noah, an expert worker and commanding high wages in the Youngstown Iron Sheet and Tube Company, and he has a wife and one daughter; Thomas is an iron worker at Covington, Kentucky, and is married; John is a promising young man at home and is also in the iron industry. Three years after losing the mother of these children Mr. Kent was married to a widow, whose maiden name was Miss Nellie Nealens, of Newport, Kentucky, the daughter of William Nealens, now in Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. Kent was a music teacher before her marriage, and the daughter by her first husband, May Kent, although only twelve years old, is a musical prodigy. Mr. Kent visited England during the year of the Paris Exposition, and was again united with his four sisters who are residing there.

#### SILAS M. FERGUSON.

The rich clay beds in this portion of Ohio have made the manufacture of pottery one of the most important industries and sources of revenue in the northeastern part of the state, and connected with the development of the business, with the improvement of the wares and the control of constantly growing enterprises of this nature are many men of marked business ability. Such a one is Silas M. Ferguson, the superintendent of the East Liverpool Potteries Company, in which capacity he is controlling extensive and important interests.

Mr. Ferguson was born on a farm in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in March, 1854, and is a representative of an old Scotch family that was founded in America in an early time by the grandfather of our subject, who was born in the land of the hills and heather and was the first of

the name to seek a home in the new world. Hugh Ferguson, the latter's son, was born on a farm near Columbus, Ohio, in 1812, and became a wagon-maker by trade. In 1862 he took up his abode in East Liverpool, where he made his home until 1889, when he went to live with his daughter in Trenton, New Jersey, there spending his remaining days, his death occurring in 1890. He was married in 1838 to Rebecca Scott, and her death occurred in 1868. In their family were eight children, of whom two died in infancy, while those who reached years of maturity were: William V.; James L., who was a private in the Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and died in 1861; Theodore, who died in 1880; Andrew P.; Silas M.; and Anna E., the wife of Stephen Dennis. The eldest, William, was a private in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war. Mr. Ferguson was again married in 1874 to Mrs. Hannah Pugh, who died the next year.

Silas M. Ferguson spent the first twelve years of his life on his father's farm in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to East Liverpool, where he continued his education, going to school for six months each year through the succeeding three years. He began to earn his own living when quite young and may truly be called a self-made man, as his advancement in the business world is the result of his close application to his work, his laudable ambition and his unremitting energy. He was first employed as driver of a horse in a clay mill. He afterward won promotion to a position in the packing room and later entered the cooper shop of the firm of Knowles & Harvey. Subsequently he was apprenticed to a plasterer and followed that trade for five years through the summer months, while in the winter season he was employed in the potteries or in other work that would yield him an honest living. In 1877 he entered the employ of Brunt, Bloor, Martin & Company, owners of a pottery, and in 1880 he became the general superintendent, acting in that capacity until 1882, when the plant was sold to the Potters Co-Operative Company, Mr. Ferguson remaining as the general manager until 1889. In that year, in connection with others, he purchased the Standard Pottery, of which he assumed charge, and continued to control the operation of the plant for seven years, when he again sold out. Soon afterward, in connection with Robert Hall and John J. Purinton, he built the United States Pottery in Wellsville, Ohio, and was made the vice president and general manager of the new company. In July, 1901, this with five other plants was merged into a new enterprise, conducted under the name of the East Liverpool Potteries Company, Mr. Ferguson being chosen as the general manager, and he is now successfully controlling the extensive enterprise.

The output is very large and the business is constantly increasing. The various plants owned by the company are well equipped for carrying on the work with the latest improved machinery and the sales of their wares have now reached a very large figure.

In 1874 Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage at Smith's Ferry, Pennsylvania, to Rachel C. Hackathorn, a daughter of Benjamin Hackathorn, and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom died in infancy, while six are yet living, namely: Thomas P., Annie E., Silas M., Jr., Ethel M., Nellie S. and Edward W. The parents hold membership with the First Presbyterian church of East Liverpool and are well known in this city, where their many friends hold them in high regard. In business affairs Mr. Ferguson is energetic, prompt and notably reliable. Tireless energy and honesty of purpose, joined to everyday common sense—these are his chief characteristics and have won for him gratifying success in the business world.

#### JOHN HORWELL.

This gentleman's career illustrates forcibly what is possible to a young man of energy and talents if he has the determination to succeed. Starting at the very bottom of the ladder, without money or influence, and compelled to attend night school for years in order to obtain even the rudiments of an education, he has triumphed over all obstacles and is to-day part owner and manager of one of the prosperous potteries of East Liverpool. His achievements have been so typically American that one naturally expects to be told that he is a native of this country, but, in fact, old England claims the honor of his birth, and that "tight little isle" never sent forth a worthier son. His father, Thomas Horwell, was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1800, and passed his school life within the borders of his native country. He married Elizabeth Cartledge, and of their nine children eight grew to maturity, but only three survive, these being James; Ann, wife of Thomas Robinson; and John. The mother of this family died in 1854, but the father survived his wife many years, his death not occurring until 1873.

John Horwell, the youngest of their living children, was born at Springfield, Staffordshire, England, in 1848, and twenty years later became a citizen of America by emigration. Shortly after arriving at the port of New York, this friendless English boy looked around, and "with all the world before him where to choose," decided to try his fortune at Cincinnati. He spent two years in a pottery at the "Queen City of the West," but hoping to better his condition he moved up the Ohio river to Pittsburg, where he secured employment with a company engaged in manufacturing fire

brick. Mr. Horwell spent sixteen years with this concern, and they were years of hard labor and trial, the compensation being that he learned all the details of this business and laid the foundation for his future success in a somewhat similar line. He had little or no benefits in an educational way before leaving his native land and no time for the same after his arrival here, through the ordinary channels. But, after he got settled at Pittsburg, seeing the vital importance of some mental training, he began to attend night schools and kept this up regularly for four years. In this way he acquired a very fair education and meantime had done well in business, advancing steadily until, when he left the brick manufacturing company, he held the position of foreman. In 1886 he came to East Liverpool and took service with the Globe Pottery Company as kiln-placer, and he has since retained his connection with this establishment. Commencing at the bottom he has climbed up steadily until he reached the top, obtaining a fourth interest by purchase in 1896 and now being manager of the company's business. When he entered the firm, they were, and had been for eighteen years, making cheap, inferior ware and barely met expenses on a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. The energy and executive ability of Mr. Horwell soon brought about a change. The company now manufactures fine ware in large quantities, while its capital has been increased to one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Before leaving England, and in the same year of his departure, Mr. Horwell was married in Staffordshire to Mary E. Pashley, by whom he has three children: Emma, wife of Enoch Moon; Henrietta and Harry. Mr. Horwell's religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church and his fraternal connections confined to Masonry, in which he has reached the Knight Templar degree, being a member of East Liverpool Commandery No. 55. His political predilections are Republican, and he is now in the city council as a representative from the third ward, which he has served six years with increasing popularity and approval. In 1903 he was elected president of the council and is the first president of the council under the new code.

#### JEREMIAH HICKMAN SIMMS.

Through his connection with the newspaper offices at East Liverpool the gentleman above named has long been known in eastern Ohio, and his name is a familiar one to those holding positions on the press of the state. As he has been publishing his own paper for twenty-six years, Mr. Simms has come to be regarded as one of the veterans of the profession, and in his entire make-up shows the characteristics and temperamental tendencies

which bespeak the typical American printer. He got "the printer's ink on his fingers" at a very early period in life, and, as they say in the profession, has never been able to get it off, though it is safe to say he never tried to do so, as a genuine printer never deserts his calling once it has been entered upon. He has graduated in all the departments, from "devil" up to editor, and from "type sticker" to manager of the business office, and there are few men better posted than he in the newspaper business in its various phases.

The Simms family originated in Maryland, and in early times was established in the neighborhood around Hagerstown. This was the birthplace of Claiborne Simms, grandfather of the gentleman with whose biography we are concerned. His son, Claiborne R. Simms, was born near Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1812, but most of his active life was passed in Ohio. He came with his parents to East Liverpool in 1824, and was subsequently identified quite prominently with the industrial, mercantile and political life of the place. His first important undertaking was as a merchant, which occupation was later abandoned for the purpose of engaging in the coal business. That he was prominent as well as popular among the people is indicated by the number of official positions he held at different times. He served both as trustee and treasurer of Liverpool township, and for some time was a member of the city council. The first wife of Claiborne R. Simms was Sarah Martin, by whom there were two sons, Martin Bealle, who died in 1901; and Hezekiah Leasleton Simms, a resident of East Liverpool. By a second marriage, with Deborah R., daughter of Jeremiah Hickman, Mr. Simms had four children, but the only one of these who grew to maturity was the son now so well known as the East Liverpool editor.

Jeremiah Hickman Simms was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, November 3, 1851, and received during youth the usual training accorded by the city schools. When seventeen years old he opened his career in the office of the East Liverpool Record, under the somewhat dubious title known to the profession as "devil," but which means nothing more important than boy of all work around a printing office. As previously remarked, Mr. Simms came early in contact with printer's ink, and that it "stuck" may be inferred from the fact that from that day to this he has never been for any length of time outside of the pale of what has been very justly described as "the art preservative of all arts." In the Record office, at whose first issue he officiated in his newly acquired cognomen of satanic majesty ex-officio, Mr. Simms soon began picking up information about

washing rollers, sweeping out, running errands, lifting forms, setting type and other mysteries of the trade, and in time he also found out that the "devil" is expected to be a drudge for and wait on everybody else about the establishment. In 1869 Mr. Simms went to Pittsburg and worked at his trade in offices of that city until 1872, when he returned to East Liverpool to cast his first vote for General Grant, then running for his second presidential term. This, however, was only incidental, as he was on his way to Cleveland "hunting a job," and, finding one, he remained in the Lake Erie city six months, going from there to Chicago, where he obtained employment for a year. His next move was to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he worked in the Pioneer-Press job rooms until 1875, and then came back to his original starting point, at East Liverpool. January 1, 1876, Mr. Simms established the Weekly Tribune, which, after the usual hard times, disappointments and ups and downs inseparable from the business, eventually reached solid ground, and has since been merged into the Morning Daily Tribune. In addition to publishing a good daily morning newspaper, Mr. Simms conducts a job office, which secures its fair share of business, and altogether the Morning Tribune and its force are considered one of the institutions of East Liverpool.

September 23, 1875, Mr. Simms was united in marriage to Miss Donia E., daughter of Benjamin Harker, the only child by this union being George C. Simms, advertising manager of the Tribune. The latter married Miss May, daughter of Dr. C. B. Ogden, and has two children, Deborah C. and May. Mr. Simms, as previously indicated, has been a life-long Republican, and from the time he could use a pencil has upheld in print the doctrines of this great political party. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a member of the Knights Templar branch of Masonry.

#### CHARLES YOUNG McVEY.

One of the rapidly rising young men of Youngstown, Ohio, is Charles Young McVey. In his early thirties he has already made a name for himself, and his future is certainly roseate. This is the age of young men, and the time is now long past when the great industries looked only to the men whose locks had begun to whiten for fit material to direct their enterprises.

Mr. McVey is a splendid example of this younger generation. He was born at Struthers, Ohio, in the year 1871, and there passed his boyhood days until he arrived at the age of ten years, coming then to Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated in 1891 from the Western Reserve College of Hudson,

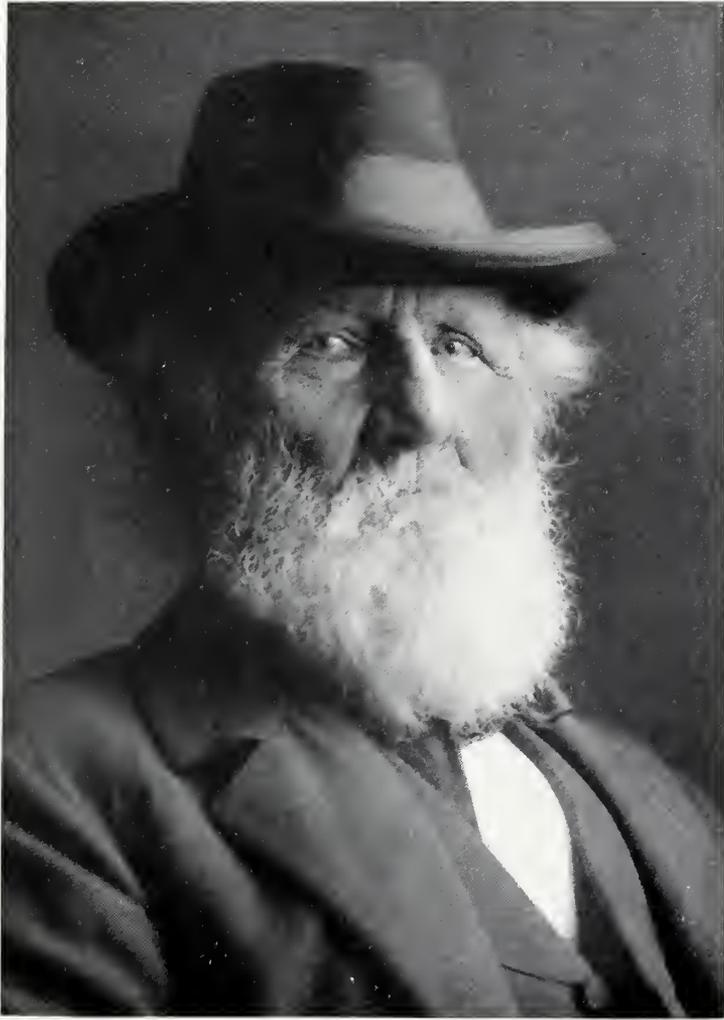
Ohio, where he acquitted himself very creditably. Having ended his school-days, he entered the employ of the Dollar Savings and Trust Company as bookkeeper, where he remained for some two years and eight months, when he accepted a position with the Youngstown Street Railway Company (now the Pennsylvania & Mahoning Valley Railway Company), as chief clerk, which responsible position he held for five years, at the end of which time he was offered his present position of general manager of the Youngstown Telephone Company at Youngstown, and since that time he has assumed entire direction of the varied interests and properties of this company.

He was united in marriage in 1897 to Ada Wem, daughter of Thomas Wem, of Youngstown. His father, John McVey, was born in county Antrim in the Emerald Isle in 1828 and came, when in his prime, to America, locating in Pennsylvania in 1853, and later removed to Ohio, where he died in Mahoning county at the age of seventy-three. He was one of the prominent agriculturists of that section, and wedded Isabella Johnson, daughter of Robert and Jane (Moore) Johnson, and to them were born seven children, of whom six are now living, as follows: John E.; Robert W.; Thomas J.; Jennie, wife of Daniel Davis; Frances, wife of James S. Patterson; and the subject of this narrative. Mr. McVey's paternal grandfather was Colonel Daniel McVey, who was also born in Ireland. He was an officer in the English army, where he served with distinction in the Hussars.

Mr. McVey early espoused the cause of the Republican party, and, while in no sense a politician, keeps thoroughly posted on political issues and problems of the day and renders to the party able assistance as a voter in the ranks. He belongs to the Elks and is a Chapter and Royal Arch Mason, and is also a member of the Baptist church of Youngstown. Having achieved so much in his short business career, it would seem that Mr. McVey, if he reaches the threescore mark, will make a name for himself such as seldom falls to the lot of the business men of to-day.

#### HENRY KIRTLAND MORSE.

To the student of the early history of that part of the state of Ohio which is termed the Western Reserve, and the particular section now embraced in Mahoning county, the name which appears above is replete with reminiscences of pioneer days, when the Indians were still to be reckoned with in the settlement of vacant land, when forests were well-nigh impenetrable, highways unknown, and the only outlets for commerce the mighty river which drains the basin west of the Alleghanies. The grandfather of



Henry K. Moore



Henry Kirtland Morse was one of the original proprietors who made up what was called the Connecticut Land Company, and came here in 1798, two years after the survey of the Western Reserve was completed. There were about fifty in this company, and among them are some of the well known names of Mahoning county, the Morses, Kirtlands, Fowlers, the Boardmans, who owned a large tract, John Struthers, and Dan Heaton, who built the first furnace in the state. At that time Poland township was No. 1, of the first range, and did not receive its present name till somewhat later. There were twelve sons and two daughters born to this original proprietor, and one of these, Elkanah, was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, about 1792.

Elkanah Morse was identified with many of the incidents of that new country, and many valuable records are preserved in his diaries, which were kept as clear as a copy-plate. He brought a load of scythes across the mountains with an ox team,—scythes were indispensable to the farmer of those times,—and then embarked in merchandising with another pioneer, Henry Turhand Kirtland. He assisted in the building of flatboats and made five different trips to New Orleans. As there were no markets as yet in that part of Ohio for many of the products of the land, in 1819 they took a cargo of ninety-eight bearskins and many barrels of linseed oil down the river and shipped it to New York. These same gentlemen erected, in 1815, a wooden dam on Yellow creek, also a sawmill and oil mill, which was run by the subject of this biography up to twenty years ago, a fulling mill and dyeing and finishing works. In 1825 the firm was dissolved, and Morse and Dickson became the prominent merchants and manufacturers of the place. They made a variety of comb from horn, pewter spoons, and other articles of trade, and two brothers of Mr. Morse, Ira and Benajah, peddled these goods all over the state. In 1830 Mr. Morse began the manufacture of brooms, making the handles from basswood, and he used two large buildings and employed twenty men in this business. He grew four hundred acres of broom corn in one season, and his son Henry Kirtland recalls the fact that he hoed and cut broom corn on nearly every farm on the river to Youngstown. About 1831 he engaged in the shipping and commission business in connection with his brother. In 1834 it is related that Stephen Hall, a cousin of Mr. Morse, went to Maryland and began the business of canning oysters, and a short time afterward David Waller took a load of brooms across the mountains to Cumberland, Maryland, and returned with a load of oysters; some of these were taken to Detroit on a sled and sold for four dollars per gallon. Mr. Morse boarded all of his thirty to forty men who worked for him, and there were many merry times in those early days, which have become only a

memory with our older civilization. Elkanah Morse began with only his hands and a willing heart for capital, and when the hard times of 1837 came on he was worth about fifty thousand dollars, which was swept away in that crisis, and he was left bankrupt. In 1849 he tried to recoup his losses by making his way to that often delusive phantom of the California gold fields, but when he was on Horse creek near Fort Laramie he was stricken down by the cholera and now fills an unknown grave. His son William continued the journey, but returned after an absence of two years with little to show for his hardships and labor.

Elkanah Morse was married in 1818 to Nancy Kirtland, who was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1800, and was brought here when she was two years old. Lois was the first child of this marriage and she is the widow of Mr. I. K. Mansfield, at Beaver, Pennsylvania; her son was in the Civil war, rose from orderly sergeant to first lieutenant, acting as captain in the quartermaster's department, was with Sherman, but was never wounded and never asked for a pension; he is now residing in Beaver and is an elder in the church and is a member of the legislature. The second child was Henry Kirtland; and the next, Edwin Morse, who was born in 1824, and died in 1853, leaving his widow but no living children. After the death of his first wife Mr. Morse was married to Elizabeth Waller, who came from Portage county. Their son William was a soldier in the Civil war, was taken prisoner at Stone River and died at Atlanta, Georgia, where he was buried.

Henry Kirtland Morse is the oldest living native of Poland, where he was born May 4, 1822, and now resides on his fifty-five acre farm, part of which is in the town corporation. He had fair school advantages and spent some time in Detroit, Michigan, and Ravenna, Ohio, in Meadville College. He has devoted most of his life to farming, and still, notwithstanding his advanced age, he does market gardening, his place being one of the most fertile in the county and situated on the banks of the Yellow creek. He has spent much of his time as a merchant; for about twelve years he manufactured flour and linseed oil and conducted a nursery. He is still interested largely in fruit-raising in Pennsylvania, where he has a large farm. He is one of the company of the Poland Creamery Company and a director of the Farmers Deposit and Savings Bank of Poland. He was treasurer of the Poland Union Seminary. He was for a long time elder in the Presbyterian church, taking active part in all things of interest to the community in which he lives. Mr. Morse is a first-class mechanic, having several samples of his fine work.

On April 10, 1848, Mr. Morse was married to Mrs. Mary A. Wick,

the daughter of James Lynn, whose wife was a Miss More, of Virginia. Mrs. Morse died in 1878 at the age of fifty-eight, leaving four children. The son Henry G., who is the president of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, New Jersey, resides in Philadelphia and has five children; Charles James, at Pittsburg, was one of the Morse Bridge Company, and has two sons; Edwin Kirtland is a highly capable civil engineer in Pittsburg and has two daughters; Mary Lynn Wade, at home. In 1882 Mr. Morse was married to Miss Eliza Blakelee, of Tallmadge, Ohio, who is a graduate of Oberlin College and taught about twenty-five years, one of her pupils being William McKinley. Mr. and Mrs. Morse reside in the house which was built by his father seventy-three years ago; it is a beautiful old place, the dwelling being of the colonial style, two stories high and with a broad porch around it, and one of the tall and stately evergreens in front was planted by his first wife many years ago. Mr. Morse was a Whig during the life of that party, and has since been a Republican, and from 1844 to 1852 he was postmaster. He takes much interest in the early historical records of the county. He and his wife are Presbyterians.

#### SAMUEL R. CARTWRIGHT.

As has been remarked in other connections, the potteries at East Liverpool are among the most important of the city's industries and perhaps have contributed more than any other single feature both to the population and prosperity of the place. The workers in these busy hives represent a motley assortment, which has been contributed to more or less by nearly every country in Europe, and a goodly share has come from old England, whose industries of a similar kind have sent forth many recruits to the ware-making establishments of Ohio. For the reasons stated, there is a kindly feeling and warm appreciation for the men who have organized or done the labor in these institutions, from the boy at the puddle to the capitalist at the head of a large corporation. The potteries, in fact, have furnished employment for thousands of people for many years, and when the money paid out for labor and material and brought into the country from the sale of the products is counted up, it will be found to reach an enormous sum. These remarks are but preliminary to introducing to the readers of this volume one of the men who by his long connection with and success in managing a pottery plant deserves mention as having served the community while aiding himself.

The Cartwrights belong to an old English family, long resident in Shropshire, where they had representatives in the various agricultural pur-

suits and the mechanical arts. Thomas Cartwright, it seems, who was born during the latter part of the eighteenth century, spent his life as a small farmer and ended his days not far from his birthplace. His son, William Cartwright, whose birth occurred in Shropshire in 1801, also became tiller of the soil when he grew up and continued this occupation until his emigration to America in 1845. He was married in England in 1824 to Elizabeth Brett, and when the voyage to the United States was undertaken the parents were accompanied by a number of children, who in later life became thoroughly identified with American institutions and made good and loyal citizens of their adopted country. The brief record kept in the family registry shows that four of the five sons bared their breasts to the storm in the agonizing days, and one lost his life at a critical conjuncture of the Civil war. Thomas, the eldest son, served in the Seventy-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died after the war. Anna, the eldest daughter, became the wife of Thomas Thackery, but is now numbered with the dead. John, second son and third child, rose to the rank of captain of Company A, Twenty-seventh United States (colored) Infantry, and was killed while leading his troops at the battle of Petersburg. Mary, the second daughter, is now the estimable wife of Holland Manley. William enlisted and served gallantly in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Joseph died at the age of eighteen, and the mother of this interesting family, after living to see all but one of her children grow to be worthy members of society, closed her earthly career in 1880.

Samuel R. Cartwright, not included in the above list, was the seventh and youngest of his parents' children and the one to whom this memoir is especially devoted. His birth occurred at Burslem, Staffordshire, England, in 1840, and he was consequently but five years old when the voyage of his family to the new world was undertaken. Shortly after reaching New York the emigrants turned their faces westward and in due time arrived at East Liverpool, where it had been determined to permanently locate. Samuel was placed in school as soon as he reached legal age and remained with his books a few years, but was not destined to obtain much of an education along academic lines. When twelve years old he bade farewell to his studies and entered actively into the serious work of life as helper in an humble capacity in one of the local potteries. During the following twelve years he kept industriously at work, learning the various details of the business as he went along, and got his first change of occupation by enlisting in May, 1864, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and

Forty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the next September. After leaving the army Mr. Cartwright determined to avail himself of his previous training by going into business for himself, and to this end formed a partnership with his brother William and a third party for the prosecuting of the pottery business on a small scale. The new firm started modestly with one kiln, devoted to the manufacture of yellow ware, which, in the course of time, was changed to white ware exclusively, and meantime there was also a change in the firm name. In 1880 it became Cartwright Brothers, who continued many years as a partnership, and in 1897 incorporated with a view to getting more in line with modern business methods. The company has no complaint to make as to the business it has done, or is doing, and it is manifest that a steady growth, as well as healthy increasing prosperity has rewarded the labor of these industrious brothers.

In 1861 Mr. Cartwright was married at Smith's Ferry, Pennsylvania, to Elizabeth, daughter of William Talbot. Frank E., the first child born to this union, died in infancy. Fred H., the other son, married Miss Caroline, daughter of Christian Metsch, and has two children, Robert M. and Ruth E. Occasionally during his business career Mr. Cartwright has been called from too close confinement to his own affairs to render public service to the people; one of these calls was in the shape of an election to the city council from the third ward, a position which he held six years, and during a third of that time he was president of the body. He was also elected and re-elected trustee of Liverpool township, to the obligations involved in which honor he devoted a considerable portion of his valuable time during a period of six years. In religion Mr. Cartwright is a Methodist, in politics he is a Republican, and his only fraternal connection is with Lyons Post No. 44, G. A. R.

#### WILLIAM LEIGHTON THOMPSON, M. D.

There is a halo of romance surrounding all those who went to California in '49, and they have figured in song and story not unlike those fabled warriors who went on the mythical argonautic expeditions in pursuit of the "golden fleece." This naturally results from the fact that the discovery of gold in California was an epoch-making event, not only in the history of this country, but of the whole civilized world. Those, therefore, who joined the great rush are usually alluded to as the "heroes of '49," and wherever one survives he is sure to be an interesting character in the community, both on account of the deeds he has done and of the tales he can tell. Such an experience, necessarily fraught with adventure both going and coming, to say nothing of the life and struggles in the mining camps, with its odd char-

acters from all over the world, invests its possessor with a personality and fund of anecdote that are sure to make him a welcome guest in every assemblage. Having visited California at the height of the excitement, and spent seventeen years there during the most characteristic period of the mining camps, the gentleman to whom this brief biography is devoted was a "forty-niner" and a participant in many of the scenes which furnished material for Bret Harte's charming sketches of California life.

The founder of this particular branch of the Thompson family was an Englishman, who came over to New York when it was still a loyal colony of King George. As the troubles between the colonies and the mother country grew more and more intense, the situation was rendered very disagreeable for those who still remained loyal to the crown, and as Mr. Thompson was one of these, he found New York city so uncomfortable as a place of residence that he returned to England to escape persecution. His son, however, remained and identified himself with the republic which resulted from the prolonged agitation and war of the last quarter of the eighteenth century.

John Thompson, the son of the latter, was born in New York city in 1800, and later removed to the west and ended his days in Iowa about 1870. His wife was Malinda Smith, a native of New York, and he had four children, one of whom died in infancy, and a daughter passed away at the age of eighteen years. John, the eldest son, died about 1875, leaving three children: James, William and Nina.

William L. Thompson, the other son and youngest of his father's children, was born at Troy, New York, March 31, 1829, and when nine years old accompanied his parents on their removal to LaPorte, Indiana. **Here he grew up and was educated in the common schools, subsequently attending the Indiana Medical College at LaPorte, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1849.** Within three weeks after receiving his degree the young doctor was on his way to the distant gold fields of California, whose then recent discovery had caused a great stir in the east and set in motion an army of adventurous spirits toward the shores of the western ocean. Accompanied by four companions, Dr. Thompson made the difficult and dangerous trip overland, going by the old Mormon trail to the Missouri and thence by the Platte river road on to the scene of his destination. At that time the traveling was rough and beset with all sorts of privations, to say nothing of the numerous bands of savages who lay in wait at many points, to fall upon any party of emigrants that might come their way. The herds of buffalo that roamed the prairies in countless numbers were still undisturbed by the agencies that subsequently destroyed them, and other

large game indigenous to the Rockies as yet flourished in undiminished abundance. The little party of Indianians left home March 12, 1850, and after a journey long to be remembered arrived in the land of gold, August 8, 1850. Dr. Thompson, who was a little past his twenty-first birthday when he reached the golden shores, spent the subsequent seventeen years in and around the mining camps of California. His previous professional training proved advantageous in the rapidly accumulating population, and he practiced medicine to advantage among the miners assembled from all parts of the world. Meantime, however, he was not neglectful of the opportunities afforded by mining, and put in a considerable portion of his time searching for the precious metal. Tiring, eventually, of the somewhat wild and uncivilized life of the gold regions, Dr. Thompson determined to return east, and carried out this resolve in 1867. Making his way to Ohio, he located at East Liverpool, resumed the practice of medicine and has ever since made his home in that city.

In 1854, while residing in California, Dr. Thompson was married at Maxwell's Creek, later known as Coulterville, to Harriett, daughter of William Brunt, an Englishman. He has only one child, a daughter named Arabella, who is at present the wife of George Blackmore. Though a Republican in politics, Dr. Thompson has never held but one office, which was that of a justice of the peace at Coulterville, California. Referring to this, in a reminiscent way, the Doctor is in the habit of saying that as he only tried one case and married one couple, he hopes to obtain forgiveness for this single lapse from his usual aversion to office-holding. He is not a member of any church, and his fraternal connection is confined to membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

#### THOMAS NEWELL STITT.

Five years as a commercial traveler gave Mr. Stitt an invaluable experience in dealing with men and in broadening his mental horizon. After all, there is little in business beyond the thorough knowledge of men, at least in that department which has to do with the vending of merchandise, and the man who can read men and can devise means of interesting them in his enterprise, is certain of success. Possessing this faculty of keen perception, Mr. Stitt had but to combine with it assiduity in his work, and the result was a foregone conclusion.

It was in the town of Pulaski, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1853, that he was born, and he there passed his boyhood days in attendance at school and with his parents, until at the age of thirteen years he commenced work

on a farm in Pennsylvania, where he continued until he reached the age of eighteen, at which time he entered a store in Wheatland, Pennsylvania, as clerk. Remaining there two years, he afterward came to Youngstown, Ohio, in 1873, entering the store of E. M. McGillen & Company. Here he remained in various capacities. Attaining a wide grasp of the business in all its details, he rose to be manager of the Cleveland Wholesale Dry Goods Department. He then spent two years upon the road for the same company, and about one year for a Boston firm, also another year for a New York firm.

In 1885 he became connected with G. M. McKelvey & Company at Youngstown as manager and buyer of several departments, and he remained with them for a period of ten years, until the Youngstown Dry Goods Company was organized, when he was chosen president. About a year later he was elected treasurer also, and in this responsible position has had the principal direction of the various branches of this successful firm.

He was united in marriage on the 10th of July, 1877, at Pulaski, Tennessee, to Mary, daughter of Robert McClenahan, and six children have gathered about their hearthside. These are Harold I., Robert D., Edith, Helen, Walter C. and Mary.

His father, William Stitt, was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1808 and died in the year 1900, having been a resident of Youngstown as early as 1832 and 1833. His wife was Jane Robinson and to them were born five children beside our subject, as follows: Archibald W.; William; Ella N.; Teresa, wife of E. E. Moore; and Walter C. The mother died at sixty-seven years of age.

Mr. Stitt is a Republican in principles and action and is a member of the Presbyterian church. In his present highly responsible position in business he has won the esteem alike of friends and competitors. Rising only through natural ability and energy, he richly deserves the reward of his long years of effort.

#### JAMES LIDDLE.

The most interesting feature of every one's life is how he has used the opportunities which came in his way, and how he has met the obstacles which hinder more or less the success of every ambitious youth. From this point of view we now have to consider in the life of Mr. James Liddle a very attractive career. He was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, nor did his parents live to carry him smoothly over the first part of the highway of life and set him down with ample preparation and training at the parting of



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the ways. He is a native of Ohio, born March 14, 1834, and his earliest recollections are of Poland township at the home of George Liddle, where he lived from his sixth to his ninth year. He was then under the care of a farmer in this township named Lemuel Holland, for whom he worked more than he ate or went to school, but at the end of four years he took French leave, being then thirteen years old. He drifted about in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois, and was employed in different occupations until the war came on. He went to Illinois in 1852 and in 1853 had the privilege of seeing in a court room in Salem the man who was to lead the nation through its most crucial struggle, Abraham Lincoln. Young Liddle worked for a time at growing broom corn and making brooms, and found employment at various places, Shawneetown, Princeton and Geneseo. He returned to Ohio in 1859 and has been one of the successful farmers since that time in Boardman township, just north of Poland. He carries on general farming and dairying and intends to pass his remaining days in this place. He has served as township trustee and in other ways has manifested his public spirit, and his first vote was cast for the Republican candidate John C. Fremont, but he now holds himself independent in politics.

On March 7, 1861, Mr. Liddle was married to Miss Nancy Loveland, who was born near Youngstown in August, 1843, the daughter of David and Lydia (Pyle) Loveland; her grandfather Amos Loveland went into the Revolutionary army when too young to act as a regular, but he afterward served for four years, and he was later among the surveyors of the Western Reserve and bought of the Western Reserve Company four hundred acres of land, being one of the earliest settlers in that region; two hundred acres of this land still remains in the family, and Mrs. Liddle owns ninety acres and the second home in which her grandfather lived. Mr. and Mrs. Liddle are justly proud of their eight children, all of whom have shown in various ways their marked ability and strong characters and are now occupying honorable places in the world's activity.

Loveland S. Liddle, the oldest son, had a good fundamental education and is now a substantial farmer on part of the old Loveland farm; he married Ida M. Johnson of Burton, Ohio, in 1895, and they took up their residence in a new home near the old Loveland homestead. The next in the family is Mark H., who attended school at the Poland Union Seminary, later graduated from Duff's Mercantile College in Pittsburg, began his business career as clerk in the Farmers Deposit and Savings Bank at Poland, rising to the position of cashier, and is now cashier of the Struthers Savings Bank, of which he was the founder. John D. Liddle had a good education, was a

machinist for several years in the shops of Newcastle, Pennsylvania, but gave up his trade because of an injury received in the shop, and is at present an extensive dairyman in Youngstown; in 1894 he married Bertha Kerr, of Youngstown, who became the mother of two children, and they make their home on the old Loveland place. The oldest daughter of the family is Clare E., who attended the public school and seminary in Poland and is living at home with her parents. The fourth son, Thorn B., after gaining an education, took up farming, and now assists his parents in looking after their interests. Grace G. completed the course of study in Poland, graduated from Duff's College in Pittsburg, and was a student at Scio and Wooster Universities, since which time she has been a successful teacher in Boardman, this county. Clyde C. also took a course at Duff's Mercantile College and then entered the Poland Bank as office boy; at the age of nineteen he became clerk in the Dollar Savings Bank of Youngstown and two years later was given the position of assistant cashier in the Struthers Savings and Banking Company. The youngest of the household, Lydia B., graduated from the Poland Seminary and the Rayen school in Youngstown and is now at home.

#### EDWARD DEVON.

The above named gentleman is one of the many contributions in the way of skilled workmen made by old England to the pottery industries of East Liverpool. The name of this place is itself English and suggests the famous seaport city at the mouth of the Mersey which from time immemorial has been an important commercial mart in the British Isles. Whether similarity in name makes Englishmen feel at home or whether, as is most likely the case, men of a particular kind of pursuit naturally flock to the centers where occupation in their line is to be secured, still the fact remains that East Liverpool has long protected English immigration, and quite a colony from "the tight little isle" has gathered around the enterprising Ohio city. They come from all parts of England, but mostly from the shires where the mechanic and mining industries have for ages trained up a population especially suited to supply the demands for workmen in these lines.

The Devon family is extensively represented in America, but the gentleman of whom it is herein intended to give some particulars of a biographical nature has been identified with East Liverpool interests for about twenty-three years. The family originated in Ireland, but has been long resident in England. John Devon, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native born Irishman, intensely loyal to the traditions of that historic country and lived most of the days of his life within its borders. His son,

John Devon, was born in England in 1830, reared a large family of children and closed his career in 1898 when about sixty-eight years of age. The list of children, as given in order of birth, stands thus on the family register: John; Thomas; Edward; William; Mary, now the wife of John Wooten; Harry; Elizabeth, now the wife of William McGee; and Nellie, wife of John Colbaugh. In addition to the subject of this sketch three of his brothers came over to America and are in its industrial citizenship at various points. William, the fourth son, married Emily Taylor, and has four children: Harry L., Arnold M., Wilfred and Grace E. Harry, the sixth in age of his father's family, married Nellie Brooks and has three children: Harry, Nellie and Alice.

Edward Devon, who ranks third in the family, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1863, and when a youth of sixteen summers made his way alone across the Atlantic, for the purpose of seeking a career in the United States. He came direct to East Liverpool in 1879 and secured employment in Homer Loughlin's Pottery, where he worked in the kiln department for the following three years. This brought him into 1883, the year of the great lockout, which so disturbed industrial conditions in that locality and disarranged former terms of employment. About that time Mr. Devon had become a stockholder in the Dresden pottery works, but though he retained this interest five years he only worked there during the year succeeding the lockout. In March, 1884, he went to the C. C. Thompson Pottery Company, and was employed in the kiln department of that establishment for two years. In 1886 Mr. Devon began his career with the D. E. McNicol Pottery Company in the line of his regular work and did all the firing for them for the ten subsequent years, since which time he has been general manager of the kiln department. Mr. Devon is regarded as a skilful workman who thoroughly understands his business, and he is one of the most useful men connected with the East Liverpool potteries. He was married to Miss Anna J., daughter of John A. Garner, of East Liverpool, and has two children, Alice A., and Clara J. Mr. Devon's religious affiliations are with the Episcopal church, his politics are Republican, and he is a member of the Knights Templar branch of Masonry.

#### ERASTUS D. MARSHALL.

The mention of this name immediately recalls the Old Dominion, as it has become associated in the public mind with that state and has a decided Virginian flavor. It is difficult to remember a time when some one or other of the Marshalls was not a leader in the affairs of that old commonwealth, and they have been especially distinguished in the law. In fact the name

Marshall is almost synonymous with the law, and the gentleman above named, who is the subject of this brief biography, has maintained the traditions of the profession, following the example of his father, who also devoted his life to this honorable calling. The founder of this particular branch of the family, and great-grandfather of Erastus D. Marshall, came to Virginia when it was still a loyal colony of the various English majesties, and when rebellion had not been so much as thought of, much less set afoot by enthusiastic geniuses of the Patrick Henry type. This immigrant ancestor, whose name was Aaron Marshall, was born in England and combined the callings of farming and of preaching, his voyage to Virginia being in company with Lord Dunmore, who figured so conspicuously as governor of the colony in the latter half of the eighteenth century. He located in what afterward became Hancock county in West Virginia, spent the remainder of his days there and passed away in 1826, when seventy-six years old. His son, John Marshall, was born in what was then Brooke county, in 1783, was a farmer by occupation, married Elizabeth Hayes and lived until 1860. From this union came James G. Marshall, who was born in Brooke county in 1826, and is now a prominent lawyer at New Cumberland, West Virginia, having served several terms as prosecuting attorney of Hancock county. He was married in 1849 to Lavina, daughter of John Miller, and who died in 1892, after becoming the mother of four children, of whom one named John died in infancy, and three survive, as follows: Oliver S.; Erastus D.; and Ila E., wife of Dr. J. C. Walton.

Erastus D. Marshall, second of the three living children, was born in Fairview, Hancock county, West Virginia, March 31, 1852, and remained in his native place until some years after becoming of age. He received an excellent academical education by his attendance in the Fairview schools, supplemented later by a two years' course in Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, and completed at Bethany College, West Virginia, where he spent one year. After leaving college in 1877, Mr. Marshall spent four years as a kind of post-graduate preparation for life by teaching four years in the schools of Hancock county. Thus equipped, both in theory and practice, Mr. Marshall came to East Liverpool in 1880, entered earnestly into the study of law, obtained a license in due time and for over twenty years has been one of the active and enterprising members of the bar in this thriving Ohio city. Like most young lawyers, he exhibited an early fondness for politics, and in West Virginia, where he has always maintained a residence, he has long been a conspicuous figure in the strenuous campaigns characteristic of the mountain state. For twenty years there

has scarcely been a convention, either state or congressional, held in that lively commonwealth, in which Mr. Marshall has not been sent as a delegate, and he is not only recognized as a zealous worker and influential leader, but a "past master" in parliamentary law and all the devices which go so far to gain supremacy in popular assemblages.

In 1879 Mr. Marshall was married at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Clara E. Gardner, and their union has been brightened and strengthened by the birth of three intelligent and promising children, whose names are Alma, Harold and Hilda. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Christian church, and the family enjoys a welcome in the best social circles of Ohio and West Virginia.

#### HARRISON JONES.

One of the leading ministers of the gospel in northeastern Ohio, and a gentleman who has been for long years prominently identified with some of the leading churches of that section of the state, is here presented for the consideration of our readers. Rev. Jones was at one time the beloved pastor of the Church of Christ in Alliance, Ohio. He is a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, where he was born in the year 1813, on the 15th of June. His father was Isaiah Jones, his mother Sara Hartford. Isaiah Jones was a native of the Old Dominion state, coming to Ohio about 1812. The mother was a sister of the noted Dr. Hartford, of Canton, Ohio, and later of Pittsburg. The family removed from Trumbull county to Wooster, in 1815, where they continued to reside until our subject was a lad of thirteen years. Mr. Isaiah Jones was one of the pioneer merchants of that city. He was a man of fine standing and influence in his community, and is remembered as having been the first mayor of the town of Wooster. He also served for a period as justice of the peace in that village. He later removed to a farm in Crawford county, where he continued to reside for a period, and then went back to Wayne county, where he resided until his death at the age of seventy-nine years. He was of a family which was distinguished by other members in the early history of the state, his brother, Benjamin Jones, having represented the district of which Wayne county was then a part in the national Congress. Grandfather Samuel Jones married Leah Thomas, and they were the parents of seven sons. The maternal great-grandfather Thomas was a Baptist minister and chaplain to George Washington during the Revolutionary war.

Rev. Harrison Jones began his service for the Master at a very tender age, beginning active pulpit service when but a boy of fourteen. He was one of the very first of the itinerant Disciple preachers and for a period of

twenty years engaged in the arduous work of an itinerant preacher in north-eastern Ohio. There was no organization of Disciples in this section of the country at that time, and he traveled from place to place preaching wherever he could find a building or an audience. Mr. Jones was immersed into the faith in 1825 and ordained to the work in 1827. The first Disciple church organized was at the village of New Lisbon, Ohio, by Walter Scott, the second church being at Warner, Ohio. After the itinerant experience Rev. Jones settled at Wadsworth, Ohio, and began attendance there at an academy, in the meantime engaging in preaching. The academy was taught by the noted pioneer educator, John McGregor, a Scotchman, who left his impress upon society in that early time.

During this period the marriage of our subject occurred, in 1836, to Miss L. Pardee, who was a student at the academy. The marriage has been blessed with a family of eight children: Helen M., now Mrs. Solliday; William A. Jones, of Canton, Ohio, with the Pennsylvania railroad; Jefferson H. Jones, a merchant in Chicago; Emily P., now Mrs. Heston, of Homestead, Pa.; Isaiah B., Ashland, Ohio, conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Sara Ann, deceased wife of Mr. Norman Sherman, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Mary C., Mrs. Turner, of Pueblo, Colorado; K. Porter Jones, of Marysville, Tennessee. The mother of this family died at the age of seventy-four, in September, 1890.

In 1848 Rev. Jones settled at the town of Wooster, where he preached for seventeen years as pastor of one church. The condition of his father's health having incapacitated him for the conduct of his farm, our subject removed to the home place and for a number of years was engaged in agricultural pursuits and preaching in Wooster at the same time. In 1857 he became pastor of the Disciples church of Bedford, Ohio. He had watched with foreboding the strife between the north and the south during the fifties, and while he dreaded the calamity of war, he yet considered it his duty to do what he could for the encouragement of the cause which meant so much for the benighted race. Therefore, in 1861, he joined the Union forces as chaplain, becoming a member of President Garfield's regiment, Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He remained in active service for a period of three years, when his wife's failing health caused him to offer his resignation and return home. In 1865 he was called to Cleveland as pastor of the Euclid Avenue Disciples church, and built the edifice which is still in use by that organization. He passed here a period of seven years, his ministry having been attended with success. He then became pastor of the two charges at Alliance and Newburg, which he served for three years. In 1871 he removed to Alliance, where he has since continued to reside.

Mr. Jones is a man of fine pulpit presence, and is regarded as one of the most eloquent preachers in the church of Christ. His life has been an exceedingly active one, and he has been connected very prominently with the educational life of his church, having served periods of eight or ten years each as trustee at Bethany and Hiram Colleges. In his earlier life he was very active in his opposition to slavery, and is proud to recall that he took a helpful part in the management of that institution, the "underground railway." In the early times he was in political matters a Jacksonian Democrat, but became dissatisfied with the position of that party on the slavery question, and was active in the organization of the Republican party, for whose candidates he has voted ever since that time. The family of which Rev. Jones is a member consisted of eight children: Mary, deceased; John, also deceased; Daniel, deceased; Thomas G., deceased; Ann, now living at the age of ninety-three years in Monmouth, Illinois, having married a gentleman by the name of Butler; J. H., the subject of this sketch; Isaiah, deceased; Sara, deceased.

Rev. Jones has been highly successful as a preacher, having a record of over ten thousand conversions under his ministerial teaching. He is a gentleman who is universally esteemed, and is passing the latter period of his life still engaged in the active service for the Master. He deserves, as he receives, the kindly offices of a very large circle of friends and admirers.

#### WILLIAM H. WINSWORTH.

William H. Winsworth is one of those resourceful men who seem able to turn their hand to any line or kind of business, always achieving success in each new endeavor. He has been successively news dealer, clerk, laundryman, cigar dealer, ticket broker and ice-cutter and vender, to say nothing of various other occupations of a more transitory character. Each new departure has given him a wider experience and rendered his mind more fertile in its new conceptions.

Born in Washington, Pennsylvania, on December 24, 1859, he early removed to Pittsburg, and at this place received his early education, which he completed at Youngstown in 1876. Immediately on graduating he obtained the sole agency for the Pittsburg "Despatch" and made large sales of this paper for the following year or two, during which time he also sold the Pittsburg Leader. Afterward he worked as clerk in a grocery store for about four years, and then, solely by his own endeavor, organized the Calvin Winsworth Laundry Company, and for about four years conducted this business with great success, making many friends among his patrons.

Finally he sold his interest in the company to C. Thornton, its present proprietor. He then conceived the idea of coming to Chicago during the World's Fair, and seeing all of its wonders, and at the same time conducting a business which would pay all his expenses and render him an income beside. To many men this would be a matter of great difficulty, but not so to Mr. Winsworth. He remained in Chicago about six months during the fair, during which time he rented and sublet rooms, taking back to Youngstown a nice sum of money upon his return. He then went into the business of ticket broker, with which he also combined the cigar business, but after a time he sold out and went to work for the Crystal Ice Company, in which he started as collector and bookkeeper, and on account of his able services and capacity in the business was made its manager, and upon the formation of the Union Ice Company of Youngstown, he was selected as the ablest man who could be found to fill the position of its manager. This was in 1896, and since that time he has rendered able services and largely increased the business.

He was married in 1886, in Youngstown, to Sarah Johnson, by whom he had two children, Mabel J. and Florence H. His father was John G. Winsworth, claiming England as the place of his nativity. He died in 1899, leaving three children surviving him, as follows: Hattie E.; George H., now a resident of Chicago; and William H.; a fourth child born to them is now dead. His father served for a brief period in a regiment of Pennsylvania infantry, and died in Youngstown, Ohio, his wife still surviving. William H. Winsworth has always been a supporter of the Republican party, and makes his influence felt in many ways. He is also a member of the Elks, in which organization he is highly esteemed and has made many friends in his ever-changing career.

#### HARRIET SWIFT KIRTLAND.

Mrs. Harriet (Swift) Kirtland unites in hers some of the most honored names in Mahoning county. Her grandfather, Judge Zephaniah Swift, was for many years a judge in the higher courts. His son Lucian was a native of Connecticut, born June 2, 1808, and died in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1890. He came west when he was about twenty years old and settled in Summit county, Ohio. He married Sarah West, the daughter of Captain West, who for many years sailed a good ship from Martha's Vineyard and lived to be eighty-three years of age; two of his sons were drowned when they were young. Lucian Swift was active in public life, was clerk of the probate court and held other offices in the gift of the people. His wife is still living and



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is active in mind and body, notwithstanding her eighty-two years. Harriet was the oldest of the four children of these parents that came to adult age; Lucian is the manager of the *Minneapolis Journal*, going to that city in 1875, and he has a wife and one daughter; Grace Huntington Swift lives with her aged mother in Cleveland; Thomas West died in Cleveland in 1881. Harriet Swift was born in Akron, Ohio, and was a graduate from the schools of Cleveland, Ohio. On February 3, 1876, she was united in marriage to Cook Fitch Kirtland, and this brings us to the consideration of his family.

The early history of Mahoning county has among its most prominent names that of Kirtland. Grandfather Turhand Kirtland, who was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, November 16, 1755, came to Ohio when only trails led through the dense forests. It is known that Turhand, his brother Jared, and his sister and her husband, Jonathan Fowler, made the journey from Beaver, Pennsylvania (which place was then called Mackintosh), to Poland township, Mahoning county, in a canoe, arriving here May 29, 1799. Turhand and his brother located homes here, but did not bring their families until 1802. The former was well known as a land agent and a public-spirited citizen. In 1804 he started a tavern in a frame building on the high ground east of the creek and ran this as a first-class house for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler lived in a cloth tent for the first six weeks, on the west bank of Yellow creek near the flouring mill. They erected a substantial house, in which the first white child of the township was born, Rachel Fowler. In 1800 the first marriage in the township was celebrated on their farm, the contracting parties being John Black and Nancy Bryan; there were about seventy persons in the company, and some delay was experienced in finding a person who was qualified to marry them, but Judge Kirtland finally performed the ceremony to the satisfaction of all. Another incident connected with this early time was that Turhand Kirtland brought the first wagon to Warren, Pennsylvania, but was forced to leave it at that place as there was no road further. The large public square, or commons, in Poland and the cemetery were donated by grandfather Kirtland, and the church lot was given by his son, Henry T. The salt spring tract belonged to him and others whom he represented.

The son, Henry T. Kirtland, was born November 16, 1795, and he was the father of Cook Fitch Kirtland, who was born at Canfield, Mahoning county, September 21, 1826. He was reared here, spent his life engaged in banking and other business concerns. He was the owner of a fine farm on which his widow now lives, and of several others. He was twice married, his first wife being Mariah Perkins Swift, who was an own cousin of his second wife.

They had two children, but they are both deceased, the son Henry Turhand dying at the age of nineteen, and the daughter Maria at the age of ten. By his second marriage two children were born: Isabel was educated in Waterbury, Connecticut, has considerable artistic talent, and resides at home; Lucian Swift Kirtland is a senior in Yale College, is a member of the boat crew and is a splendid young man in every respect. Mr. Kirtland died in his seventieth year, on April 14, 1896, and Mrs. Kirtland now resides in the fine old brick mansion erected by him about fifty years ago. The house has two stories and a half and a basement, is heated by natural gas and a furnace, resembles a modern dwelling notwithstanding its age, and is a most charming home for this delightful family.

#### SANFORD C. HILL.

Sanford C. Hill was born near Pughtown, Brooke county, Virginia (now Fairview, Hancock county, West Virginia) on June 20, 1796. He was the sixth of ten children of Roger and Elizabeth Hill, namely, Clarissa, Eli, Ira, Charlotta, Levi, Sanford, Abram, John, Elizabeth and William. Of the foregoing, Charlotta died in childhood; Levi, who was but two years older than Sanford, and between whom there was always the strongest mutual attachment, was a soldier in the Indian wars under General Harrison, and died in camp near Tippecanoe of fever at about the age of twenty; Clarissa married a Baker, and Elizabeth married John Fisher.

It is well known to his children that our subject had carefully prepared a "genealogical tree," but this, unfortunately, is lost to them. It was to him a matter of pride that he came of a race well born and of good estate and conspicuous for their chivalry and zealous support of the cause of colonial independence.

Roger Hill, the father of our subject, was born in Connecticut May 16, 1755, and after his marriage moved to Brattleboro, Vermont. The Hill and Allen families, the latter prominent in colonial history, were intimately associated prior to the Revolution, and there are strong traditional grounds for the belief that Roger Hill accompanied Colonel Ethan Allen in his expedition for the capture of Ticonderoga. He was also one of a ship's crew to take letters of marque to carry on privateering against the enemy, but their vessel was run down by a British man-of-war and all were made prisoners, and kept in close confinement in a prison ship for several months. Roger Hill died November 11, 1833.

Elizabeth, wife of Roger Hill, was the youngest of ten children of Oliver and Rejoice Preston Farwell, of Massachusetts, whose residence was near

where the city of Lowell now stands, where she was born September 3, 1762. Three of her brothers, William, Isaac and Benjamin, and an uncle, Henry Farwell, fought on the side of the Americans in the battle of Bunker Hill. Her brother William, who was an officer, and her uncle were among the wounded. Not a few of her grandchildren still living can well remember her telling of hearing the guns in that memorable engagement, and the excitement it created in the family. Elizabeth died October 8, 1855, in the ninety-fourth year of her age.

Mr. Hill, the subject of this sketch, obtained an early liberal education, pursuing an uninterrupted course of study until he was seventeen years of age, when he was employed as a clerk in a bookstore in Pittsburg. While still under age, with the aid of his father, he engaged in the mercantile business on the banks of the Ohio, within the present corporate limits of the town of Wellsville, Ohio. In 1817 he removed to Liverpool (now East Liverpool), four miles up the river, and opened up the first dry-goods store in that town. He soon sold out and devoted himself to a more congenial vocation, that of surveying and civil engineering. All of the early additions to the town of Liverpool were laid out by him.

During these early years Mr. Hill had a penchant for using the quill, and contributed many verses and sketches to local newspapers, which are still preserved by his children in the form of a scrap-book.

Although Mr. Hill's professional services were much sought after, he was in the largest sense of the word a student and devoted himself chiefly to the pursuit of his favorite subjects of mathematics and astronomy. For forty-two years he made a series of almanac calculations for publishers in different parts of the country. And his name thus became a household word, especially in the west and south, where his almanacs were to be found in almost every family. He was a frequent contributor of mathematical and astronomical articles to the leading periodicals, and was regarded as high authority on all subjects of that nature, his talents and attainments being recognized by the leading scientists of the day.

He was married to Vashti B. Moore September 26, 1820. Their children were as follows: Thomas M., born August 14, 1821, graduated from Jefferson College in 1848; was principal of an academy in Wooster, Ohio, for many years; married to Elizabeth Jones in 1851; died October 1, 1855. Eliza F., born December 20, 1822, married Samuel Boggs, July 19, 1848, and Thomas Blythe, July 24, 1865; she died 1902. Harriet N., born April 11, 1826; married to Andrew Blythe, October 30, 1849. Narcissa, born November 5, 1830; married to Stockdale Jackman, November 5, 1850. Vashti B. Hill, wife of Sanford C. Hill, died September 6, 1832.

Mr. Hill was married to Mrs. Sarah Sansbury, November 19, 1833. Mrs. Sansbury, whose deceased husband was Thomas Sansbury, was the daughter of William Leech, a strict orthodox Quaker. William's father's name is lost to this generation. He, too, was a Quaker. He was the brother of John Leech (uncle of William), who for many years was a member of the Pennsylvania legislature from Mercer county, both in the house and senate, who died in 1864 at the age of ninety-seven. John Leech was the son of Thomas and Phoebe Leech, of Warrington, Bucks county, Pennsylvania (the grandparents of William). They, too, were Quakers. David Leech, the oldest son of John Leech, was one of the projectors and builders of the old Pennsylvania Canal, and subsequently one of the chief owners and managers of the Allegheny Valley Railroad. He was also founder of the town of Leechburg in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Sansbury's infant daughter Almira was adopted by her uncle and aunt, Peter and Phebe Young, and in time she married a Rankin. Mr. Hill, as stated, by his first wife had three daughters and one son; by his second wife he had three sons and one daughter, named hereafter. Mrs. Sarah Hill, wife of Sanford C. Hill, died June 25, 1866. Mr. Hill died April 17, 1871. Our subject was a devout Christian, and for many years was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. He came of a good race, his father and mother being life-long members of the church of the same denomination.

Harrington R. Hill is the son of Sanford C. and Sarah Hill, the oldest of four children. He was born in East Liverpool, Ohio, November 12, 1834. He obtained his early education in the common schools of his native town, and in Beaver and West Alexander academies. He entered Jefferson College in 1856, being admitted to the junior class, and graduated from this institution with honor in 1858.

He at once entered upon the study of law at the office of Jonathan H. Wallace, of New Lisbon, Ohio, a prominent attorney and subsequently member of Congress. He was admitted to the bar March 21, 1861. He then located in a western town and entered upon the practice of his profession. He met with flattering success. But his country was in peril. A call went forth for "three hundred thousand more." His duty was imperative. He returned to the home of his youth and lent his aid and influence to the raising of a company from among his life-long friends and the associates of his boyhood, and soon there were enrolled over a hundred men who by a practically unanimous vote elected him their captain. This company became Company A of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered into service July 31, 1862. Captain Hill was

promoted to the office of major of this regiment August 19, 1864, and was made lieutenant-colonel February 8, 1865, which position he occupied until he was honorably discharged at the mustering out of his regiment at Cleveland, Ohio, June 22, 1865. Colonel Hill was provost marshal of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for more than a year, and by reason of his previous knowledge of law and experience in the civil courts was called to preside as judge advocate in many important court-martials.

After the war he returned to East Liverpool and resumed the practice of law, and soon attained a leading position, which he always maintained, at the Columbiana county bar. Colonel Hill was never ambitious to hold office, but has repeatedly resisted the most earnest solicitations of his friends and declined the most flattering offers of his party, the dominant one of his county and district, to become their candidate for the most important public places.

Colonel Hill was married July 26, 1865, at New Lisbon, Ohio, to Miss Louisa D., daughter of Mahlon Briggs. To their marriage there were born four children, as follows: Walter B. Hill, born September 10, 1866, graduated from Princeton College in 1890, and the Cincinnati law school in 1892; he was admitted to the bar in the same year. He married, in 1893, Miss Mabel E. Ball, daughter of Dan H. Ball, Esq., of Marquette, Michigan. William M., born October 24, 1868, graduated from Columbus, Ohio, law school in 1895; was captain of Company E, Eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, known as "McKinley's Own" in the Spanish-American war, serving until mustered out in 1899. Louisa, born July 1, 1870, married, November 9, 1898, Rollin W. Patterson, cashier of the Potter's National Bank of East Liverpool, Ohio. Marion, born November 19, 1892, married, May 23, 1900, George E. Davidson, an attorney of East Liverpool, Ohio.

Colonel Hill during recent years has gradually relaxed the toil of his long and busy professional career, and while still looking after his private affairs and certain business interests, is found much with his family, or in the society of his friends, whose name is legion, or "in the love of nature is holding communion with her visible forms," to whom indeed "she speaks a various language," or he is giving himself to quiet works of kindness and good will, for the Colonel is never so happy as when he is contributing to the good cheer and happiness of others.

Mrs. Adaline Brunt is the only daughter of Sanford C. and Sarah Hill. She was born October 23, 1837; married, March 2, 1857, William Brunt. Mr. Brunt is the proprietor of one of East Liverpool's largest potteries, and president of the Potters' National Bank. Their children are Florence, Belle, Hattie, William S., Sallie and Allie.

Rev. Winfield E. Hill is the third of the children of Sanford C. and Sarah Hill. He was born June 2, 1842; graduated from Jefferson College in 1864, and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1868. His pastoral charges have been Gettysburg and Fletcher, Ohio, Fairview, West Virginia, Waynesburg and Malvern, Ohio. He was married September 27, 1870, to Miss Nancy J. Horner, of Gettysburg, Ohio. Their children are Nannie Grace, who married Frank H. Shane; Florence, Arthur S., Janet M., Louise and Roger W.

Meriden S. Hill is the youngest of the four children of Sanford C. and Sarah Hill. He was born November 26, 1843, and graduated from Jefferson College in 1865. He was a druggist in East Liverpool, Ohio, and for many years was chairman of the Republican central committee of Columbiana county, Ohio. He was a real estate agent in Tacoma, Washington, and for a number of years president of the Tacoma city council. At present he is collector of customs at the port of Blaine, Washington. He was married to Mrs. Margaret Orr Lowrie June 28, 1887. Their children are: Meridan C., born April 3, 1888; Lawrence H., born November 16, 1889; Rowland W., born September 3, 1891, and Charles F., born June 19, 1896, died August 1, 1896.

#### CHARLES R. WETMORE.

Charles R. Wetmore, one of the prosperous young farmers of Canfield township, Mahoning county, Ohio, resides upon his fine farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land. He is the grandson of Azariah and Belinda (Spreague) Wetmore, the former of whom was born in Middlefield, Connecticut, February 4, 1772, and the latter was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, February 9, 1785. In 1798 Azariah emigrated to Ohio, where he purchased considerable land, and then returned to Connecticut and married, and in 1802 returned to Ohio, settling at Canfield. He was one of the first New England people to locate in this neighborhood and became prominent in local affairs. He was one of the men to dig the well which now is the property of Canfield. Upon locating he erected a log cabin and began his life as a pioneer, with a brave heart and willing hands.

Some of the experiences of these good people are very entertaining, for, in spite of hard work, they managed to extract pleasure from their surroundings, and fine hunting was always at hand. If a wild turkey was desired by the housewife, one could be shot through the window, while deer often took refuge among the cattle. Azariah Wetmore received the commission of lieutenant of Second Regiment, First Brigade from Governor Huntington in 1808, and was prominent in various other directions, while he was much

beloved by his friends on account of his many excellent qualities. His death occurred September 15, 1856, while his wife died March 18, 1857. Their family consisted of the following children: Caroline, born in 1804; Harriet, born in 1806; Cornelia, born in 1809; Sarah, born in 1810; William, born in 1814; Elizabeth, born in 1817; Henry, born in 1820; George, born June 22, 1823.

George Wetmore was born in Canfield, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, and operated the farm owned by his father, being closely associated with his brother William in the mining of coal and other minerals. They were in partnership in a coal and oil producing business. These two brothers were well adapted to work together, George being a mechanical genius, able to construct any kind of machinery, and he was also a practical farmer. William, on the other hand, was a geologist and turned his attention toward the discovery of coal strata. He was a man of large and varied experience and knowledge of a scientific nature. During the Civil war he did much to support the cause of the Union, and was a staunch Republican. William married Susan Edwards, August 29, 1838, and three children were born to them, one of whom, L. E. Wetmore, is now living. William the scientist and philanthropist died May 30, 1892.

George Wetmore was married to Mrs. Caroline M. Failes, the widow of O. B. Failes, October 31, 1850. To this union there were born two children, namely: Charles R., November 5, 1851; Mattie B., March 27, 1857. Mrs. Wetmore was born in Boardman township in 1821, the daughter of Hiram and Harriet (Stilson) Crane. The Cranes came originally from Connecticut to Boardman in 1816; while the Stilsons came from the same state in 1800. Mrs. Wetmore was married to O. B. Failes, October 4, 1846, and one son was born of this union, O. B., January 15, 1849.

Charles R. Wetmore was reared in his native township, and is now one of the prosperous farmers of that locality. In addition to his farming interests, he owns and operates a threshing machine. His farm, which was owned by his grandfather and father before him, is kept in a high state of cultivation, and he thoroughly believes in modern methods of tilling the soil. Mr. Wetmore has served his township in various capacities and for twenty years has been connected with the Mahoning County Agricultural Association, and is president of the local Threshers' National Protective Association.

On October 2, 1875, Mr. Wetmore was united in marriage with Julia Edsell, the daughter of Orvill and Lydia Edsell, and born March 16, 1855. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore, Frank E., September 30, 1877. Mr. Wetmore is a man highly respected and widely known, and his influence in his neighborhood is recognized by his neighbors and friends.

## ABRAHAM ZIMMERMAN.

No history of Mahoning county would be complete without mention of the Zimmerman family, for through more than a century representatives of the name have resided in this portion of the state, and through successive generations they have been loyal and prominent citizens, taking an active and helpful part in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of this locality; and now at the age of seventy-eight years Abraham Zimmerman is held in veneration and respect by all who know him. Although he has arrived at an age where many a man lays down the burdens of business life to rest from further care, he is still actively superintending his farming affairs and still takes an active interest in the county and its advancement.

John Zimmerman was the founder of the family in America. He was born in Holland and crossed the Atlantic in 1725, locating in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He married a Miss Metzger, who was also a native of Holland, and their children were as follows: John, Henry, Joseph Peter, Christian, and two daughters whose names are not remembered. All but John died in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He removed to Ohio in 1805, locating in what was then Green township, Columbiana county, but is now Mahoning county, his home being on section 34. He and his son John had previously visited this district in 1802 and then returned to the Keystone state, but Ohio had left a favorable impression on his mind, and in 1805 he returned with his family to take up his abode on section 34, Green township. His birth had occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1747, and in 1770 he married Miss Christiana Clacum, who was born in 1753, on the Atlantic ocean, while her parents were making the voyage to the new world. Mr. Zimmerman was a plain, upright man, who lived the life of an energetic farmer. For five years prior to his death he was blind. His political support was given the Whig party, and he was a member of the Mennonite church, while his wife belonged to the Lutheran church. She passed away in 1821 and his death occurred in 1829. They were the parents of twelve children: Peter, who married Sarah Candle; John, who wedded Catherine Fox; Joseph; Henry, who married Catherine Ritter; Conrad, who wedded Elizabeth Fox, the sister of his brother John's wife; Anna, the wife of Thomas Callahan; Elizabeth, the wife of Lewis Baker; Barbara; Mary, the wife of Henry Coy; Susanna, the wife of John Rough; Christiana; and Catherine. Of this number nine reached years of maturity. Many of those that married had large families. Peter became the father of twelve, seven sons and five daughters, of whom two are now living; John, the third of that name, had eleven children, of whom one is living; Henry had



Abraham Zimmerman  
And Family taken A. D. 1877



nine children, of whom one is living; Conrad had eight children, two of whom survive; Elizabeth became the mother of six children, but all have passed away; Ann had no children, nor did Mary.

Joseph Zimmerman was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1781, and on the 5th of November, 1810, married Elizabeth Whiteleather, whose birth occurred November 13, 1792. They became the parents of fifteen children, but Abraham is the only one now living. The mother died September 11, 1831, and for his second wife Joseph Zimmerman chose Elizabeth Lehman, whom he married in 1834. They had six children, but David is the only survivor. Joseph Zimmerman was a man of marked influence and prominence in his community, and his counsel was often sought. He served as a captain in the state militia and in the war of 1812, and shortly after his return from the war was elected assessor. He became one of the charter members of the Lutheran church in Washingtonville, served in office and did all in his power to promote the cause. He was very active and energetic in his business affairs, and owned two hundred and eight acres of valuable land. He also purchased two sections of land for his children in Hancock and Hardin counties and afterward divided this among them, thus giving them a good foundation upon which to build success in later life. At one time there were fifty members of the Zimmerman family living on section 34, Green township, but only one resides there at present. The father passed away October 1, 1854, and the community lost one of its respected citizens.

Abraham Zimmerman, who is one of the best known and highly honored citizens of Green township, was born on the family homestead, December 14, 1825, and was educated in the common schools, where, in addition to the usual English branches, he was also taught the German language. His youth was spent upon the farm where his birth occurred, and he has always lived there, devoting his energies to tilling the soil which his grandfather entered from the government in 1802. He has kept abreast with progressive methods of farming and has added to the place modern improvements and equipments.

On the 23rd of May, 1850, Mr. Zimmerman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Shimp, a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, who was born March 30, 1830. They became the parents of four children: Joseph C., Samuel L., John L. and Catherine I.; of this number only John L. is now living. Mr. Zimmerman held the office of justice of the peace for three years, during which time he tried twenty-one cases, and none of his decisions were ever reversed by a higher court. He was also a trustee of Green township for a number of years and has served on the school board for fifteen years. He is a member of the Lutheran church, takes an active part in its work and

for fifteen years served either as superintendent or assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. For over sixty years he has been a member of the church and at all times his life has been in harmony with its teachings and his professions. He also filled the office of deacon for several years and his interest in the work of the church is deep and abiding. In his business career Mr. Zimmerman has always been reliable, energetic and persistent and thus has won desirable success. He has carried on general farming and has raised good crops. His farm buildings are commodious and substantial and his residence is a modern dwelling built upon a convenient plan.

While his life has been a bright and happy one there have come some dark clouds, occasioned by the death of those near and dear to him. In 1900 he was called upon to lay away the faithful wife who had been to him a devoted companion and helpmate on life's journey for a half century and who passed away on the 29th of November. In his early married life he was called upon to mourn the loss of his son Samuel, who died October 26, 1854. On the 26th of March, 1889, his son Joseph C. died, and the daughter, Catherine, passed away August 15, 1898. Rev. Joseph C. Zimmerman was born March 6, 1851, and attended Mount Union College, from which he was graduated in 1874. He then entered the theological department of Wittenberg College where he was graduated in 1876, and the following year he was ordained to the ministry of the Lutheran church. His first charge was at Dantown, where he preached while still in college. His first charge following his ordination was at Osborn, Donnelsville and Brant, and he labored at those three places for six years. In 1882 he received a call from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of Brooklyn, New York, where he remained for three years, and in 1885 he accepted a call from the church extension board and labored in the church extension field up to the time of his demise in 1889. He was one of **the** most capable and competent preachers in his denomination and the church sustained a great loss, as did his family, when he was called from his earthly career.

John L. Zimmerman, another son of our subject, was born March 18, 1856, and also attended Mount Union College. He afterward engaged in teaching school for a short time and subsequently entered Wittenberg College, where he remained from 1876 until 1879. In 1881 he was admitted to the Ohio bar and is now a distinguished lawyer of Springfield, known and honored for his upright character as well as for his marked capability in the line of his chosen profession. He was nominated for a member of Congress in the seventh district and is now frequently mentioned in connection with the candidacy for the next governor of Ohio. A brilliant lawyer, a man of strong

intellectuality and of irreproachable character, Ohio would be honored and benefited by the choice of such a man for her chief executive. In 1889 he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Ballard, and their two sons are Charles B. and John L. Their father is a member of the Lutheran church and teaches a class of fifty-four young men in Sunday-school. He has also held the office of deacon in his church. Catherine I., the daughter of Mr. Zimmerman, was born July 10, 1860, was a graduate of Mount Union College, and became the wife of the Rev. D. W. Simons, by whom she had two children. Her death occurred August 15, 1898.

#### AMOS C. RUSSELL.

In a gray stone house, which is one of the landmarks of Mahoning county and which was erected by his grandfather in 1833, lives Amos C. Russell, his home being surrounded by a fine farm of two hundred acres, which returns to him an excellent income for the care and labor he bestows upon it. He was born here in 1856, a son of Hamson Russell. His ancestry can be traced back to his great-grandparents, Robert and Eve Russell, who were residents of Virginia and had a family of nine children. Among the number was Robert Russell, the grandfather of our subject, who became one of the honored pioneer settlers of Ohio. He was born in Virginia, August 23, 1781, and on leaving the Old Dominion went to Pennsylvania, where he remained for some time, coming to Ohio in 1806. He located on Stone Ridge in Austintown township, where he purchased two hundred acres of land in its primeval state. Upon this he built a rude log house, but it was soon replaced by a more substantial log cabin and still later he built a hewed-log house. In course of time he developed a good farm in the midst of the forest, and as his means were increased by the sales of his crops he felt justified in erecting a residence of dressed stone. This was built in 1833 and still stands as a monument to his progressive spirit. He married Rachel Hamson, who was born in New Jersey in 1809, and they became the parents of the following named: Sarah, Jane, Elizabeth, James, John, Robert, Hamson, Samuel and Rachel. When the grandfather started out in life on his own account he had nothing to depend upon but his hands. He first walked from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and when he returned for his family he brought them in a wagon drawn by an ox team. He labored industriously and untiringly, was honest in his dealings with his fellow men and never took advantage of the necessities of others in a trade transaction. He gave to each of his sons a farm of one hundred acres, having accumulated extensive landed interests, and to each of his daughters he gave a thousand dollars on

their wedding day. In politics he was a Whig and in his religious faith was a Disciple. His death occurred January 31, 1879, and his wife passed away February 20, 1872. His parents, who had come to Ohio about a year or two after his arrival, also died in this county.

Hamson Russell, the father of Amos C. Russell, was born in Austintown township, Mahoning county, August 24, 1822, was here reared and educated and became a prosperous farmer. He owned one hundred and forty acres of good farming land, now in possession of his son, Thomas R. He was a quiet unostentatious man, who never interfered with the rights of his neighbors, and because of his earnest purpose and integrity was highly esteemed. He was married May 1, 1849, to Miss Elizabeth Reed, and to them were born three sons: Charles W., born in 1852; Amos C.; and Thomas R., born in 1860. The mother, whose birth occurred December 1, 1826, passed away February 12, 1893, and Mr. Russell departed this life January 24, 1897, in the faith of the Disciples church, of which his wife was also a faithful member.

In the district school Amos C. Russell acquired his education and afterward worked at the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a time. He then took up the work of a stationary engineer, which he followed for a number of years, but his attention is now given to agricultural pursuits. He is the owner of his grandfather's original farm of two hundred acres, save that the railway right of way has been taken from it, and he occupies the old stone house which was erected in 1833. He is a practical farmer and dairyman, and the products of both his fields and his dairy find a ready sale on the market. He makes a specialty of the latter branch of his business, keeping a number of cows for this purpose. In general farming he is also successful and now has a well developed property.

In 1890 Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. McGowen, who was born in Canfield township, Mahoning county, in 1859, and they now have a son, John, whose birth occurred in 1891. They are both well known in this county, and their circle of friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

#### HENRY BUTLER ROSE.

If a complete account of the events which form the early history of Mahoning county were written, no name would appear more frequently or figure more prominently in connection with leading events than that of Rose. Through many decades representatives of the family have been important factors in the public life, especially that department pertaining to agricultural pursuits, whereby the growth and prosperity of the county has been assured.

They came to this country in a very early day, and the first American ancestor obtained his wife by purchase, giving one pound of tobacco for every pound which the girl weighed. He took with him one hundred and twenty-five pounds of that product, but as the weight of his prospective bride amounted to one hundred and fifty pounds he was obliged to return home for the remaining twenty-five pounds of tobacco. For generations the Rose family have been prosperous agriculturists, and have ever been numbered among the worthy and reliable citizens of their respective communities. During the past nine years they have held annual reunions, and at these gatherings there are frequently as many as one hundred and fifty representatives present.

The paternal great-grandfather of him whose name introduces this review served as a soldier in the war of 1812, as did also his son Robert. The grandfather, David Rose, came to this state from Pennsylvania in an early day, and for his wife he chose Sarah Parshall, they having become the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, as follows: Jesse, who died at the age of seventy-six years, but left no heirs; Robert, the father of our subject, who died at the age of seventy-five years; Samuel, who departed this life at the good old age of eighty-two years; David, who reached the seventieth milestone on the journey of life; Thomas; Ezra; James; and three daughters. All but three of this large family married and reared children, and all became prosperous farmers and reliable citizens. David Rose owned a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, and in his farming operations he met with a high degree of success.

Robert Rose was born in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1809. In 1834 he was united in marriage to Almira Edsall, of Orange county, New York, who after her arrival in this state became a successful school teacher. To this union were born six children, namely: Sarah M., the widow of John M. Howard and a resident of Ellsworth township, Mahoning county; H. B., the subject of this sketch; Oscar A., who is married and resides in Shippensville, Pennsylvania, but has no children; Mary M., the widow of William Ballard, by whom she had four children, and she now resides in Colorado; O. S., who resides on the farm on which his great-grandfather located on coming to this township; and Wallace E., a well known agriculturist of this locality, and who is married and has a little son. The children all received excellent school advantages, and have proved a credit to the honored family name.

Henry Butler Rose was born on the farm on which he now resides, on the 5th of July, 1838, and throughout all the years of his subsequent business career this place has continued to be his home. The town of Rose-

mont was named in honor of the family. He was early reared to habits of industry and honesty, and in addition to the educational advantages secured in the district schools he also spent two years in the Cottage Hill Academy, of Ellsworth, Ohio. On the 25th of June, 1867, when he had reached his twenty-ninth year, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Moherman, a daughter of John Moherman, of Ohio, and of Mary Cassady, who came from New Jersey in 1835. In their family were four children, namely: Clara, the widow of Eli Arnold, of Rosemont; John; Elizabeth, the wife of our subject; and Robert, of Jackson township. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Rose has been blessed with two sons. The elder is Charles E., who is employed as bookkeeper in Niles Ohio; he married Miss Mary Belle McCorkle, of Lordstown, Ohio, and they have a little daughter named Martha E. The second son, Chauncey A. Rose, is engaged in agricultural pursuits on one of his father's farms; his wife bore the maiden name of Elva Fronia Osborn, and she, too, is a member of an old and prominent family of Mahoning county.

Mr. Rose and wife are the owners of three well improved and productive farms, aggregating in all two hundred and thirty-six acres, and many of the improvements thereon stand as monuments to their thrift and ability. The home farm contains a commodious two-story residence, thirty-one by forty-six feet, while his large red barn is a structure forty-two by fifty-seven feet, and the beautiful shade and fruit trees which surround his home have all been planted by their own hands. The land is kept under an excellent state of cultivation by the rotating of crops and stock-raising. He has made a specialty of cattle-breeding, raising a high grade of short-horns, and he has often kept as high as thirty-five head of this excellent breed on his place. In his pastures may also be found sheep and horses, while for the past thirty years he has been raising the Poland China hogs. In his political affiliations Mr. Rose is a Republican, and on the ticket of that party he has been elected to many offices of trust and responsibility. The family are members of the Disciples or Christian church. Mr. Rose is a public-spirited, progressive citizen, honored for his integrity in industrial life, for his fidelity to every trust and his faithfulness to family and friends.

#### HARRY G. GIBSON.

At this point we are permitted to touch upon the life history of one who, if for no other reason, merits recognition in this connection by reason of his having been a life-long resident of Mahoning county and on account of being a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of this section

of the Buckeye state. But, superadded to this, are other conditions which render the appearance of his biography within these pages all the more consistent, for he has here attained a position of prominence in connection with the industrial activities of the county and is honored as one of the upright, progressive and public-spirited citizens and able business men of his native county, being at the present time secretary and treasurer of the Milliken-Gibson Company, who conduct an extensive general merchandise business in the city of Youngstown.

Harry G. Gibson was born in the city of Youngstown on the 7th of August, 1866, being the son of Samuel and Nancy J. (Gault) Gibson, the latter being a daughter of Major James Gault, who was one of the pioneers of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and who was a gallant officer in the war of 1812. The father of our subject was likewise born in Youngstown, and that his parents were numbered among the early settlers here is evident when we revert to the fact that the date of his nativity was the year 1819. He is a son of Robert D. Gibson, who was born in Pennsylvania and died in Youngstown, Ohio, where he located in the early years of the last century, having been an active participant in the war of 1812. Samuel Gibson, also, was prominent in military affairs in his younger days, having been for many years a captain in the cavalry branch of the state militia. He is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, making his home in the city of Youngstown, whose development and material prosperity were largely furthered through his efforts and influence; he is one of the honored patriarchs of the county, being esteemed by all who know him and having left the impress of his individuality upon the civic, business and political affairs of this locality. He was married in 1844 to Ann Erwin, who died in the following year, leaving one son, James D., of whom specific mention is made on another page of this work. In 1847 was solemnized his marriage to Nancy J. Gault, who has been his cherished and devoted companion and helpmeet for more than half a century. Of the children of the second marriage the six who attained years of maturity were as follows: William T., Minnie A., Benjamin M., Harry G., Ella and Robert A., the last mentioned having died in 1898 at the age of thirty-seven years.

Harry G. Gibson secured his early educational training in the public schools of his native city and was graduated in the Rayen high school as a member of the class of 1886. A year later he entered the employ of the Haselton Store Company, a prominent general store, being engaged in the capacity of cashier and later being made secretary and treasurer of the company, which incumbency he has ever since retained. The original com-

pany closing in February, 1901, a reorganization took place, and the present corporate title was adopted. This company represents one of the leading mercantile enterprises in the city, and its finely equipped and extensive establishment is one which would prove creditable in a metropolitan center, while the volume of business transacted is continually expanding in scope and importance. Mr. Gibson is a careful business man, duly conservative and yet progressive in his policy, while he has that administrative ability which is ever essential in the furthering of any industry involving so large amount of detail as does that with which he is identified.

He has ever shown a commendable interest in all that touches the progress and material prosperity of his native and home city, where he has an honored position in both business and social circles. In politics he accords allegiance to the Democratic party, but has never been an aspirant for public office, and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Westminster Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Gibson, also, is a devoted adherent. On the 31st of October, 1899, in Poland, this county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gibson to Miss May J. Kirtland, daughter of Charles N. Kirtland, one of the influential citizens of the county, who died May 27, 1901. Of this union has been born one daughter, Martha E.

#### ELIZABETH KISTLER.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kistler, one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Washingtonville, Mahoning county, is descended from an old and honored family of the county. She is the daughter of Michael and Catherine (Seabold) Cronick, both of whom were born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1825. Michael was a prosperous and well informed farmer, who owned one hundred acres of valuable land, and his family consisted of three sons and four daughters, and of them one of the sons and three of the daughters are still living.

Mrs. Kistler, of this family, was born in Green township in 1833, and she was tenderly reared and well educated in her native county, and grew to be an important factor in the social life of the community. When only seventeen, on November 19, 1850, she was united in marriage with Christian Schaeffer. No children were born of this marriage. Mr. Schaeffer was born in Germany January 9, 1826, and died in 1883. His father was Christian Schaeffer and a native of Germany, who, in 1800, married Mary M. Wooster. The Schaeffers are all Democrats in politics, and Lutherans in religion.

In 1886 Mrs. Schaeffer married Levi F. Kistler, who was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1829, and is the son of Charles and Rebecca



*Elisabeth Kistler*

*Levi F. Kistler*



(Sechler) Kistler, of the same locality. The parents of Mr. Kistler removed to Trumbull county in 1833, and there purchased a farm, upon which they settled and lived. This property consisted of one hundred and thirty-five acres. There were eight children in the family born to Charles and Rebecca Kistler, five of whom are still residing in Trumbull county. Levi Kistler removed from Trumbull county in 1886. He had married Lydia Huffman in 1851, and she bore him seven children, five of whom are living, and the wife died in 1882.

Mrs. Kistler owns in her own name over one hundred and seventeen acres of good farming land in Green township, besides property in Salem, consisting of four valuable residences, three stores and vacant property. Mr. and Mrs. Kistler resided in Salem for a number of years, but in 1901 they removed to one of her farms, where they are now making their home, enjoying the comforts of life provided by ample means. Prior to his second marriage, Mr. Kistler was a member of the Lutheran church, in which he was a deacon, but he has joined the church of which his wife is a member, the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and is very prominent therein. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and both he and his wife are very highly esteemed throughout the neighborhood.

#### ALLEN CALVIN.

The town of Canfield, Mahoning county, is doubly fortunate in having such an enterprise as the Canfield Roller Mills within its limits and in the fact that their owner, Allen Calvin, is one of the most broad-minded and worthy citizens. These mills were built in 1879 by John and C. W. Harroff, who ran them for one year and then sold to Stafford and Calvin, which firm continued up to 1888, when Mr. Calvin purchased the interest of his partner and has since been in business alone. In 1893 he remodeled the entire plant, putting in the Nordyke and Morman system of rollers, and the mill now has a capacity of fifty barrels per day. There is also a chop and buckwheat outfit, the whole plant being operated by an engine of sixty horse power, and the product is eagerly sought by the local and adjacent markets.

The parents of this Canfield miller were Robert and Jane (McBride) Calvin, the former of whom moved to Ohio in 1818, from Virginia, where he had been born on August 22, 1800. He was thus one of the early settlers of this state and was an industrious and practical farmer of Mahoning county, where he owned one hundred and sixty acres, besides a large tract of eight hundred acres in Illinois. He died in 1880 and his wife followed him two weeks later, and all their eight children grew to maturity and became honored members of society.

Allen was born in Green township, Mahoning county, on August 19, 1842, and was reared there; he was a studious lad and made good use of all his opportunities. When he had reached his majority, having learned all the ins and outs of farming on his father's place, he went to Illinois and was engaged in the conduct of part of his father's large estate there. While there he turned his attention to milling and became part owner in a large concern, in which relationship he did a thriving business up to the time of his parents' death in 1880; he then returned to his native county and, as we have mentioned, began his career as a miller in partnership with Mr. Stafford.

In 1868, while still a resident of Illinois, Mr. Calvin was married to Miss Julia Reese, and two of the three children born to this union are now living, J. V., and Eva, who is the wife of Mr. Ewing. Mrs. Calvin died in November, 1874, and on September 10, 1885, he was married to Mrs. Mary E. Fowler; they have had no children. Mr. Calvin is a supporter of the Democratic party. He is a popular and public-spirited citizen and has been the incumbent of various offices, fifteen years on the school board and is now a member of the Union school board, and has also been councilman of the borough of Canfield.

#### GEORGE G. McKAY.

Opportunity is often credited with the making of great men. Perhaps a man may sometimes create his own opportunities, but there is no doubt but what environment and association with certain men are largely responsible for success in great enterprises. These broad opportunities open only to a favored few, but to all alike, in our land of freedom, is presented the chance of building up a comfortable competence by thrift and frugality. George G. McKay is an example of a man who, in the common walks of life, has followed the old maxim of "*carpe diem*," and has improved his opportunities and husbanded the returns of his toil until to-day he is happy in a prosperous and ever-growing machine shop, in which ready and competent service and prompt work at fair prices have won for him the respect and esteem of all.

Born in Nova Scotia, in the Dominion of Canada, in 1864, he remained in his birthplace until arriving at the age of seventeen, in the meantime going to school at the country schools of that district. At the age named he quit school and came to the United States, locating in Ashtabula, Ohio, where he started in to learn the machinist trade. After eleven years' experience in this thriving town and another year at Warren, Ohio, he came,

in 1893, to Youngstown and opened up a small shop of his own. At first his business and income were small, but by his foresight and faithful work he rapidly increased both, building up the business each year to greater proportions.

In 1888 he was married in Ashtabula to Lillian Way. His father, John McKay, was born in Nova Scotia in 1808. He is still living at an advanced age, having retired from active work. His business was that of blacksmithing. His wife was Mary Chislom, and by her he had thirteen children, of whom eleven grew to maturity, as follows: Alexander D.; Margaret A., wife of James R. McDonald; William H. D. McKay; James R.; Lavinia W., wife of J. A. Spencer; Helen M., wife of W. F. Jones; George G.; John G.; Elizabeth, who is still unmarried; Ethel V., wife of Alexander Chislom; and Walter D. The mother of Mr. McKay died in the year 1899. His grandfather was Alexander McKay, and was born in Scotland, but afterwards came to Nova Scotia. He was a farmer by occupation and died in the country of his adoption. He served under General Wolfe and made a splendid record for himself, and he was in the city of Quebec when it was captured.

Mr. McKay has been a life-long and enthusiastic Republican, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, also of the Presbyterian church, in both of which organizations he is highly esteemed for his integrity and honest principles. While still a young man, Mr. McKay has made increasing progress in his business, and we must predict that a score of years hence will see him at the head of a large industry, which it is assured he will control with the same watchful eye and carefulness in detail, always keeping the old reputation for honesty and integrity.

#### WILLIAM V. BURNETT.

Mr. Burnett now occupies the responsible position of president of the Brockaway-Allen-Burnett Company, a corporation in Youngstown which does an extensive wholesale business in the importation and sale of fruits, grain and produce of all kinds. This he has developed and enlarged to a very great extent since he became connected with it, some years ago and before its incorporation.

He was born in Hubbard, Trumbull county, Ohio, in the year 1862, and there grew to manhood, obtaining an unusually broad education in the higher and common schools of that place. At the age of eighteen he began work on a farm, which he continued some two or three years, then entering the Pennsylvania Railway's office at Wheatland, Pennsylvania, where

he learned telegraphy, and worked for the road at various places along the line, as an extra man, in that capacity.

In 1890 he came to Youngstown, Ohio, again in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway, and assumed the duties of clerk in the freight office of that road and so continued until 1898, when he resigned to accept a position as bookkeeper in the Brockaway & Allen Company. Here, on account of his grasp of the business and faithful service, he was taken into the firm, which in 1898 was incorporated as the Brockaway-Allen-Burnett Company, and of this he was made president. In November, 1902, this company opened a branch house in Sharon, Pennsylvania, which is meeting with much success.

His father, James M. Burnett, was also born in Hubbard, Ohio, in the year 1848. He carried on business as an agriculturist all his life and was rewarded with much success. His wife was Hannah Draper, daughter of Joseph Draper, and to them were born three children, of whom one, Luna Belle, wife of L. M. Dennison, of Youngstown, Ohio, is living, beside Mr. Burnett.

His paternal grandfather, James Burnett, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, where he died. He, also, was a farmer all of his life and was very highly esteemed by all who knew him. His wife was Margaret Leonard, and they had six children, as follows: William R.; Margaret M., wife of George Randall, now deceased; Marilda, wife of John Cole; Emmeline, wife of Seldon Scoville, now deceased; James M., also deceased; and Laura, now Mrs. G. W. Veach, of Newcastle, Pennsylvania.

In 1890 Mr. Burnett was married in Hubbard, Pennsylvania, to Alice L. Kerr, daughter of Samuel L. Kerr, now deceased. Two children came to bless their household, Josephine K. and Margaret S. Mr. Burnett has long been a supporter of Republican measures and administrations, and is an influential and highly esteemed member of the Westminster Presbyterian church. Personally he is a man of high principles, indomitable energy and splendid business foresight and judgment. He ranks as one of the ablest merchants among the many successful ones of Youngstown, and all who meet him, whether in business or in private life, entertain a very high regard for his personal qualities as well as for his ability.

#### ORLIN U. CASSADAY.

The subject of this sketch is prominently connected with the business and social life of the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, and possesses those qualities of genuine worth which everywhere command respect. He is manager of the finely equipped establishment of the Averbeck Drug

Company, is honorable in all trade transactions, thoroughly reliable in the discharge of all duties, courteous and kindly in social relations, and is one of the popular and valued citizens of Mahoning county, of which he is a native son, while he also has the distinction of being a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of the state.

Mr. Cassaday was born in the village of Georgetown, Mahoning county, Ohio, on the 2nd of September, 1863, being a son of Abraham S. and Rachel (Crispin) Cassaday, the former of whom was born in Alliance, Stark county, Ohio, in 1832, while the latter was also a native of this state, their marriage being solemnized in 1862. Of their three children the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being Frank V. and Clyde B. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Samuel Cassaday, who was born in the state of New Jersey, and who emigrated to Ohio in an early day and here passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in Mahoning county. The father of our subject now retains his home in Alliance, Ohio, where he is engaged in the drug business.

In the public schools of his native town Orlin U. Cassaday received his early educational discipline, and in making choice of a vocation in life he determined to prepare himself for the profession of pharmacy, one of the most exacting and responsible to which a man can devote his attention, and one which demands a most scrupulous technical training and marked and mature judgment. At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Cassaday matriculated in the celebrated Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, in the city of Philadelphia, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, receiving his degree of Ph. G., and also having the distinction of securing the Proctor gold medal, conferred each year upon the member of the class who has shown the greatest proficiency in all branches. After his graduation Mr. Cassaday went to the city of Pittsburg, where for two years he was employed in the wholesale dry goods house of George A. Kelly & Company, resigning this incumbency in 1889 to devote his attention to the profession for which he had prepared himself. In March of that year he assumed his present position as manager of the business of the Averbek Drug Company of Youngstown, of which corporation he is a stockholder. He has been a dominating factor in insuring the growth and success of the enterprise, being thoroughly skilled as a pharmacist and having that executive and administrative ability which is so essential in conducting an enterprise involving so great detail as does that of which he has charge. The concern is one of the largest and best equipped in this section of the state and enjoys a representative supporting patronage.

Though never aspiring to public office, Mr. Cassaday has ever shown a distinctive interest in all that concerns the progress and material prosperity of his home city, while he has given his unqualified support to the Republican party from the time of attaining his legal majority. Fraternally he holds membership in the Masonic order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and his wife are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. At Alliance, Stark county, on the 11th of September, 1888, Mr. Cassaday was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Heer, the daughter of Henry Heer, a representative citizen of that place, and they are the parents of two children, Waldean and Margaret.

#### HENRY KLEIN.

Henry Klein, superintendent of the Andrew's works of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, has for many years been numbered among the valued and honored citizens of Youngstown. He is of German ancestry, and in the progress of our Union there is no element which has been of more practical strength than that furnished by the sturdy, persevering and honorable sons of Germany. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Klein, lived and died in the fatherland, and there Henry Klein, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in 1824. About 1844 he left his native land for America, and in Pomeroy, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Susannah Kalb, and their union was blessed with five children, only two of whom survive, Henry and Lewis, the latter of Greenville, Pennsylvania. The father was called to his final rest in 1897.

Henry Klein, of this review, was born at Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1847, and there lived until he was thirteen years of age. At that early age he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering the ranks at Pomeroy in June, 1861, and being assigned to Company K, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment he re-enlisted for service, and Company K then became known as Company C, in which he served until he was mustered out at Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 4th of July, 1865, and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, September 19, 1865, for the war had ended and the country no longer needed his services. During his career as a soldier boy he participated in the following engagements: Carnifex Ferry, Frederick City, South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, second battle of Cold Harbor, Fredericksburg, second battle of Bull Run, Droop Mountain, Ruth's Hill, Piedmont, Fisher's Hill, in all the fights in Hunter's raid and was in the celebrated march with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. During his army career he was ever

found faithful to the duties imposed upon him, and his military record is one of which he has every reason to be proud.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Klein returned to the Buckeye state, and for the following seven or eight months was a resident of Cincinnati, from which place he removed to Clifton, West Virginia, where for a time he was employed as a puddler's assistant in a rolling mill. Since the year 1886 he has been a resident of Youngstown, Ohio, and for a time after his location here he was employed as a puddle boss for Andrew Brothers & Company. In 1901 he became superintendent of the works, which have since been incorporated with the Republic Iron & Steel Company. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, of keen discrimination, sound judgment and capable management, and his reputation in all trade transactions is above question.

In Pomeroy, Ohio, in 1867, Mr. Klein was united in marriage to Elizabeth Jones, and five children were born to brighten and bless their home, U. S.; Susan A., the wife of John E. Jones; Naomi K.; Margaret L., the wife of David Evans; and Isabelle E. The wife and mother of this family was called into eternal rest in 1890, and in January, 1900, Mr. Klein was again married, Mrs. Kate (Hildebrand) Wright, the widow of Frank Wright, becoming his wife. In political matters our subject affiliates with the Republican party, and in his fraternal relations he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R. In 1876, at its organization, he became a member of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and from 1883 until 1886 he served as its vice president. He was also an officer in the old United Sons of Vulcan, the original iron organization. In an unusual degree he enjoys the confidence and regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact through business dealings, and in all his relations of life he is true to his duties of citizenship.

#### JOHN W. SMITH.

Among the merchants of Youngstown few have been in business so long, and none are more widely known than the subject of this sketch. Mr. Smith opened business as a shoe merchant thirty-eight years ago and has continued uninterruptedly up to the present time. His name, therefore, is a familiar one, not only in the city, but throughout Mahoning and surrounding counties. He is of German parentage, his father being Michael Smith, who was born in Bavaria in 1787, followed farming all his life and died in 1838. He married Eva Bates, by whom he had six children, five

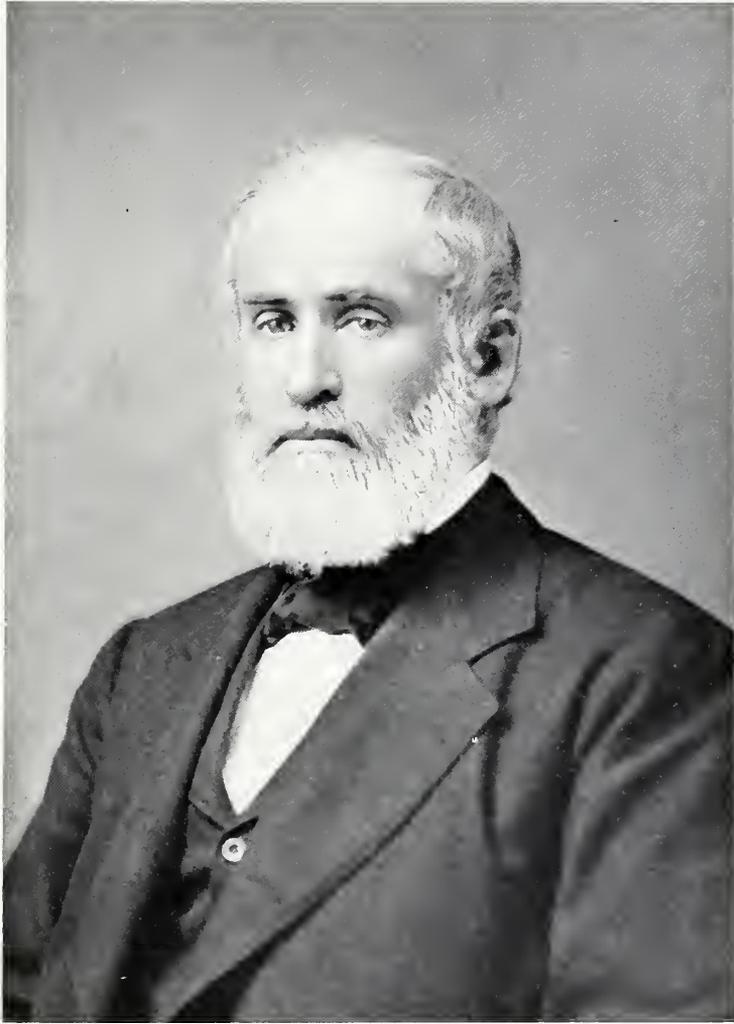
boys and one girl, but the only survivor of these is the subject of this sketch.

John W. Smith, senior member of the firm of John W. Smith & Sons at Youngstown, was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, September 13, 1828. Seventeen years later he landed from an emigrant ship at New York city, where he remained from June, 1845, until April of the next year, and then went to Allenville, New York, and worked at his trade as a tanner for a few weeks. His next move was to Strasburg, Pennsylvania, where he obtained employment in his line about a year, later spent an equal amount of time at Warren, Ohio, and in 1848 bought a small tannery at Windham, in Portage county. This business he conducted until 1854, when he disposed of his plant and located in Lenawee county, Michigan, where he carried on farming for nine years. In the spring of 1864 Mr. Smith came to Youngstown and opened a grocery store in partnership with his brother-in-law, but six months later the business was destroyed by fire. October 19, 1864, he started the shoe business, which under various fortunes but steady growth he has continued up to the present time. Mr. Smith, during his long residence in Youngstown, has taken a prominent part in the public as well as commercial affairs of the city. He served one year as trustee of Youngstown township, and for several years held the position of township treasurer. In 1888 he was elected treasurer of the city and county and held that office for one term.

In 1850 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Catherine Fisher, and the five survivors of his seven children are named as follows: Mary G., wife of John L. Trauger; Henry W., Caroline, William A. and Catherine H. The two sons are now in partnership with their father in the shoe business, under the firm name of John W. Smith & Sons, and are leading young business men in the community. Mr. Smith is a member of the German Lutheran church, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

#### JAMES MACKEY.

The family of which the subject of this review is an honored representative has been long and prominently identified with the annals of the Buckeye state and of Mahoning county, and from the early pioneer epoch to the present day the name has stood as the exponent for sterling character and distinctive usefulness in connection with the practical affairs of life and the higher duties of citizenship. The immediate subject of this sketch is one of the most prominent civil engineers in the state, and that his professional work has been of varied and extensive order will be well understood when we take



James Mackey



cognizance of the fact that he has devoted his attention to the same for more than half a century, gaining prestige and high reputation in his chosen vocation, while through his efforts much has been done to further the progress and material prosperity of this section of the state, even as his father contributed to the development and founding of an organic division of a great and prosperous commonwealth.

The Mackey family is of stanch old Scottish lineage, being representative of the clan Mackey of the highlands of Scotland, in which country the paternal grandfather of our subject was born, and whence he came to America in the Colonial epoch, founding the family in Pennsylvania, in the eastern part of which state his death occurred. In Chester county, that state, occurred the birth of James Mackey, Sr., the father of our subject, in the year 1776, ever memorable as that which marked the signing of the declaration of independence. Of his early life but little data, unfortunately, is available, but it is known that he had enjoyed superior educational advantages, as he was a skilled and practical surveyor, a good mathematician and an excellent accountant. About the year 1805 he emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio, settling near Poland, thus becoming one of the pioneers of Trumbull county, afterward Mahoning county, with whose public and civic life he was to be so conspicuously identified as the years passed. He was associated with Robert Montgomery, Sr., in the building of a furnace on Yellow creek, and was bookkeeper for the managing company until the outbreak of the war of 1812, when he enlisted for service in the Fourth Division of the Ohio militia, in which he was promoted to the office of adjutant. He was also assistant paymaster of the division, and was accorded the rank and title of major, and he was ever afterward familiarly known by that title. About 1816 he became associated with Colonel William Rayen in the mercantile business in the little hamlet of Youngstown, their place of business being a primitive log structure. Here the enterprise was continued for several years, and in the meanwhile the Major purchased a large tract of land northeast of the town. He was married in 1823 to Margaret Early, of Coitsville, her parents, Thomas and Jane Early, having been pioneers of that locality and both having been natives of Ireland. Soon after his marriage Major Mackey removed to his farm, which he reclaimed and developed, and there he passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming and stock-growing, and also devoting more or less attention to the work of his profession as a surveyor. He died August 15, 1844, aged sixty-eight years, and was long survived by his devoted wife, who died May 14, 1870, aged seventy-two years. They became the parents of eight children, of whom three died in childhood, Thomas, Jean and John;

those who lived to years of maturity being David, who died at the age of seventy-six years; Nancy, who became the wife of William Braden and was about seventy-four years of age at the time of her death; James, the fourth in order of birth and the subject of this review; Robert, whose death occurred at the age of nearly sixty-one years; and Letitia, the wife of Andrew Kirk.

Major Mackey was a conspicuous figure in the political history of Mahoning county in the early days. He served as township clerk, township trustee, justice of the peace and county commissioner, while he was also given a still greater tribute of public confidence and esteem, as in 1822 he was elected a member of the state legislature to represent Trumbull county, of which Mahoning was then a part. In 1830 he was elected treasurer of Trumbull county, and a previous memoir has thus spoken of him: "He was chief arbitrator among his neighbors, his decisions always being accepted, as it was known that a thorough investigation preceded the rendering of his judgment." The name of Major Mackey is one which will ever merit a high place on the list of the founders and builders of this section, and his record is one to which his descendants will ever be able to point with just pride.

James Mackey, Jr., to whom this sketch is dedicated, was born in Youngstown, in a dwelling not far distant from his present home, on the 7th of February, 1829. His preliminary educational discipline was secured in the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period, but he had the advantage of being reared in a cultured and refined home, while the means left him by his father also afforded him favorable opportunity to broaden his fund of knowledge under the most effective direction. Thus he became a student in the academy at Poland and later was matriculated in the University of Cleveland, of which Rev. Asa Mahan, of revered memory, was then president, and there he effectively supplemented his former discipline. Under the tutorship of this eminent divine and mental philosopher, for whom he entertained the highest admiration, he gave especial attention to his favorite study of mental philosophy. He had studied the classical languages before entering the university and had also done practical work in surveying, having defrayed much of his incidental expense by his work in this line. When he had finished his studies Mr. Mackey turned his attention to the work of the profession for which he had fitted himself, and which has figured as his vocation during all the long intervening years. His novitiate was of brief duration, since he soon established a reputation for skilful, rapid and accurate work. Together with five representative citizens of Pennsylvania and Ohio, he was appointed to establish the boundary line between these two states, this work being instituted in the fall of 1878 and being satisfactorily completed in the spring of

the following year. For sixteen years prior to 1875 Mr. Mackey gave his attention almost exclusively to the surveying of coal lands and mines and the railroads to and from the mines. In this line he has had a wider and more varied experience than any other surveyor in the state, having surveyed over one hundred and twenty different mines, surveying in most of them many times, so that his mine surveys run far up into the hundreds. In 1875 he began to devote more particular attention to the surveying and platting of town sites and the resurveying of the boundary lines of disputed territory. From the inception of his professional work he kept records of the same, and these have proved of great value to himself and others in the later years. He and his brothers David and Robert were the projectors and promoters of the first street railway in the city of Youngstown, the line being constructed in 1875 and being operated with horses until the installation of the electric line. He was its first president for seven years, when his increasing professional duties forbade his acting in that capacity longer. He has ever been recognized as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, and has ever been ready to lend his aid and influence in the furtherance of every legitimate undertaking or project for the general good of his city, county and state. On the family escutcheon has rested no blot or blemish, and our subject has added to the honors gained by his noble father in connection with the history of this favored section of the Buckeye commonwealth.

In politics Mr. Mackey has ever upheld the basic principles advanced by the Democratic party, to which he has given his support in national affairs, though he cast his ballot for Peter Cooper when that veteran was the presidential candidate of the Greenback party, and in purely local affairs he has maintained an independent attitude, giving his influence in support of men and measures rather than being biased by strict partisanship when no national issue was involved. Although in early life he took an active and prominent interest in politics, sometimes discussing political issues from the rostrum and with his pen, yet he always eschewed public office, preferring to live a private life. He was repeatedly urged by his party to be a candidate for the state and national legislative honors, and was also repeatedly proffered by the authorities of his city, irrespective of party, the office of city engineer, but the large demands by the general public for his professional services, which were constantly greater than he could meet, disinclined him to accept other spheres of duty. For like reason, after serving about twenty years as a member of the first original board of trustees of the Rayen school, as well as a member of its building committee, composed of Dr. C. C. Cook and himself, he discontinued further connection with the board, of which he is

now the only surviving member. Mr. Mackey has had a large experience in the courts as a witness in important lawsuits which came up in the line of his profession. His services in this respect were quite often and eagerly sought by parties in litigation. In Chicago, in a very important coal-bank lawsuit tried there, he was once complimented indirectly by one of Chicago's most eminent and venerable lawyers as the best witness he had ever seen on the witness stand. He and his wife are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, in whose general work and collateral benevolences they have taken a deep interest for many years, holding membership in St. John's church, of whose vestry Mr. Mackey was an influential member for many years, until his voluntary declination to serve longer.

On the 30th of December, 1862, Mr. Mackey was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Ruggles, who was born in Canfield, then Trumbull county, Ohio, a daughter of Azor and Adaline M. Ruggles, and of this happy union five children have been born; one of whom, Robert M., died in infancy, the survivors being as follows: Charles L., Grace, Margaret H. and Nellie. The family is one of prominence in the social life of Youngstown, and the home is one in which a gracious hospitality is ever in distinctive evidence.

#### EPHRAIM M. ILGENFRITZ, M. D.

The subject of this review is a physician of established reputation, and he has been successfully engaged in the active practice of his profession in the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, for the past fifteen years, gaining prestige by his distinctive ability and his devotion to the humane work of his vocation, while his personality is such as to have won for him a wide circle of friends in the community. He is a representative of the eclectic school of practice, is thoroughly read in the sciences of medicine and surgery, thus being equipped with the requisite technical knowledge, while his training in the practical application of his knowledge has been comprehensive and of the most discriminating order. As one of the able representatives of his profession and as an honored citizen, he is most consistently made the subject of a specific sketch in this work.

Dr. Ilgenfritz is a native son of Mahoning county and is a member of one of its sterling pioneer families. He was born in the village of New Middletown on the 14th of December, 1855, being a son of Frederick Ilgenfritz, who was born on a farm in Springfield township, this county, and who passed his entire life within the confines of his native county, having been one of the successful and honored farmers of the township mentioned. He died on the 17th of August, 1862, being survived by his widow,

whose maiden name was Elizabeth Miller, and who is now a resident of Youngstown. Of their nine children seven are living at the present time, the Doctor having been the youngest in the family. The paternal grandfather of the Doctor also bore the name of Frederick Ilgenfritz, and he was of sturdy German lineage, having been born in Little York, Pennsylvania; he came to Ohio when a young man, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of Mahoning county, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a son of one of the Hessian soldiers who came to America in the employ of the British government at the time of the war of the Revolution, and he was captured by troops under General Washington. When the condition of affairs was fully stated to him, and he came to a realization of the just cause of the colonists and that they were fighting for the great boon of liberty and aiming to hurl oppression back, he forthwith cast in his lot with the valiant sons of the new republic and during the remainder of the struggle rendered faithful and gallant service as a soldier in the continental line, while at the close of the conflict, in recognition of his services, he received from the new government a grant of one hundred acres of land in the state of Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring at Little York when he was well advanced in years.

Dr. Ilgenfritz secured his early educational discipline in the public schools of his native place, which continued to be his home for twenty-three years. He continued his studies in Poland Union Seminary, where he remained until September, 1874, having fitted himself for successful work as a teacher. In November of the same year he began his pedagogic work in Springfield township, Mahoning county, and after his first term he gave up this line of service to begin the work of preparing himself for that profession to which he had determined to devote his life. On the 4th of April, 1875, he began his technical reading of medicine at New Middletown, and in a few months he matriculated in the Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he completed the prescribed course of study and was duly graduated on the 24th of January, 1878, receiving his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine. Shortly after his graduation Dr. Ilgenfritz located in the village of Edinburg, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where he was actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession until April 14, 1887. On the 13th of the following September he took up his residence in the city of Youngstown, and here he has since continued his professional endeavors, building up a large general practice and gaining the confidence and high esteem of those to whom he ministers and also of his professional confreres. He is a member of the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Society

and keeps in close touch with the advances made in his profession, reading the best standard and periodical medical literature and ever profiting in a practical way from his study and individual investigation.

In his political proclivities the Doctor is a Democrat, and fraternally he holds membership in the Masonic order and the local organization of the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows. Dr. Ilgenfritz has been twice married, the second union having been solemnized on the 2d of July, 1896, when he wedded Miss Grace Black, of Youngstown.

#### WILSON S. HAMILTON.

Mahoning county contributed to the federal armies many a brave and valiant soldier during the dark and turbulent period of the war of the rebellion, and among those surviving at the present time, when the ranks of that noble organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, are being decimated by the one invincible foe, death, stands the subject of this sketch, who was loyal to his country in her hour of peril and who has been equally faithful to the duties of citizenship in the "piping times of peace." Mr. Hamilton became a resident of the city of Youngstown when a boy, and he has wrought out his own success through the persistent application of his energies and abilities, making the best of his opportunities and so directing his course as to gain and retain the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact. He is at the present time the capable incumbent of the office of superintendent of the city waterworks of Youngstown, and is one of the honored and popular municipal employes.

Wilson S. Hamilton is a native son of the Buckeye state and a member of one of its pioneer families. He was born on a farm in Hancock county, Ohio, on the 30th of January, 1840, being a son of Emanuel and Catherine Hamilton, both of whom are now deceased and both of whom were likewise born in Ohio, where the father devoted the greater portion of his life to flour milling. When he was an infant Mr. Hamilton's parents removed from Hancock county to Girard, Trumbull county, and there he was reared to the age of thirteen years, his early scholastic training having been received in the public schools there. In 1853 the family came to Youngstown, and here our subject continued to attend the public schools until he had attained the age of seventeen years, when he gave inception to his independent career in connection with the practical activities of life. He went to Warren, this state, at that time, 1857, and there served an apprenticeship of three years at the machinist's trade, becoming a thoroughly skilled

and capable workman, and thus well fortified for taking his place in the ranks of the world's successful workers in the great industrial field.

At this time, however, there came to every true son of the republic who was physically, and aside from exceptional contingencies, essentially able to go forth in defense of the nation, a higher and most insistent duty—that of loyalty and patriotism, to be exemplified on the field of battle and in the effort to perpetuate the integrity of a Union now menaced by armed rebellion. Mr. Hamilton was among the first to respond to his country's call, since in July, 1861, at Warren, he enlisted as a private in the Fourteenth Ohio Battery of Light Artillery, and that his patriotic enthusiasm did not wane under the stress of arduous service and the privations and dangers of the battle field is evident when we advert to the fact that he continued in active service until victory crowned the Union arms, having been mustered out at Camp Denison, Ohio, on the 9th of August, 1865, and having made the record of a brave and loyal soldier. Mr. Hamilton participated in many of the most memorable and strenuous battles of the great internecine conflict, notably the engagements at Shiloh and Jackson, Tennessee, and Corinth, Mississippi, after which his command joined the forces of General Sherman and participated in the entire campaign from Dalton, Georgia, to Atlanta, being in the battle at Resaca and taking an active part in the siege of Atlanta, as well as in the engagements at Decatur and Jonesboro, that state; the command then proceeded to Nashville, Tennessee, where it was under General Thomas, and where horses were recruited for the battery, which thereafter was a portion of the horse artillery. The battery then took part in the pursuit of Hood to the Tennessee river, thence proceeding to Mobile, Alabama, being present at the capitulation of that city; and thence the command went across Florida and Alabama to Columbus, Mississippi, then on to Meridian and Jackson and finally to Vicksburg, taking part in the various engagements incidental to the movement of the forces. The battery then proceeded up the Mississippi river, and this service terminated its work, the members of the organization receiving honorable discharge at the close of the war.

After being mustered out of the service Mr. Hamilton returned to Youngstown, where he remained a few months, and in the winter of the same year, 1865, he went to St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana, where he erected a sawmill, which he operated until the succeeding winter, when he returned to Youngstown and secured employment in a machine shop, having sold the plant which he had established in Louisiana. He continued in the employ of the concern noted until the spring of 1869, when he was given a

position as engineer in the old fire department of the city, and thereafter he served in this capacity until the waterworks system was installed, in 1872, at which time he was made superintendent of the same, an incumbency which he has ever since retained, being thus the only person who has ever held the position, and having been consecutively in the employ of the municipal government for a period of more than thirty years. It is unnecessary, in view of this significant circumstance, to say more in regard to his fidelity and his marked ability in the conducting of the affairs of this important department of the city service, and no man in Youngstown is perhaps better known than Mr. Hamilton, while he enjoys marked popularity and the unqualified esteem of all who know him.

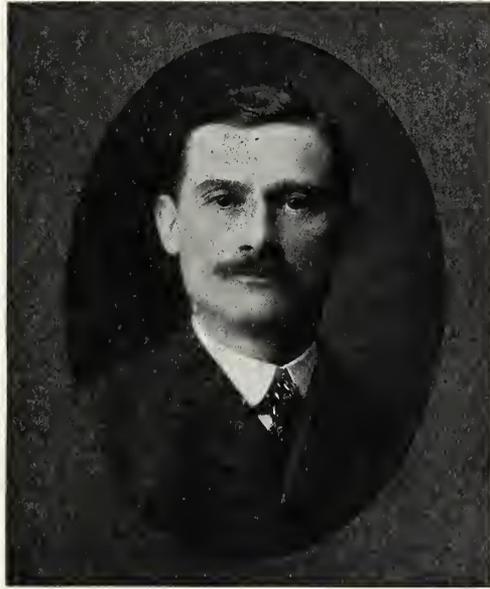
In politics he is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and he retains a vital and kindly interest in his old comrades of the rebellion, perpetuating the pleasanter association of army life and keeping in touch with his fellow veterans by retaining membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, being identified with Tod Post No. 29, in his home city. On the 14th of November, 1872, in Bristol, Ohio, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Mary F. Roberts, and they are the parents of five children, namely: Hale, Paul, Hugh, Carl and Grace B.

#### HARRY PARROCK.

In the midst of the failures and disasters of life it is a pleasure to review the career of a man whose efforts have been crowned with success in his chosen field of endeavor and whose life has been one of integrity and honor in all its relations. The subject of this brief sketch is numbered among the self-made and practical business men of the city of Youngstown, Ohio, and that he has been the artificer of his own fortunes is significantly evident when we revert to the fact that he initiated his independent career when a lad in his early 'teens, his equipment consisting of a self-reliant spirit and a sturdy determination to attain success, if such a result could be secured through industry, thrift and fidelity to principle. How well he has succeeded during the years of arduous and constant application, is indicated in the responsible position of which he is to-day the incumbent, being superintendent of the Brown-Bonnell works of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, one of the important corporations concerned in this line of industry in the Union.

The "right little, tight little isle" of England figures as the place of Mr. Parrock's nativity, since he was born in the town of Cradley, Worcester-shire, on the 20th of February, 1858, and there he received his early educational discipline in the common schools, though, as before intimated, he assumed the

practical responsibilities of life while a mere lad. He comes of stanch old English stock, the family name having been identified with the annals of Worcestershire for many generations, while that county was the birthplace of his parents, both of whom passed their lives in their native land. When in his fourteenth year our subject became identified with the practical activities of life by securing employment in a rolling mill in his native town, the establishment being known as Cradley Forge, and thus he gained his preliminary experience in connection with the line of industry to which he has since devoted his attention, and along which he has risen to the position of an



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expert artisan and become the incumbent of a responsible office. He continued to be employed in various iron forges in his native land until 1881, when, believing that here were to be found wider opportunities for advancement through personal labor and the application of his technical knowledge, Mr. Parrock came to the United States, locating in the famous iron district of Pennsylvania, at Catasauqua, Lehigh county, where he remained for nine years in the employ of the Catasauqua Manufacturing Company. At the expiration of this period, in 1890, he came to Ohio, locating in the village of Hubbard, near Youngstown, where he remained until the following year,

when he came to the latter city and entered the employ of the Youngstown Iron & Steel Company, which afterward became the Union Iron & Steel Company, and later the American Steel Company. With this he continued until May, 1902, having advanced to a position of responsibility while in the employ of that corporation, and at that date he resigned to assume his present office as superintendent of the Brown-Bonnell Works, in which capacity he is giving that discriminating and capable service which justifies his selection for the position he now holds.

Mr. Parrock has always taken an active part in political affairs and is ever mindful of the duties of citizenship; he exercises his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party. He is a member of the Unitarian church, as is also his wife, and fraternally he is an honored member of the Masonic order, in which he has passed the capitular degree, affiliating with Youngstown Chapter, R. A. M., while in the ancient-craft body he holds membership in Hillman Lodge No. 481, F. & A. M., of which he is past master and stands high in the esteem of his brother Masons, as does he generally in Youngstown, in either business or social life. He also holds membership in Youngstown Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. At Stourbridge, England, on the 15th of December, 1878, Mr. Parrock was united in marriage to Miss Tamar Parkes, and they are the parents of four children, namely: Wilfred H., Annie E., Harry P. and Edwin J.

#### FREDERICK W. BANKS.

The gentleman whose life history we now take briefly under review is recognized as one of the representative business men of the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, where he is incumbent of the position of manager of the Youngstown Co-operative Company, whose enterprise is one of importance, while its affairs are most efficiently conducted under the direction of our subject.

Frederick W. Banks claims the Dominion of Canada as the place of his nativity, having been born in the beautiful city of Toronto, province of Ontario, on the 27th of January, 1862, and being a representative of staunch English lineage. He was reared and educated in his native city, where he remained until he had attained the age of eighteen years, when he came to Youngstown, Ohio, and here secured employment in the Youngstown rolling mill. That the duties devolving upon him in this unwonted capacity were not in the least injurious in a physical way is evident when we revert to the fact that at the time when he entered the establishment his weight was one hundred and twenty pounds, while three months later he was able to tip the

scales at one hundred and fifty-four pounds. He received in recompense for his services the very nominal wages of one dollar and twenty-seven cents per day, but he continued the work for a period of five months, at the expiration of which he entered the employ of the Youngstown Bridge Company, another of the important industrial concerns of the city, now merged into the American Bridge Company, and with this company he was employed in connection with the building of cars, in which he continued one year, when he again made a change. At this time he became an employe of the Youngstown Pump Company, and this incumbency he retained about two years, while during the ensuing two years he was engaged in business on his own responsibility, conducting a restaurant and confectionery establishment in the city of Akron, this state. In 1889 Mr. Banks returned to Youngstown and opened a grocery store, building up a good business and continuing the enterprise until 1901, when he disposed of the same and accepted his present position in charge of the general merchandise business conducted by the Youngstown Co-operative Company.

Mr. Banks is a stalwart Republican in his political proclivities, and in 1899 he was appointed a member of the municipal board of health, representing the fifth ward in this body. He and his wife hold membership in the Westminister Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is identified with the local organization of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a popular and valued member. He and wife are both members of the Daughters of Rebekah. In Youngstown, on the 22nd of April, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Banks to Miss Margaret A. Brady, daughter of John Brady, of Warren, this state, and of this union have been born two children, Arthur Walter and Lillian Grace, who are twins.

#### DEWEESE C. NEVIN.

As one of the representative members of the bar of Mahoning county and as one who has attained prestige and success through his own discriminating and well directed efforts, the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph is well worthy of a place in a work of this province. He has proved an able advocate and a safe and duly conservative counselor, being well read in the literature of the law and having a broad and exact knowledge of the science of jurisprudence, while his mind is of that analytical bent which ever begets facility and judgment in the handling of the intricate problems of the law, now almost overburdened with precedents and technical literature.

Deweese C. Nevin comes of stanch old Scotch-Irish stock in the paternal line, his grandfather Robert Nevin having been born in the north of Ireland, whence he emigrated to America when a young man, taking up his abode in the state of Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his long and honorable life. His son James, the father of our subject, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1815, and was reared and educated in the old Keystone state, where he maintained his home until he had attained the age of twenty-seven years, when, in 1842, he came to Ohio, where the remainder of his life was spent, his death occurring in 1883. He married Sarah Scott, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Sarah J., the wife of W. B. Read; Emma G., the wife of Rev. W. M. Hunter; Deweese C.; James E.; Leander M.; and John H.

Deweese C. Nevin was born on the parental farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 6th of November, 1855, and there his youthful days were passed under the conditions common to the locality and period, his early educational discipline having been received in the district schools, while at the age of sixteen years he became a student in the Poland Union Seminary at Poland, Ohio, and later supplemented this training by a course of study in the Iron City Commercial College in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In giving inception to his independent business career Mr. Nevin became identified with the lumber business in New Waterford, Columbiana county, and later he was also concerned in the operation of a foundry and machine shop in that place from 1875 until 1889. In the meanwhile he had been devoting much attention to the reading of law, pursuing his studies under an efficient preceptor and finally devoting practically his entire attention to his technical reading until he became eligible for the practice of his chosen profession, securing admission to the bar of the state in 1893. Thereafter he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession in New Waterford until 1896, in November of which year he came to Youngstown, where he has gained due relative precedence, and where he has secured a representative clientage. Here he became associated in practice with Messrs. James E. Nevin and Hiram G. Bye, under the firm name of Nevin, Bye & Nevin, and this professional alliance continues at present.

In politics Mr. Nevin is a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, but he has had no personal ambition for public office, though he served for several years in the office of justice of the peace while residing in New Waterford. His religious faith is that of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Nevin is prominently identified with mining interests in the state of Idaho, being president of The Iron Springs

Mining Company, Limited, whose property, a gold and iron proposition, is located in Idaho county, having in sight as ready for development ore which will equal the par value of the capital stock, which is placed at five million dollars. On the 8th of June, 1880, Mr. Nevin was united in marriage to Miss Florence J. Strain, of Steubenville, Ohio, and they are the parents of two sons and one daughter, namely: Clyde D., Merrill F. and Rilla Florence.

#### WILLIAM P. PRINDLE.

The subject of this review, who is secretary and treasurer of the Union Ice Company of Youngstown, Mahoning county, is known as one of the representative business men of this place, and his career has been one of continuous advancement along the line of honorable and legitimate enterprise, while he has not been denied that measure of success which is due. Commanding unqualified confidence and esteem, standing as one of the public-spirited citizens of Youngstown and being a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of the Buckeye state, of which he is himself a native son, there is unmistakable propriety in here incorporating a brief review of the genealogy and personal history of Mr. Prindle.

William Porter Prindle was born in the village of Girard, Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 25th of March, 1858, being a son of Henry L. and Amanda (McFadden) Prindle, the former of whom was born on a farm in Trumbull county, Ohio, where his father, William Prindle, settled in the early pioneer days. Henry L. Prindle was born in the year 1833 and was reared and educated in his native county, where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits on the old homestead until 1901, when he relegated the active work to other hands and removed to the village of Girard, where he has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil and endeavor and resting secure in the confidence and esteem of all who know him. His wife, who is a native of Venango county, Pennsylvania, is still living, and they became the parents of two children, Anna E., who became the wife of John J. Young and who died in 1882; and William P., the immediate subject of this sketch.

William P. Prindle received his early educational training in the public schools of Girard and supplemented the same by a course of study in the Poland Union Academy at Poland, Mahoning county. He prosecuted his educational work until he had attained the age of about nineteen years, having in the meanwhile assisted in the work of the home farm. After leaving school he went to Mineral Ridge, Trumbull county, where for several years he was employed in a clerical position, and thereafter was engaged in various

pursuits, as expediency suggested, until 1882, when he came to Youngstown and took the position of shipping clerk in the rolling mill of the Youngstown Rolling Mill Company, retaining this incumbency one year and resigning the same to enter upon the duties of his office as deputy sheriff, to which he was appointed in the month of September, 1883. He proved so efficient in this capacity that he was continued as deputy during the regimes of three different incumbents of the sheriff's office. At the expiration of his term of service, in 1893, he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the office of the Youngstown Stamping Works, later being promoted to the responsible office of manager of the glass works which were then in operation in this city. The business did not prove a financial success, and Mr. Prindle remained with the concern until operations ceased, a period of about one year, and thereafter was employed in various capacities until 1897, when he took his present position, in which he has brought his energies to bear in such a way as to greatly further the success of the company, showing marked executive ability and discrimination and gaining prestige in the business circles of his home city.

In politics Mr. Prindle is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and with both lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1881 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Walker, daughter of J. B. and Ellen Walker, both natives of England. Mrs. Prindle was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1857. To this union two children were born, Henry W. and Ellen A.

#### JACOB C. BARRETT.

The prosperity of any community, town or city depends upon its commercial activity, its industrial interests and its trade relations, and the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, is the home of a number of the most important industrial enterprises to be found in the Buckeye state, this fact bearing evident significance. In the prosecution of these enterprises, in the various departments, are enlisted the services of many able operatives, officials and managerial factors, and thus the stable prosperity and commercial prestige of the city are assured. Here are located the Ohio works of the National Steel Company, and in the finely equipped plant the subject of this sketch exercises responsible functions, being superintendent of furnaces, and this incumbency indicates that he is thoroughly skilled in the practical details of the great industrial enterprise and also that his ability and fidelity have not fallen short of appreciation.

Jacob Crow Barrett claims the old Keystone state as the place of his

nativity, as do many others who are prominently concerned with the industrial activities of Youngstown. He was born on a farm in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of August, 1866, being the son of Douglas C. Barrett, who was born in Dutchess county, New York, in the year 1835, and who died in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 1884. The greater portion of his mature life was passed in Uniontown and its vicinity, where he was prominently and successfully engaged in the lumber business, being one of the honored and influential citizens of that place. He was a son of Caleb Bacon Barrett, who was born in Dutchess county, New York, and who devoted the greater portion of his life to agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in 1865. The Barrett family is of English lineage and has been long identified with the annals of American history, having been established in the new world in the colonial epoch. Douglas C. Barrett was married to Eliza A. Crow, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and who survives him. She came with her son to Youngstown, Ohio. Of their union eight children were born, and of the number the four surviving are as follows: Jacob C., Emily, Caroline and Mary.

In his native county Jacob C. Barrett passed his early years, receiving his preliminary educational discipline in the district schools of Fayette county. He continued his studies in the public schools of Uniontown, where he prepared himself for college. In 1881 he matriculated in the Pennsylvania State College, near Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, where he completed the scientific course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1885, receiving the degree of B. S. After his graduation Mr. Barrett taught in the public schools of his native county for one winter, after which he entered the employ of the Columbia Iron & Steel Company at Uniontown in the capacity of chemist, retaining this incumbency about two years, within which time he thoroughly demonstrated both his technical and practical ability. At the expiration of the period noted he went to Duquesne, Pennsylvania, where he entered upon the duties of first assistant chemist in the works of the Carnegie Steel Company. He continued to be thus engaged for a period of three and one-half years and then, in December, 1894, came to Youngstown, Ohio, where he took the responsible position of chemist in the works of the Ohio Steel Company, being thus employed at the time when the concern was merged into the National Steel Company, and having since continued in the employ of this great corporation. In 1901 Mr. Barrett was advanced to his present responsible office as superintendent of blast furnaces, the duties being exacting and demanding thorough scientific ability and readiness of practical application, so that the best of results may be insured from the operation of the great

plant. He has gained marked prestige in his chosen field of endeavor and is known as one of the able young men of Youngstown, where he enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

In so far as national issues are involved Mr. Barrett is staunchly arrayed in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party, but in local affairs he does not hold to strict partisan lines, preferring to give his support to those whom he considers most eligible for the respective offices, without undue regard for strict partisan affiliations. He is one of the prominent members of the First Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder and in whose affairs he takes a deep and abiding interest, lending his influence at all times in the furtherance of its spiritual and material interests and the support of its collateral benevolences, while Mrs. Barrett is also a devoted member of the church and active in its work.

On the 10th of October, 1899, Mr. Barrett was united in marriage at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Miss Lydia G. Peterson, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William C. and Elizabeth C. (Ketcham) Peterson, who were honored residents of Washington county. Mrs. Barrett comes of Revolutionary stock, her great-grandfather in the paternal line having been Gabriel Peterson, who served as captain in the continental army during the war which gained independence to our republic. Mr. and Mrs. Barrett have two children: Harry Clark Barrett, who was born on the 8th of August, 1900, and Kathrina, born August 10, 1902. The family home is a center of refined hospitality, and our subject and his wife take part in the best social activities of Youngstown, where they have a wide circle of friends.

#### GEORGE M. HUNTER.

The above named gentleman is a sample of the young man in business who shows how rapid rises are possible to those who bring to bear good habits and steady application in the affairs entrusted to their charge. His experience also indicates the opportunities for young men in this country of boundless resources, and how they are always in demand for the thousand and one places in connection with the various industrial establishments. Mr. Hunter started life early and rose from one grade to another until he now occupies a position of responsibility, as manager of the American Bridge Company at Youngstown. He is of Scotch parentage and Scottish birth. His father, Robert Hunter, was born in Scotland in 1840 and twenty-one years later was on a ship bound for the great republic across the ocean. He landed at New York harbor in 1861, made his way to the west without delay

and found a location at Youngstown. Engaging in the coal business at that point, he has continued the same with a fair amount of success up to the present time. An industrious, hard-working man, attentive to his duties and courteous to customers, he has gained a foothold as one of the useful citizens of Youngstown. Robert Hunter married Helen Miller, and to this union were born ten children, of whom the seven survivors are as follows: John; Robert M.; George M.; Agnes, wife of Edward Garrigan; Nellie; James and Mary.

George M. Hunter, third in age of the living children, was born at Airdrie, Scotland, in 1873, though his parents at that time were American citizens on a visit to their native land. He was brought up at Youngstown, and received his education in the schools of that city. Determining at an early age to "strike out for himself," to use the American colloquialism, he left school when seventeen years old and obtained employment as a stenographer with the Youngstown Bridge Company. During the following ten years he rose steadily from one grade to another until he was entrusted with the responsible position of manager of the company's business. In 1900 he went to Pittsburg as assistant division manager of the American Bridge Company, and after remaining there a year he was made manager of that company at Youngstown, a position which he has since held. He has exhibited excellent business qualities and an aptitude for the work entrusted to his care that has commended him highly to his employers. In fact, he is regarded as one of the rising young men in the business of bridge construction, and gives promise of a bright and prosperous career in that important line of the mechanical arts.

In February, 1901, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage with Miss Grace G., daughter of James A. Brownlee, a well known citizen of Youngstown. He is not a member of any church or secret society, but a man of upright life who lends his support to every cause that promises an improvement in the public or social conditions of the community. Though not an aspirant for office, and wasting no time in the intrigues of politics, he is a Republican by conviction and lends his support to the principles of that organization.

#### EUBIUS E. HANNA.

Eubius E. Hanna, who is an extensive dealer in real estate at Salem, Ohio, is one of the most substantial and prominent citizens of Columbiana county. He was born in Hanover township, in this county, in 1855, and is a son of John and Mary (Farmer) Hanna. The family is a well established one in Ohio, and many of its members have become distinguished. John

Hanna, the grandfather of our subject, was prominent in the affairs of Hanover township and was the first clerk of the first court of the county, which was convened in his house. He married Hannah Randell, who also belonged to an old family which had been pioneers from Pennsylvania. John Hanna, the father of our subject, was a prominent farmer and stock-raiser and was known both in business and public life throughout the county. He was a zealous Republican and boldly advocated the principles of that party. His death took place in 1877, at the age of sixty-three years. He and the father of Senator Mark Hanna were first cousins in relationship.

Eubius E. Hanna was educated in the schools of Lisbon and graduated at the high school in 1874. For several years he engaged in teaching through Columbiana county and Wisconsin and Iowa, and then was engaged, in association with his brother E. F. Hanna, in a wholesale business until 1888. In the same year he located in Salem and in 1898 formed a partnership with R. C. Kidler, in the real estate and insurance business, which has extended until it includes all of this and Mahoning county. This firm does a business of several hundred thousand dollars in a single year. Mr. Hanna is a progressive and public-spirited man, is financially interested in a number of leading enterprises, is ex-president of the Salem Oil and Gas Company, and is a member of the Salem board of trade.

He is very active in the Republican party and is fraternally associated with the Masonic bodies, the Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, and also takes part in the social organizations of the city. For three years he has served as justice of the peace, and his rulings have met with very general satisfaction. The lady who became his wife was Miss Naomi E. Coffee, who is a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Friend) Coffee, a pioneer family of Belmont county, Ohio. The son born to this union bears the name of Delos J. Hanna, and is employed as cashier in the office of Hanna and Kidler, who do a savings bank business, in connection with the real estate and loan business, at 34 East Main street, Salem, Ohio.

#### EDWARD R. THOMPSON.

Though less than twenty-nine years of age, the above mentioned gentleman has long enjoyed a high reputation as an architect, and has designed and built scores of the finest residences and public structures in Youngstown and neighboring cities. Both as a partner of his father and individually he has stamped his impress upon much of the finest architectural work of eastern Ohio, and is recognized as the undisputed leader of his profession in Youngstown. Aside from this, however, he has figured conspicuously and influentially



*D. L. Thompson*



in the political, educational and social life of the city, and no one of his age has done more to advance the cause of progress. His father, R. F. Thompson, was born in Cleveland in 1840, and in 1866 was married to Marie De Antagan, by whom he had six children, the three survivors being as follows: John J.; Anna M., wife of M. J. McGowan; and Edward R. R. F. Thompson was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 in Company G, Ninety-fifth Regiment of Illinois. After the war he was prominent in fraternal and political circles at Cleveland, and since his residence at Youngstown has served two terms on the health board and is now chairman of the board of city commissioners.

Edward R. Thompson, youngest of his father's living children, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, April 25, 1873, and seven years later came with the family to Youngstown. He completed his academical education in 1887 and entered his father's office, but six years later took a special course in the east as a preparation for his future profession. In 1898 he formed a partnership with his father, under the firm name of R. F. & E. R. Thompson, which became conspicuous for the amount and quality of building subsequently done by them. A sample of their best work is found in the residence of the late Chauncey H. Andrews, which was designed and built by the Thompson firm of architects. Other structures of note put up by them are the National Bank building, the Second United Presbyterian church, the Wilkins-Leonard block, the Hamilton apartments, Greek Catholic church and W. W. McDowell and James Hiney residences, while many other fine structures in Youngstown and adjacent cities attest their skill and workmanship. They designed the Richard Brown residence, Loftus Hotel, Plymouth Congregational church, W. E. Harris' residence at Niles, and the property of Frank Fertig and the Elks Club at Warren. Mr. Thompson has spent twelve years as an architect, and his skill is also represented in most of the large iron plants at Youngstown, while the quality as well as the quantity of his work reflects the highest credit upon his energy and talents. In addition to his other interests he is also a stockholder and secretary and director of the Wilkins-Leonard Hardware Company, and an honorary member of the Youngstown Builders' Exchange.

Mr. Thompson is now serving his third term as a member of the board of education, and in the spring of 1902 was elected president of the board; is president of the Oak School Alumni Association; a member of the Young Men's Christian Association; a member of the Foraker and Montgomery Republican Clubs; on six occasions has served as secretary of the Mahoning county Republican conventions; was secretary of the senatorial convention

which nominated Hon. J. J. Sullivan, of Warren, Ohio; and was secretary of one congressional convention. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and is connected with the following societies: Youngstown Lodge No. 154, K. of P.; Fleur De Lis Commandery No. 31, K. P.; Youngstown Lodge No. 403, I. O. O. F.; C. H. Andrews Castle, K. G. E.; Baldwin Camp, S. of V.; and is adjutant of the Eighth Ohio Regiment. For six years Mr. Thompson served in the Ohio National Guard, Fifth Regiment, of which John A. Logan, Jr., was captain. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Thompson's activities have extended over a wide scope, and his individuality as well as decided talent for practical affairs is recognized by all his associates.

#### WILLIAM G. LEEDY.

The record of an honorable, upright life is always read with interest, as it better perpetuates the name and fame of the subject than does a monument seen by a few and soon crumbling into dust beneath the relentless hand of time. Those who have fought and suffered for the state and country in which their lot is cast are especially deserving of an honored place in all its annals, and their posterity will turn with just pride to these records of the founders and preservers of a prosperous, united nation.

A native of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, born on the 2d of October, 1843, Mr. Leedy is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Gillespie) Leedy, the former of whom was a native of York, Pennsylvania, and followed the tobacco business throughout his active business career. When the Civil war was inaugurated Jacob Leedy entered the service as a musical instructor, but after thirteen months' service was mustered out by the special act of Congress which dispensed with that part of the service. After the close of the struggle he resumed his tobacco business, and subsequently came to Youngstown, Ohio, where he continued in active business until 1902, since which time he has lived in quiet retirement, and has now reached the age of eighty-four years. His wife, who claims Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as the place of her nativity, also survives, being now in her eight-second year, and for sixty-two years this worthy couple have traveled life's journey together. They became the parents of twelve children, ten of whom still survive, and all are married and have families of their own.

William G. Leedy, whose name introduces this review, enlisted for service in the Civil war on the 13th of September, 1861, entering Company G, Purnell Legion of Maryland Volunteers, under Captain George S. Merrill, and his services continued until the 24th of October, 1864, when he was honorably discharged at Yellow Tavern, near Petersburg, Virginia. His two brothers,

Walter F. and Joseph S., served in the same regiment, but in different companies, and both remained in the defense of their country for over three years. The Leedy brothers took part in all the leading battles in which their regiment participated, and each received a medal awarded by the state of Maryland for their participation in the great battle of Antietam, on the 17th of September, 1862. With the exception of about four weeks, during which time he was confined in the field hospital with typhoid fever, our subject was able to report for duty every day of those long three years of service, and after the expiration of his term of service he returned to Baltimore and engaged with his father in the tobacco business, thus continuing until 1868. In that year he came to the Buckeye state, being first engaged in business in Bryan, but in 1880 he came to Youngstown. In 1902, in company with his brother Joseph S., he organized the firm of Leedy Brothers, they succeeding the old firm of Jacob Leedy & Sons, and they are extensively engaged in the manufacture of cigars.

On June 3, 1873, Mr. Leedy was married in Maryland to Miss Sally J. Miller, a native of Annapolis, Maryland. Seven children were born to this union, as follows: Olive L., W. Edgar, David A., Julia M., Charles F., Sallie and George F. Mr. Leedy is a charter member of the Union Veterans' League, and his brothers are also members. He is a past commander of this order, and was also a member of Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R. He has always been actively interested in all the old soldier organizations, and is very popular among his old comrades. He has been a member of the Masonic order for twenty years. Nearly all the family are members of the Lutheran church, and they occupy such a prominent place in the social and business life of Youngstown that they may well be given a leading place in this historical volume.

#### THOMAS B. VAN ALSTINE.

The Dominion of Canada has furnished to this country many an able son in times past, and not the least worthy of these was Mr. Van Alstine. Many come from across the seas in search of better conditions and a greater degree of liberty, locating in Canada, only to find that their ideals have not yet been attained and that this broad land offers greater opportunities of thought and action.

Of good old Dutch ancestry, Mr. Van Alstine had the advantage by birth of natural qualities of body and mind which later distinguished him. Beginning the struggle of life in Canada, near Kingston, in the year 1843, Mr. Van Alstine was there reared and educated, coming to Connecticut when

twenty years of age and two years later removing to Franklin, Pennsylvania, and finally to Youngstown in 1867, where he continued at his trade of carpentering, becoming a few years later a contractor, and in 1875 he opened up his present lumber business.

In 1901 he was made vice president of the Youngstown Steel Castings Company, in which position he has rendered efficient service to the company, which is rapidly growing and enlarging its business in all departments. As proprietor of the Youngstown Lumber Company, he has developed it from a small enterprise in the beginning to one of the prominent ones of Youngstown. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Susannah Wehr, and to them came three children, Blanche, Jessie and Ruth.

His father, Lambert Van Alstine, also claimed Canada as his birthplace, dying there about 1848, and his father, the grandfather of our subject, is believed to have been born in Holland and to have emigrated to Canada in the early days, in search of more perfect liberty of thought and religious belief. The mother of Mr. Van Alstine was Rachel Knapp, and he was one of four children, of whom one is now living besides himself, Sidney K., a resident of Iowa.

Mr. Van Alstine is a member of the Republican party and of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has rendered efficient service in both, and is ever ready to aid in the advancement of the cause of humanity. He has won the respect and esteem of all who have chanced to cross his pathway in life's journey, by reason of his ability, sympathy and kindness of heart.

#### JOSEPH W. JEWHRUST.

One of the boys in blue of the Civil war, and at all times a loyal citizen true to the interests of county, state and nation, Joseph W. Jewhurst is numbered among the representative business men of Youngstown. During his army career he was ever found faithful to the duties imposed upon him, and won the confidence and high regard of his comrades and superior officers, while in his business and social relations he has manifested the same justice, integrity and reliability, and none know save to wish him well.

Mr. Jewhurst was born in Auburn, New York, on the 10th of November, 1839, and is a son of Edward and Hannah (Osborn) Jewhurst, natives of Kent, England, where both were reared and died, the former passing away at the age of seventy-five years and the latter when seventy-two years of age. Joseph W. was one of their nine children, but only he and his eldest brother, Edward, are now living. He was reared and received his education in the place of his nativity, and in June, 1862, at the second call for troops to put

down the rebellion, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth New York Infantry, but was later transferred to the Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, of which he was commissioned first lieutenant and in 1864 was made its captain. While serving as first lieutenant he was a member of General Keifer's staff, of the Second Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Army Corps, and while thus serving received his commission as captain. Receiving his discharge at Washington, D. C., he was mustered out of service at Syracuse, New York. During his army career Mr. Jewhurst suffered from typhoid fever for about eight months after going into winter quarters, but did not enter a hospital, and after his discharge he returned to his home in Auburn. In company with a friend he subsequently went to Titusville, Pennsylvania, and opened an art store, remaining in that city from the fall of 1865 until 1884, closing out his business in the latter year. In the fall of 1884 he came to Youngstown, Ohio, where he first secured work by the month for S. D. Currier, his services being thus retained for about four years, on the expiration of which period he entered upon his present business relations, as proprietor of a general art store. In this enterprise he has met with a high degree of success, and is now numbered among the leading and representative business men of the city of his adoption.

In the city of Newton Falls, Ohio, in 1870, Mr. Jewhurst was united in marriage to Miss Delia F. Clark, a native daughter of that city, and four children came to bless their union; one son, Charles B., passed away in death at the age of fifteen years. The surviving children are: Frank S., who is married and has two sons; Mildred L., a prominent and successful school teacher of Youngstown. In his political affiliations Mr. Jewhurst is a Republican, and he supported Lincoln in his first race for the presidency. He was formerly a member of Post No. 29, G. A. R., and for the past eight years has held membership relations with the United Veteran Legion, of which he is a past colonel and the present adjutant. He is also a member of the order of Heptasophs, and while a resident of Auburn, New York, was connected with the Masonic fraternity. Both he and his wife are active and worthy members of the Episcopal church, and the family are held in high regard by a large circle of friends and neighbors.

#### JAMES RAYEN.

As long as history endures will the Americans acknowledge their indebtedness to the heroes who, between 1861 and 1865, fought for the preservation of the Union and the honor of the starry banner which has never been trailed in the dust of defeat in a single war in which the country has been engaged.

Among those who wore the blue was the gentleman whose name introduces this review, and who has long been numbered among the leading agriculturists of Austintown township. He is a son of John and Sarah (Porter) Rayen, who were both natives of Pennsylvania, but as early as 1829 they left that commonwealth and came to Ohio, first taking up their residence at Youngstown, where they remained until the fall of 1833 and then removed to Champion township, Trumbull county. There they purchase land from time to time until they owned an estate of one hundred acres, which was divided into two farms, and there the father's death occurred in 1852. His widow subsequently returned to Youngstown, where she made her home for a number of years, but her death occurred in Trumbull county in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Rayen were people of the highest respectability, and were honored and esteemed for their many noble characteristics. Mr. Rayen was a Democrat in his political affiliations. In their family were thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to years of maturity, while five of the number are still living. These sons have entered the different walks of life, some have become manufacturers, others have taken up the teacher's profession, while still others have entered the mercantile field, but all have proved themselves true and loyal citizens.

James Rayen, the immediate subject of this review, was born in Pennsylvania ere the removal of the family to Ohio, his natal day being February 11, 1827. In his early manhood he owned and operated a sawmill in Champion township, his time being thus occupied for about eight years. In 1856, the year following his marriage, he removed to Iowa, where he continued the lumber business until 1862, and in that year entered the service of the government to subdue the rebellion, going into the ranks as a private in the Twelfth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Woods commanding. During his military career he took part in many of the hard fought battles of the war, including Pittsburg Landing, Vicksburg, Jackson, Black River Bridge, Champion Hill, Spanish Fort, Nashville, besides many minor conflicts, and during all this arduous service he was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. After the expiration of his first term, consisting of three years, he re-enlisted for service in the same company, thus serving until after the close of the war, and was honorably discharged in 1866. After his return to civil life Mr. Rayen took up the vocation of farming, locating on his present farm, which he purchased in 1873, and he now owns and operates a farm of eighty and one-half acres. His attention is devoted to general farming and stock-raising, and in both lines of endeavor his efforts have been rewarded with success. He has also been chosen by his fellow citizens to many positions of trust

and responsibility, having served as a township trustee for seven years, and is a member of the Veteran Legion of Honor at Youngstown.

Mr. Rayen was married in 1854 to Miss Rachel L. Templeton, who was born in Austintown township, Mahoning county, in 1835, and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Templeton, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in New Jersey. In an early day they came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and in Trumbull county they were well and favorably known. The following children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rayen: Lucius L., who was born in 1855; Charles C., who was born in 1857 and is now deceased; Edwin E., born in 1868; and Harry K., born in 1870. The last named is serving as superintendent of the Youngstown township public school, and the others are extensively engaged in the tilling of the soil. Throughout his long and useful life Mr. Rayen has been guided by principles of right and justice, and he has ever had the respect and esteem of all who know him.

#### JOHN SHIVELY.

This gentleman is of German stock, and is the son of native Pennsylvanians, George and Maria (Grove) Shively. The former was born in Tyrone township, Cumberland county, in 1798, and came to Ohio when a young man, where he was a prosperous farmer during the remainder of his life. He was noted for his sobriety and industry, was intelligent and sociable by nature, and had many friends. He was a member of the German Reformed church, and in politics was a stanch Democrat. He was the owner of two hundred acres of land, and knew how to make it yield its best crops. His death occurred in this county in 1878. His first wife was Mrs. Brickley, by whom he had two children, and about 1836 he married Miss Maria Grove, who was born March 15, 1806, and died in 1855. By this marriage there were six children, as follows: Elizabeth J., born March 6, 1837; David, deceased, born September 14, 1838; Abraham, December 15, 1839; George W., August 28, 1841; Caroline, July 16, 1844; and John, March 25, 1846.

John Shively, whose name and date of birth are mentioned last in the above list of children, is a native of Austintown township and has spent his entire life here. He early decided on farming as his vocation, for which his boyhood training had well fitted him, and in 1885 he bought the farm of ninety-two and one-half acres in Austintown township, which he is still cultivating so successfully. In 1871 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Wolfcale, and the names and dates of birth of

their nine children are as follows: Lena U., May 10, 1872; Ora B., September 28, 1873, is deceased; Walton J., April 13, 1875; Mary J., July 8, 1876; Carrie L., January 13, 1879; Myrtle M., August 31, 1882, is deceased; Nellie M., November 3, 1884; Emily M., March 13, 1887; and Wright, November 17, 1891. The mother of these children was born in Austintown township, May 17, 1857, and died November 5, 1895. Mr. Shively has shown his interest in public matters by serving acceptably his township as trustee, and in his social, moral and business life he has been a man above reproach and has won many friends.

### J. CALVIN EWING.

To the young and ambitious man there should be much in the life of Judge Ewing, of Mahoning county, which would inspire emulation and excite to stronger efforts for the attainment of the ideals which lie on the distant horizon as the guiding star to the bark of life. Judge Ewing began life on a farm, had to work hard from an early age, gained his education piecemeal, as the money which he earned by teaching gave him opportunity, and perhaps while others slept he was toiling upward along the height of legal learning and preparing for the profession in which he was destined to take a leading place. He made a good record as an educator, and afterward advanced steadily in the law, so that there are few men who deserve more honor for what they have accomplished with the advantages accorded them at the start, than the present probate judge of Mahoning county.

The Ewing family is of Scotch-Irish stock. Great-grandfather Alexander Ewing removed from Ayrshire, Scotland, with his family to county Donegal, Ireland, about the middle of the eighteenth century, where he resided until his death. His widow, Ann Ewing, with her family, consisting of two sons, Archibald and John, and two daughters, Catherine and Eleanor, emigrated to America in about 1792, and settled in Penn's Valley, Pennsylvania, where they resided until about 1802, when the mother, together with her sons and daughter Catherine, removed to what is now Mahoning county, Ohio, but at that time a part of Trumbull county. The son John Ewing settled upon land in Jackson township, and in 1805 he married Margaret Orr, of the same township, it being the first wedding to occur in Jackson township. To them were born the following children: Mary Eleanor, Ann, Margaret, Alexander, Margery, Sarah, Gibson, Catherine, Martha J., John and Rebecca. The father, John Ewing, lived his life out on the farm, his death occurring in 1842. His wife's death occurred in 1861.

The youngest son, John Ewing, continued to live on the farm and in



*Robert Ewing*



1849 married Margaret Sterrett, of Muskingum county, who died in June, 1890. Their children were as follows: Samuel O., Francis G., Mary E., Ella S., J. Calvin and Maggie A. twins, and James G.

J. Calvin Ewing was the fifth in his father's family and was born in February, 1863. The first twelve years of his life were spent on the home farm, and then the family removed to the old county seat at Canfield. He finished his public school course here, and then entered the excellent Normal School located there. But his course in the latter was not continuous, for before his graduation he taught a number of terms of district school. His first school was in Green township, and for his services in training the young ideas of that district he received ninety cents a day. Thus he alternated between the work of teaching and attending normal school until 1885, when he was accorded the diploma of graduation, and as he had such an excellent record in his work he was given the superintendency of his home school at Canfield. That he at once took a prominent position in the local educational field is shown by the fact that in the following year he was elected president of the Mahoning County Teachers' Association, which office he held as long as he continued in the profession of teaching. He remained two years at Canfield and a like period at Lowellville, but during this time he had been eagerly imbibing knowledge of the principles of law, and he now gave up teaching, and after spending a year in the office of General A. W. Jones, at Youngstown, in 1892 was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio, by the supreme court of the state.

Owing to his wide acquaintance in the county and his known qualifications, Mr. Ewing did not experience, perhaps, as trying a novitiate in the early years of his practice as did some others, and he soon built up a fine practice and took a leading position in the political circles of the county. In the fall of 1899 he was elected probate judge of the county by a majority of over seven hundred, and his increased popularity was shown by his reelection in 1902, by a majority of over twenty-seven hundred. Mr. Ewing was elected on the Republican ticket, and he has been active in the support of the principles of that party for years, having been a delegate to county and state conventions. Judge Ewing was married in 1893 to Miss Eva L. Calvin, of Canfield, Ohio; the family of which she is a member came from New Jersey, and were early settlers in Mahoning county. The only child born to the Judge and his wife is Allen C. As Judge Ewing is now in the very prime of his life, it is safe to predict that a very successful and useful career lies before him, and his worthy record in the past makes him deserving of the best that may be in store for him in the future.

Mention must also be made of another phase of Judge Ewing's life, his predilection for the country and for the raising of fine stock. Adjoining the village of Canfield he owns a fine farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres, which is especially adapted to stock-raising, and which is known as the "Fairmont Stock Farm." On this farm is maintained a fine herd of registered Galloway cattle, it being the only herd of this breed in northeastern Ohio, and also a fine flock of Rambouillet sheep as well as a select herd of Duroc Jersey swine. Judge Ewing aims to keep choice registered stock on his farm and takes much pride in breeding and raising fine animals, from which he derives both pleasure and revenue.

#### MILTON DAVIS.

The above named gentleman is one of the brave band of adventurous mechanics to whom Salem owes the industry which is one of the boasts of the city, and enjoys a reputation beyond the limits of the state in which it is established. Over half a century has passed since the first steps were taken in a small enterprise which grew from little to the magnificent plant now known as the Buckeye Engine Company, and whose product is now found wherever man is engaged in manufacturing on a large scale. All the choice spirits engaged in the inception of this enterprise deserve special honor in the community they did so much to serve, and the publishers of this volume are pleased to be able to contribute their share in this direction by presentation of suitable memoirs of the moving spirits. But Mr. Davis's activities and public services have by no means been confined to his connection with the Buckeye Works, as will be seen as his life work is unfolded in these pages.

Isaac Davis, father of our subject, was born in North Carolina during the latter part of the eighteenth century, in 1795, came to Columbiana county in 1806 and learned the carpenter's trade, which afterwards afforded his principal means of livelihood. In early life he married Mary, daughter of John Antrim, member of a Quaker family who came to Ohio about 1806. In 1821 Isaac Davis removed to Portage county, settled on a farm in Atwater township and there he and his wife lived to the end of their days.

Their son Milton Davis was born in Portage county, Ohio, on the parental farm in Atwater township in 1822, and under the direction of his father became proficient in the carpenter's trade. This he continued as his principal occupation until 1848, when he entered the works of the Sharp Brothers at Salem, Ohio, to learn pattern-making. He was given charge as draughtsman and pattern-maker, his business being to set up the work of the firm in different parts of the country. He was one of the founders of

the Sharp, Davis & Bonsall, in 1851, in connection with the Sharp Brothers and Joel S. Bonsall, which was incorporated in 1871 as the Buckeye Engine Company with the following list of officers: Joel Sharp, president; Milton Davis, vice president; T. C. Boone, secretary and treasurer; Joel S. Bonsall, superintendent; and Simeon Sharp, as assistant superintendent. At the beginning all four of the partners did the work in their respective departments and only about a dozen men in all were employed; but as the business prospered the works were enlarged and additional help secured, until at the present time the company employs several hundred men. The Buckeye engine, which they turn out, is sold extensively in all the industrial centers of this country and also shipped to other parts of the world. For over twenty years Mr. Davis looked after the pattern work of the company and brought to bear fine mechanical talent, skill and judgment in the details of the department entrusted to his care. He retained the vice presidency until 1895, when he was succeeded in that position by his son, D. W. Davis, and since then he has been in retirement, enjoying a much needed rest. Though eighty years of age, Mr. Davis is in the enjoyment of excellent health and takes the same interest in the growth and development of his country as characterized him during his long and active career. In a quiet and unostentatious way he has always supported the Republican party, but has not allowed ambition for office to lure him away from his important business enterprises. In 1851 Mr. Davis was married to Sarah Anthony, of Massachusetts, and has two sons, who are proving worthy successors in the same lines of industry in which their father accomplished so much good; a daughter, born in 1861, died in 1874.

D. W. Davis, the eldest son, was born November 3, 1851. He entered the Buckeye Engine Works at an early age, learned the draughting and machinist trade, and is at present vice president of the Buckeye Engine Company. He is a skilled workman and in every way fit to follow in the footsteps of his honored father. In 1885 he married Miss Ora, daughter of Simeon Sharp, one of the brothers who founded the Buckeye Engine Works and whose biography is presented in another part of this volume. One son was born of this union, but died in infancy.

D. L. Davis, the second son, was born January 3, 1855. He married Emma T. Harvey, of Ithaca, New York, in 1882, to whom one son, Leon H. Davis, was born in 1892. His wife died in 1898. Mr. Davis is an electrician and has been connected conspicuously with some of the most important enterprises of Salem. In partnership with his father, Milton Davis, he owns the electric lighting plant of Salem, which they erected and have

always controlled; Milton Davis is president; D. W. Davis, vice president, and D. L. Davis, secretary and treasurer of this company. They also control the Salem Street Railway, the father being president and the son secretary and manager of the company. Thus it will be seen how intimately and influentially the Davis family are connected with the business of Salem and to what extent they have contributed to the growth and prosperity of that thriving Ohio city.

#### BARTON R. SHOVER.

It is only necessary to consider that a little over a century ago such a scientific pioneer as Franklin was making his tentative efforts to put a harness on that well known fluid element, electricity, and that to-day this still unanalyzed power is the principal force behind the greatest civilizing agencies of the world, in order to realize how rapid has been the progress of science, and also how high a position both the theoretical discoverer and student as well as the practical inventor and electrical engineer hold in the life of the twentieth century. It is with one of the latter type, who has mastered the intricacies of this wonderful science and is able to apply his knowledge in the direction of the vast machinery of modern manufacture, that this brief biography has to deal. Barton R. Shover, who has depended on his own exertions to aid him through life, has, by successive steps of advancement, become one of the leading electricians of the country, and at present holds the important position of superintendent of the electrical department of the Ohio works of the great National Steel Company, a place which no man of mediocre ability in this special line could fill.

The parents of the above named gentleman are Garrett H. and Ella (Crull) Shover, the former of whom was born at Richmond, Indiana, in 1840, and the latter at Dublin, the same state, in 1844. Mr. Shover has spent all his active career in the carriage and wagon business in Indianapolis. For over three years he was one of the soldiers in the Civil war, and bore his full share of that great struggle. Both these worthy people are now residing in Indianapolis.

Their son Barton R. was born at Dublin, Indiana, February 13, 1868, but as his parents soon moved to Indianapolis, he gained his education in the public schools of that city, being graduated from the high school in 1885. His bent toward the profession of electrical engineering was satisfied by a full course at the Rose Polytechnic Institute in Terre Haute, where he was graduated in 1890. For the four years following his graduation he was connected with electric railroads and lighting plants, at various places, Minne-

apolis, Minnesota; Indianapolis, Indiana; Richmond, Indiana; and at Asbury Park, New Jersey. In 1894 he came to Youngstown, Ohio, and until November of the following year was employed by the Youngstown Street Railway Company, but at the latter date he became turn foreman in the electrical department of the Ohio Steel Company. This was the position he held until his advancement to his present place, that of superintendent of the electrical department of what was then the Ohio Steel Company, but since absorbed and made the Ohio works of the National Steel Company; this promotion took place in June, 1899. Mr. Shover has devoted all his energies to his profession and certainly deserves the honor and pecuniary advantages of his present position.

While he was a resident of Asbury Park, New Jersey, Mr. Shover took his first degrees in Masonry, on March 28, 1893; on May 22, 1900, he became a member of the chapter in Youngstown, and in 1902 he was advanced to membership in St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T. Politically he is a Republican, and belongs to the Youngstown Club. What he considers his most important relationship outside of his regular business is his connection with the Young Men's Christian Association as a member of the educational committee, and during his five years on this committee he has been the instructor of the class in electricity, a position where he has been able to assist many aspiring young men in the realms of electrical science.

#### CHARLES W. HARRIS.

Northeastern Ohio is filled with the worthy sons of pioneers who made the Western Reserve noted for its educational, religious and industrial advancement in the early day, and who in their turn are keeping up that reputation. The gentleman whose name heads this article is the son of one who was prominent in Salem in the days before the great Civil war, and he is now one of the leading business men of this section. Mr. Harris was born in Salem in the year 1845, and is the son of Dr. John Harris. The latter was a native of the Keystone state, born in Adams county in 1808, where he remained with his parents until he arrived at man's estate. About 1839 he, with his parents, Jacob and Mary (Wright) Harris, removed to this locality, where he continued to reside until the death of his parents. Jacob Harris, the grandfather of our immediate subject, was a worthy representative of the agricultural class in the Keystone state, and resided there during the time of the Revolutionary war. He also removed to the locality of Salem, where he settled on a farm one and one-half miles southwest from the village. He later removed to Stark county, Ohio, where he died. Dr.

John Harris had been educated in the schools of his native county. Upon arriving in Ohio he soon took up the study of his profession, entering the office of Dr. Benjamin Stanton, and after a course of reading with him repaired to the Cincinnati Medical College, where he prepared himself thoroughly for the practice of his profession. He settled at Salem and until 1855 was engaged as a general practitioner, in which year he took up the study of dentistry, and thereafter to the time of his death was engaged in that profession. Dr. John Harris during his lifetime in Salem was a very prominent figure in the public eye, having served a long period of years as mayor of the town, and being also connected for long years with the educational interests as a member of the board of education. In religious faith he was one of that band of noble Quakers who were active in the establishment of the noted "underground railroad," and of which he was an agent in this part of the country, and aided many a black man on his way to Canada in search of freedom. Dr. Harris married, in Salem, Miss Mary Trescott. This lady was the daughter of Samuel C. Trescott and Sophia Lane, both of the parents having come to Ohio from Caanan, Connecticut, being among the very earliest pioneers of the Western Reserve, which was at that time claimed by the state of Connecticut. They, also, were members of the Quaker faith. The children born to Dr. John Harris were Augustus H., who died in January, 1903; the second child was the subject of this sketch.

Mr. C. W. Harris was reared and educated in the village of Salem, surrounded with the Christian influences of a quiet Quaker home, where he was well grounded in the best of moral principles. In early youth he took up the study of civil engineering, and became connected with the Pennsylvania Canal, with headquarters at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was engaged in work of this nature for a period of ten years. In 1876 he came back to his native village, and purchased, in company with his brother Augustus, a label printing business which had been established in 1869. This business had been started in a very primitive style, but had gradually grown to fair proportions at the time that our subject made the purchase. He has since developed it until its business extends largely over the United States and in several foreign countries, his work being mainly among manufacturers and druggists. The business is still growing rapidly and it is one of the largest industries of its kind in the state of Ohio.

During his residence in Salem Mr. Harris has taken great interest in the public utilities of the place and has been honored by his fellow citizens with offices of trust. He has served a number of terms in the city council and on the board of education, and has been a member of the board of health and

other organizations connected with the life of the city. In political affairs he supports the ticket of the Republican party, though he has not been seeking for office. Mr. Harris celebrated his marriage in Dauphin, Pennsylvania, being joined to Maria Greenawalt, who has borne him five children: Mary T., wife of J. F. Layng, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Dixon, a business man of Salem and one of the firm of Harris and Company, label printers; Frank G., a machinist living at Salem; Augustus E., who is a student at the high school; Edna E., also in school. Mr. Harris and his family are adherents of the Presbyterian faith, in which organization he is, and has been for many years, an elder. He and his family command the respect and kind offices of a large circle of friends.

#### JOHN C. BROWNE.

John C. Browne is a splendid type of that class of men who succeed in life by quiet, unobtrusive and honest effort persistently directed towards one honorable object. His life has been one of steady, methodical, determined effort, and his work has done much towards making Youngstown one of the great business cities of Ohio.

Mr. Browne was born in Kemptville, Upper Ontario, Canada, June 28, 1857. His father, Daniel Browne, was a native of Belfast, Ireland. He was a remarkable man in many ways and an expert in the medical profession. He prepared himself for his life's work by studying surgery, medicine and pharmacy at the Glasgow University, Glasgow, Scotland. He afterwards served seven years as an assistant in the Belfast Hospital, during which time he married Miss Jane Cameron, a descendant of the great Cameron family, one of the famous highland clans whose name will survive as long as history is read. For twenty-five years he resided in Belfast and practiced his profession, besides being proprietor of a large apothecary shop. He came to Canada in 1837 and resided there until his death in 1859. Dr. Browne was highly respected in Upper Ontario on account of his ability as a physician and his character as a man. In religious belief he was a Protestant and was a highly esteemed member of the Masons. He had thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, of which the subject of this sketch was the youngest.

Mr. Browne left his Canadian home while a young man and went to Pittsburg, where he acquired a thorough business and commercial education in the best schools of that city. He came to this city in July, 1885, and established Browne's Business College, which has enjoyed a most successful career ever since its establishment. Mr. Browne started out with the idea

that he would furnish the business men of Youngstown with young men and women who would be able to do all that was required of them, and that he has succeeded is conclusively proved by the fact that among Youngstown's successful business men are numbered many of his graduates, while his school has a well established reputation for good work throughout north-eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. He has not only made a success of his own life, but has been the means of leading others to success along the hard route of honest, conscientious and arduous endeavor. He is highly respected by all who know him, on account of his stern integrity, an invaluable heritage from his Scotch ancestors, and his kindly disposition and his fine sense of justice. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, but has never joined any fraternal order or society.

#### DAVID N. SIMPKINS.

David Neely Simpkins, who at various times has held many positions of honor and trust in his county, is one of the most prominent and efficient officials and financiers in this section, and is now serving as secretary of the water works of Youngstown. He traces his ancestry back to the commonwealth of New Jersey, where his paternal grandfather, Peter Simpkins, was born; he died in Pennsylvania, passing to his final rest at the age of sixty-one years, between the years of 1835 and 1840. His maternal grandfather, David Neely, valiantly served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812, from Pennsylvania. The father of our subject, Enoch Simpkins, claimed the Keystone state as the place of his nativity, his birth occurring in Westmoreland county on the 17th of December, 1811, and in Mercer county, that state, he passed to his final reward July 25, 1858, after a useful and beneficial career. As a means of livelihood he followed the tilling of the soil and coal operations. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Neely, and by her marriage to Mr. Simpkins she became the mother of fourteen children, five of whom died in infancy, and of the nine who grew to years of maturity David N. is the only survivor. The mother passed away in death on the 10th of May, 1851, loved and honored by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

David N. Simpkins was born on a farm in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in 1833, and there he remained until seventeen years of age, attending school as opportunity offered, but his advantages in that direction were very meager. However, being of a studious disposition, he applied himself diligently to mastering the branches of learning, and was soon able to impart to others the knowledge he had acquired. In 1852 he was made principal of the first



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graded school in Greenville, Pennsylvania, where he continued during a six months' term. In the spring of 1854 he abandoned the work of the school-room, and as a clerk entered the store of Sutton & Wick, at Greenville, Pennsylvania, but at the end of six months he again took up pedagogic work, in the same school in which he had formerly taught, thus continuing during a six months' term. Going thence to Wayne, Ohio, he entered as a clerk the store of Calvin C. Wick, where he remained from April, 1855, until March, 1856, and then on account of the proprietor's failure in business Mr. Simpkins returned to Greenville, Pennsylvania, and for the following year was engaged in the dry goods business in the capacity of a clerk. Going again to Wayne, Ohio, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Ashtabula county during the years of 1857-8-9, and in the fall of the latter year he and his cousin Henry S. embarked in mercantile pursuits in Wayne, their efforts thus being directed until the spring of 1861. The Civil war then burst upon the country, and this proved so disastrous to the business interests of the town that they were obliged to suspend operations, and in the fall of that year our subject came to Youngstown, but he did not take up his permanent location in this city until 1862. During his first two months here he was employed as a carpenter, and he then again turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, becoming a clerk in a general store. In the spring of 1864 he was called out on the one hundred day service, and on his return from hostilities he resumed his position in the store, his efforts being thus directed until the 30th of November, 1865. From that date until the 1st of August, 1872, he was the efficient clerk for the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company at Youngstown, and he then directed his attention to the flour and feed business until April 1, 1878, when he was elected to the position of justice of the peace. So well did he fulfill the requirements of that office that in 1881 he was re-elected, serving in all six years. His next public position was that of city clerk, and after a two years' term therein he became the secretary of the Youngstown water works, his present position.

In Wayne county, Ohio, in 1856, Mr. Simpkins was united in marriage to Emily Ward, who died in 1861, leaving two children, one of whom died in infancy, and the surviving son is Frederick A., who was born in Wayne, Ohio, on the 30th of September, 1859, and is now a resident of Youngstown. He married Mary Cartwright, and they have four children, Bessie E., Susan M., Frederick W. and Emily G. For his second wife Mr. Simpkins chose Miss Jennie Gilmore, their wedding having been celebrated in Johnstown, Ohio, in 1862. To that union have been born three children, one of whom died in infancy, and those who are now living are: Margaret M., the wife of John

F. Leonardson, and they have two sons, David F. and John C.; and Gertrude S., the wife of Edmund L. Powers, and they have two sons, William and Edward Clyde. The Republican party receives Mr. Simpkins' hearty support and co-operation and in his fraternal relations he is a Knight Templar Mason and a Member of Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R. His religious views connect him with the Presbyterian church, of which he is an acceptable and valued member. He is deeply interested in the affairs of the city which has so long been his home, and has labored for its improvement and progress. In private life he has gained that warm personal regard which arises from true nobility of character, deference for the opinions of others, kindness and geniality.

#### JOHN A. MOORE.

Among the leading citizens of Mahoning county is John Albert Moore, who was born in an old log house on the farm on which he now resides, in May, 1843. The Moore family are numbered among the early pioneers of the locality, the grandfather of our subject, John Moore, having removed here from Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1803, and his death occurred from apoplexy when he was about forty-four years of age. He reared two sons and five daughters, and among the number was William Moore, the father of him whose name introduces this review, and who was born in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, in February, 1815. For his wife he chose Miss Mary Agnes Stewart, who was also born on the present Moore homestead, her father, David Stewart, having located thereon in 1805. He was the last of six brothers to come from Adams county, Pennsylvania, and on his arrival here he purchased a settler's right to one hundred and sixty acres of land, on which had been erected a little log cabin with a clapboard roof and weight-poles. His father, Robert Stewart, gave to each of his six sons and two daughters one hundred and sixty acres of land. The Stewart family, originally from Scotland, are numbered among the old and wealthy ones of the Buckeye state, and trace their lineage back to early days in England. One family of this name had fifteen sons, all of whom were over six feet in height, and their mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary McClay, was of Scotch-Irish descent. She was married in Ireland to a Stewart, who owned a county in Scotland, but was driven from that country on account of his political beliefs. The marriage of William and Mary Agnes (Stewart) Moore was blessed with five children, namely: Sarah Jane, who resides near Portland, Oregon, and has three living children; Benjamin Franklin, who resides in the southeastern part of Coitsville township, and has one son and one daughter; John A., the subject of this review; David T., who resides on

a part of the original Moore homestead, and has six living children, three sons and three daughters; William E., a resident of Lucas county, Iowa. The father of these children passed away in death in February, 1872, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years, while the mother survived until February, 1888, both dying at about the same age. They were of the Calvinistic faith, descended from old Covenanters, and led exemplary lives.

John Albert Moore, a son of this worthy couple, received but limited educational advantages during his youth, and early in life began the struggle for a livelihood. His first employment was in a brick yard, where he worked during the summer months, and in the winter seasons found employment in the woods. He remained on the old home farm until twenty-seven years of age, when he was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Forsythe, a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Carroll) Forsythe, also natives of that county. The grandfather of Mrs. Moore was one of the early pioneers of Allegheny county, where he owned valuable coal lands. Her mother was married when but eighteen years of age, and at the age of forty was left a widow with twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom reached mature years with the exception of three, and four of the number are now living. Two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Moore are deceased, one having died in infancy, and Benjamin D. passed away at the age of thirteen months. Their living children are: Ernest Carroll, who is now serving as assistant professor of philosophy in the University of California; he was married in Mississippi, his wife being both a physician and teacher. The second son, Milo Stewart, is a graduate of Mount Union College of Ohio, and for a time was engaged in teaching in Huron; he is now a student in the Chicago University; Louis Forsythe Moore attended the college at Ada, Ohio, and is now an electrician with the Ohio Steel Company, of Youngstown. Roy J. Moore is a graduate of Rayen School, and was for a time in the employ of the National Steel Company of New York city. The next in order of birth, Harrison Edward, is also a graduate of the Rayen School, while his brother, William Leonard, a lad of fifteen years, is now attending the graded school of this district. The daughter of the family, Jane Adams, was adopted from the Hull House in Chicago, Illinois, she having come to them when two and a half years old, and has now reached the age of eight years.

Mr. Moore is now the owner of forty acres of land, where he is extensively engaged in horticultural pursuits, growing both the small and larger fruits, and in this line of endeavor he has met with a high degree of success. His is one of the most fertile and productive farms in this section of the

state, and has been greatly improved. He is a Republican in his political views, and has served as a member of the board of education and as the township trustee. His religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is allied with the Presbyterian church. Their pleasant home is noted for its gracious hospitality, and they well deserve the respect and high regard in which they are held by all who know them.

#### ADOLPHUS H. CLARK.

This well known citizen of East Liverpool belongs to one of those honored old pioneer families whose history is so interesting to trace. It leads us back to the period of history-making and nation-building, to and through the times when the first formative steps were being taken and the groundwork laid for the future American republic which is now marching on so grandly to its destiny. By following these pioneers of civilization we are brought in touch with conditions long since passed away and never to return, but which, while they prevailed, were peculiarly and altogether North American in type. We meet the red men at every turn, that most remarkable as well as most heroic of all the aboriginal races. Pioneer life was interwoven with these children of the forest; with the camp in the woods, the midnight foray, the scalping knife, the tomahawk and the blood-curdling warwhoop. Indeed the pioneer and the Indian are inseparable; their lots were cast together, and the same page tells the story of each. The Indian warrior's death-song mingles with the sound of the woodman's ax, and the Indian maiden's wail of anguish is drowned by the white man's strident voice as he advances resolutely to the conquest of the forest. The tearful tale of Tecumseh, told to the accompaniment of the cataract's majestic music, is but a companion to the narrative of the achievements of Daniel Boone, which stand out in silhouette on the very frontispiece of the pioneer period. All the figures are not so heroic, but each one performed some part which, however humble, has an interest peculiarly its own. The actors, great and small, are all gone now, but it is pleasing as well as instructive to turn over these old records for incidents of the long ago, and stories of the heroic actors therein

“Round about whose home the glory that blushed and bloomed  
Is but a dim-remembered story of the old time entombed.”

The Clarks were at the front in those stirring times and had representatives at various places, wielding the ax as well as the rifle, fighting Indians on the Monongahela and Miami, treading the lone paths of the “dark and bloody ground,” felling the forests primeval and wandering wearily through

the trackless wilds that lay between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi. Samuel Clark, great-grandfather of the Liverpool lawyer, was a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, and lived at a time when that part of the country was near the frontier. Two of his brothers, George and John, were killed by the Indians in one of those bloody border fights so common when the white man was pushing across the divides between civilization and savagery. Samuel married a widow named Nellie Violette Lyttleton, who by her first marriage had three children, John and two daughters, the latter becoming wives of George Dawson and a Mr. Scott. The second marriage resulted in the birth of four sons, Alexander, Samuel, George and Hugh, of whom it is necessary to follow the fortunes of only the last mentioned.

Hugh Clark was born in western Pennsylvania in 1778, when the Revolutionary war was at its height, and as soon as he reached his majority joined the tide then surging over the mountains into the virgin lands of Ohio. He located in what is now Jefferson county, and there in 1811 was married to a Miss Fishel, after which he removed to Clark county and settled on the banks of Mad river. His wife died at this place about 1815, leaving two children, Mary and Eleanor, and after this event he located on Yellow creek, a few miles west of what is now Salineville, in Columbiana county. Hugh Clark was not only a pioneer in the ordinary sense of the word but was the "avant courier," or advance agent in two important branches of the agencies then engaged in carrying the torch of civilization into the wilderness. His regular occupation was farming, but between times, as the borderers would say, he taught school and music. He was probably the first, certainly one of the first, who urged the tardy loiterers of the log cabin days along the flowery paths of knowledge and showed the girls of the period the mysteries of the tuning-fork and the old "buckwheat notes." In 1816 this old pioneer contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Letitia Kerr, who was born in 1793 and was a daughter of James and Hannah (Beard) Kerr. Her father moved to Yellow creek in 1810, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1812. His seven children were Letitia Clark, William, Mary Donnard, Amelia Woodburn, Hannah Marshall, James and Julia Roach. The seven children of Hugh and Letitia (Kerr) Clark were Violet, James, Amelia, Julia A., George D., Letitia J. and John L. The mother died in Columbiana county in 1855, and Hugh Clark, in December, 1857. The latter had three brothers, who spent their lives in Jefferson and Columbiana counties, and a few brief particulars concerning them are appended. Alexander married Ruth Mathews and had seven children—Sallie Wycoff, Samuel, Prudence Hart, Alanson, John, Nel-

lie Russell and Rachel. Samuel Clark married Jennie Carothers and had ten children: Violet Adams, Rebecca Russell, Hugh, Nellie Kerr, James, Sarah Lowery, Hannah, Jane Ewing, Margaret Barcus and Lydia Criss. George Clark, the third brother, married Hannah Vaughn and had eleven children: Nellie Fishel, Alexander, Lydia Brothers, Stephen, Elizabeth, George, Richard, Diana Hammers, Frances Gilson, Hannah and Perry J.

Of the children of Hugh Clark those dead are Mary Carman, Violet Saltsman, James and Letitia Campbell. Those living are Ellen Van Fossan, Amelia Paisley, Julia S. McCloskey, George D. and J. Lyttleton Clark. It now remains to notice more particularly three of the sons of Hugh Clark, all of whom were veterans of the Civil war and men of attainments. George D. and John L. Clark were for many years engaged in teaching school and in time came to be regarded as leaders in this line. George D. enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with his command in the Army of the Potomac. John L. joined the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with it in the west under Sherman. He learned the painter's trade and for some years was editor of the Buckeye State.

James Clark, second son by his father's marriage with Letitia Kerr, was born in 1818, on Yellow creek bottom, near the residence of Samuel Kerr, a few miles below Salineville. As he grew up he combined the occupations of school teaching and brick-making, each being pursued in its suitable season, and this continued several years. As side lines, he did some coopering and farmed on a small scale. He is represented by those who knew him as a man of more than ordinary intelligence for the period in which he lived, and was especially noted for his conversational ability, readiness of repartee and skill in debate. He enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served with his command during the famous Peninsular campaign in eastern Virginia. Being a friend of liberty and extremely averse to the system of human slavery, he was first an abolitionist, and when the Republican party was started became a charter member, and until the end of his days was a strenuous and zealous advocate of the progressive principles of that great organization. In the later years of his life he was engaged in mining at Salineville, and was so employed when summoned to his last rest in April, 1875. James Clark was married in 1845 to Mary C. McMillan, of Carroll county, Ohio, by whom he had eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Adolphus H. Clark; Harriet A., who was the wife of James Willis Carter and died in 1868, leaving one son, John Sherman Carter; Elizabeth H., the

widow of Sidney A. Onihundro; Rosilla, who died in 1870, unmarried; Hannah K., wife of William Evans; Rebecca T., wife of Frank Small; and Blanche, who died in 1900, and was the wife of John Corns.

Adolphus H. Clark, A. M., was born near Salineville, Columbiana county, Ohio, March 26, 1847, on his father's farm. Like the uneventful lives of other boys, his time was passed on the farm and in the schools. At the age of sixteen he became a private pupil of his uncle, a scholarly man. From 1870 to 1875 he taught school in Columbiana county, and then, having studied law under Nichols and Firestone in New Lisbon, Ohio, he was admitted to the bar in 1874 and in 1875 located in East Liverpool, where he has practiced law ever since. The loyal citizens of that town elected him as their mayor from 1880 to 1882; he was clerk of the town from 1876 to 1880, and city solicitor from 1892 to 1896. These official positions attest the esteem in which he is held by his fellow men.

In 1878 Mr. Clark was married in East Liverpool to Kate E., daughter of Dr. Jacob J. Ikirt, and of this union six children were born, of whom three died in childhood, the other three being named: Walter A., Elizabeth E. and George Jay. Mr. Clark belongs to the Masonic order, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Elks; he liberally supports the Methodist Episcopal church, and casts his vote for the Republican party. From this record we see that he is a man of influence, and one who strives to be of benefit to his community.

#### HENRY ANDRUS EVANS.

Henry Andrus Evans, eldest son of Albert and Sarah Burns Evans, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1838. His grandfather Evans, one of the pioneers of the west, built a rolling mill at Connellsville, Pennsylvania, very early in the history of that part of the country. His maternal grandfather, Henry Burns, was the first white child born west of the Allegheny mountains.

Mr. Evans received his education in the public and private schools of Pittsburg. He chose the profession of medicine, but after studying a year or more his health failed and he was obliged to give it up. He afterwards entered a rolling mill and became a heater. He was thus employed at the breaking out of the Civil war. He at once enlisted and was appointed a non-commissioned officer of Battery G, First West Virginia Light Artillery. He was severely wounded in the head at the battle of Rocky Gap, but after spending three months in the hospital returned to his company, with which he continued till the end of the conflict.

He was married to Miss Sarah Robinson Laing, of Pittsburg, November 22, 1863, and is the father of five children, Mrs. O. R. Jones, Mrs. H. D. Thompson, Mrs. C. W. Wilson, George R. and Charles Howard Evans.

Mr. Evans came to Youngstown after the close of the war and has resided there since, with the exception of three years, which were spent in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and Portsmouth, Ohio. For many years he was prominently identified with the Cartwright, McCurdy Mills, but, because of ill health, was forced to retire from active business life some years since, and now devotes much of his time to real estate.

He has always felt a keen interest in the public schools and served as a member of the board of education for seven years. He is a leading member of the Belmont Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Western Star Lodge No. 21, Youngstown Chapter No. 93, and St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T. He is also a member of Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R. Mr. Evans is admired by all for his sterling qualities of character—a man whose word is as good as his bond, a man whose entire life has been above reproach, one who is always ready to help in the advancement of any good cause—he has justly earned a place among Youngstown's most prominent and substantial citizens.

#### WINCHESTER MOHERMAN.

Opportunity for advancement is never denied the business man. In political and military circles only certain prizes can be won, and few there are who can gain these, but in the field of industrial, commercial or professional activity opportunity is almost limitless. There is always room at the top, and it is toward that place that Winchester Moherman has been steadily advancing until he now occupies a very creditable and enviable position in the ranks of the business men of this section of the state. The name borne by our subject is one which has stood exponent for the most sterling personal characteristics, the deepest appreciation of the rights and privileges of citizenship, and one which has been indissolubly identified with the annals of Mahoning county from an early epoch in its history. The first of the name to cast in his lot with the early settlers of the Buckeye state was Frederick Moherman, who came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1802, and located on the farm on which our subject now resides. His original entry consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, and as his financial resources increased he added to this property from time to time until his landed possessions consisted of twelve hundred acres. His life was indeed an industrious



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one, and with untiring energy he performed the arduous task of developing new land and transforming it into richly cultivated fields. His political support was given to the principles of the Whig party. Ere his removal from the Keystone state, Mr. Moherman wedded Miss Mary Horn, who was born in 1793, and they became the parents of nine children, John, Abraham, Daniel, Robert, Anna, Betsy, Austin, Rachel and Winchester, but the last named is now the only surviving member of the family. The mother was called to her final rest on the 1st of May, 1855, and two years later, on the 4th of December, 1857, her husband joined her in the home beyond, he having then passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey.

Winchester Moherman, whose name introduces this review, is a native son of Mahoning county, for his birth occurred in Austintown township on the 16th of December, 1825. In the common schools of his native township he prepared himself for his future life of usefulness, and throughout the period of his active business career he has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising. At one time he was the owner of sixteen hundred acres of land, but much of this he has given to his children, although he is still the owner of a large estate, which is divided into several farms, and he is also the owner of a farm in Trumbull county. His business efforts have been crowned with a degree of success richly merited, and now on his beautiful and valuable homestead he is spending his declining days, surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

The marriage of Mr. Moherman was celebrated in 1850, when Miss Samantha A. Orr became his wife. She, too, is a native of this commonwealth, her birth occurring in Milton, in 1831, and she is a daughter of John and Sarah Orr. The Orrs were also among the early pioneers of Ohio, and the grandfather of Mrs. Moherman, James Orr, was a native of Ireland. In a very early day he came to Mahoning county, settling in Jackson township, where he rose to prominence in agricultural circles. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Bailey, and they became the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to years of maturity. John Orr, one of the sons of the above family, became the father of Mrs. Moherman, and he, too, occupied a foremost place among the representative farmers of Mahoning county, where he owned three hundred acres of land. The family were highly respected for their social worth, and were classed among the true and loyal citizens of their time. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Moherman has been blessed with four children, Sarah, Leander, Maud and Blanch. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics Mr. Moherman upholds the principles of the Republican party. He has now passed the psalmist's span of three score

years and ten, and his is an honorable old age, in which he receives the veneration and respect which should ever accompany advanced years. This is accorded him by reason of his well spent life, which furnishes many examples of industry, fidelity and integrity which may well be followed by those of younger generations.

#### THE CRUM FAMILY.

Of the pioneer families which have materially contributed to the prosperity of Mahoning county, and particularly to that of Youngstown township, is that of Crum. As early as 1812 Mrs. Elizabeth Crum, a widow, removed from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to the Western Reserve, taking up her abode in Youngstown township, and on this journey she was accompanied by her children, Nicholas, John, Jacob, Allen and Eliza, who were then young. Some time after their arrival the mother married a Mr. Wilson. Her sons grew to be men of means and influence, two having become ministers of the gospel, one of the Disciples and the other of the Methodist church. Nicholas, the eldest of the children, became a tiller of the soil, his landed possessions consisting of sixty acres, and he was well known and honored through his community. He was born in 1806, and was three times married, his first union occurring in 1830, when Nancy Falconer became his wife. They had six children, as follows: John W., who was born June 12, 1831; Elizabeth, born March 6, 1833; Nancy E., born June 1, 1834; Sarah, born October 28, 1836; Nancy P., born March 12, 1839; and William N., born November 5, 1841. For his second wife Mr. Crum chose Sarah Dickey, and their children were as follows: Emeline, born in 1842; Samuel, in 1844; Harriet, in 1847; and Areate C., in 1849. His third wife bore the maiden name of Agnes Lafferty, and their children were as follows: Eliza J., born in 1851; Frances A., in 1854; Emma J., in 1859; and Almeda A., in 1863. Of all the above mentioned children only John Wesley, his two sisters and two half-sisters are living.

John Wesley, the eldest child of Nicholas Crum, is a resident of Youngstown township, where he owns and resides on a small farm. He has been twice married, first to Phebe Wilson, who was born in Weathersfield, Ohio, and who bore him three children, two of whom are living, Edson N., born December 10, 1853; and John W., born February 13, 1858. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1858, and in the following year Mr. Crum married Susan Peters, by whom he had one son, Lewis S., who is now engaged in the real estate business in Youngstown. He was born February 1, 1864, and on August 25, 1887, was united in marriage with Ella, a

daughter of Isaac Phillips, and who was born July 13, 1864. Three children were born to them: Gertrude E., June 20, 1888; Adda J., September 23, 1889; and Lora S., January 10, 1893.

Edson N., the eldest son of John Wesley and Phebe (Wilson) Crum, now owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his township. On the 25th of February, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C., the daughter of Daniel and Susan Moherman, and who was born in Austintown township, Mahoning county, on the 30th of November, 1855. This union has been blessed with four children, namely: Warren W., who was born April 25, 1880; Howard A., born August 9, 1881; Mary A., born March 29, 1883; and Margery M., born June 2, 1885. Howard, the second child, married Miss Emma Gynn in 1902.

John W. Crum, Jr., the younger son of John Wesley and Phebe (Wilson) Crum, is a resident of Austintown township, where he owns and operates a small farm, and is recognized as a young man of enterprise and push. After his schooldays were over, he worked for the Trumbull Iron Company, after which he entered the employ of the Girard Iron Company and later was engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1883. Previous to this date, however, he had been appointed to the position of assistant postmaster, and he is now and has been for a number of years past the efficient weighmaster for the Ohio Steel Company. On the 22d of February, 1883, he was united in marriage to Clarry, a daughter of Edwin and Maria Yager, and they are the parents of three children: Lovilla, born December 8, 1883; Ilo G., born December 15, 1885; and Stella F., born August 4, 1887. The mother of these children was born in Canfield township, Mahoning county, Ohio, on the 19th of December, 1864. The Crum family are members of the Church of Christ, and in their political views they uphold the principles of Democracy. They are indeed worthy citizens and loyal to all good and just principles.

#### JOSEPH S. SIEFERT.

One of the most interesting of the surviving veterans of the Civil war, and one whose experiences in that great conflict were of the most strenuous character, thrilling in hair-breadth escapes and in the performance of many duties outside of the regular duties of the soldier, is found in the person of Joseph S. Siefert, of Youngstown. His own personal narratives have been drawn from in the compilation of the following sketch of his career as a soldier and a citizen, and, while this brief article must necessarily lose much

of the flavor of his own words, absorbing interest will ever attach to the reminiscences of the warriors of the last century, who, because of the wonderful advance in military tactics and equipments, must ever remain separated from the present by a wider interval than the mere intervening years.

Joseph S. Siefert was born in Kuppenheim, near Rastadt, Baden, Germany, July 22, 1838. He was in school until he was fourteen years old, and then began to learn, under the direction of his father, the cabinet-maker's trade, which has been his principal occupation for obtaining a livelihood. To increase his efficiency he took drawing lessons under his uncle Hubert Siefert, a professor in Sinzheim. The profession of soldiering appealed to his imagination from his earliest years, and one rather humorous incident which occurred in the revolution of 1849 in Baden, when Joseph was but eleven years old, will illustrate his boyish propensity for the conflict of arms.

Joseph was an eager listener, when, after the first day's engagement at Kuppenheim, June 28, Lieutenant Karl Stephan, a cousin of Joseph's father, came to the latter's house and asked for refreshments and portrayed the day's hard fighting, saying that the next day would be even worse. Joseph and his schoolmates witnessed this battle at a distance for a couple of hours, but gradually made their way to the front, and when one of the sharpshooters was killed and was carried to the rear, Joseph picked up his fallen gun, thinking that his relationship to the lieutenant gave him a better title to it than anyone else, and fired one shot in the direction of the enemy. But his joy was short-lived, for the captain yelled to the boys to "make tracks," and the lieutenant caught Joseph by the collar and gave him a sound thrashing with the flat of his sabre, which accentuated his desire to travel homeward. But his sufferings were not all over, for on his arrival at home his mother gave him an additional strapping with a bayonet scabbard. This corporal chastisement and a locking in the cellar were continued nearly every day throughout the six weeks of the siege. Mr. Siefert says that he missed his dinner nearly every day, but never failed to receive the regular meed of bayonet scabbard—in fact, the latter was a regular diet as long as he remained in Germany.

Mr. Siefert's father had taken considerable part in the revolution, and, on one occasion, to prevent the enemy from crossing the river Murg, carried out the command of his superior officer and cut down a bridge, which deed was afterward traced to him and caused his arrest. His brothers, who were state officials, secured his release, but in 1853 they advised him to leave the country to avoid persecution for his complicity in the matter. He

sold all his property, and in December, 1853, took his family to Strasburg, then a part of France, thence to Paris, and after a few weeks to Havre, where the elder Siefert was furnished with one thousand dollars by his brothers, and embarked on a sailing vessel for New Orleans in the latter part of February, 1854. The expatriates landed in the new world of freedom in the latter part of April, and thence took passage up the Mississippi and Ohio, landing at Cincinnati, May 10, 1854. The father and his brother Frank went to work in the Michel and Romelsborough factory, but Joseph entered the office of his uncle Bachman, an architect, and worked at drawing and tracing. In December, 1854, the family went to Lowellville, Mahoning county, Ohio, where Joseph did various kinds of works, mining iron ore, pumping water from the mines and hauling coal from the mines, etc. He went to Poland to finish learning his trade of cabinet-making, but quit after one year, and then went to Lowellville and worked a year at the carpenter trade under the instruction of John Reed. After his novitiate was ended, he went to Cincinnati and worked at the trade for some months, then came home on a vacation, but in March, 1860, returned to Cincinnati and was employed by Mr. Franz Benz, who had a great amount of work to be done.

This was the year of Lincoln's candidacy for the presidency, and one of the incidents which remain in Mr. Siefert's memory from that year is how he won the offer of twenty-five dollars made to one who would climb a tall and limber campaign pole and place the rope in the pulley so that the flag might be hoisted. In November, after the election, he was attracted by an offer in southern papers for mechanics at three dollars a day, and, although he had good inducements to stay in Cincinnati where work was plentiful, he embarked one day on a steamboat bound for Little Rock, Arkansas, accepting the proposition to work on the boat for thirty dollars and board for the trip. When he arrived at Little Rock, he found that the men who were seeking the three-dollar jobs were many times more numerous than the jobs themselves, and he returned on the boat to Cincinnati, with the intention of giving up the idea of steamboating. But the next day the mate of the steamer came to his lodging and said that the regular ship's carpenter was sick, and offered Mr. Siefert forty-six dollars a month and board with the officers and a berth in the texas. He did not hesitate, but shipped at once, having many experiences on the passage, space alone precluding their interesting recital. It was during the passionate months just preceding the Civil war, and altercations and broils over national and sectional politics were of daily occurrence, even with the most peacefully in-

clined. On this trip young Siefert had occasion to soundly thrash a drunken bully, and leave him on the banks of the Mississippi to recover from his sottish rage. The boat was not allowed to come up the river farther than Memphis, and at that point Mr. Siefert took the train and arrived at Youngstown only a short time before the pent up passions of the north and south broke loose in fratricidal strife.

Mr. Siefert enlisted in a company made up of the "young bloods" of Youngstown, but as they were out for only three months they were in but one battle and endured some marching. After being mustered out of Company B, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteers, on August 29, 1861, he was enrolled on September 2, 1861, in Company I, Thirty-seventh Ohio Volunteers, for three years' service. He was in many of the engagements and skirmishes in West Virginia during the following year, being sent on many daring missions, and on more than one occasion risking his own life for that of others. He often had charge of the pickets, and it was then that he passed through his most exciting adventures, which, when told by his own lips, form narratives of surpassing interest. He was commanded by the colonel, with ten men, to march in the rear of the rebel camp, to catch a rebel officer, which was done by him. Once he was ordered by what proved afterward to be a rebel sympathizer to leave his picket post and capture a bushwhacker. At the house of the latter he was surprised by a battalion of Confederates, who killed or took prisoner all his companions, and he with difficulty made his escape, and after many wanderings over the mountains, where the stones and bushes tore his bare feet, he arrived at the camp and made his report to the colonel, who was in a rage when he found how badly the whole affair had been managed, and severely reprimanded the offending officer.

Mr. Siefert was in the engagement at Brinston, Logan Court House, Cotton Hill, Charleston, Fayetteville, West Virginia, and at that time saw some of his most arduous service in fighting, marching and picket duty, and also participated in some of the adventures which veterans now rejoice to recount as the spice of their military career. In November, 1862, his regiment received orders to go down the Ohio to Louisville, Kentucky, and join the forces which were assembling for the grand campaign in the west which culminated in the capture of Vicksburg. He spent the winter around the latter city, fighting, throwing up embankments to keep out the floods of the Mississippi, toiling as only a soldier must. The wonderful series of strategic battles and marches by which the key-point of the west was finally captured on July 4, 1863, are too well known to history to here recapitulate, and it is sufficient to record that our subject was often in the thickest of the fray.

After the fall of Vicksburg his division started for Jackson, Mississippi: They were without water on a part of this march. At their camp on Black river they had daily drill, and also had revival camp meetings every evening. While here Mr. Siefert was offered one dollar a gun for every one that he would fish up out of the bottom of the river, a raft loaded with eighteen men and arms having been overturned one day, and when he had accomplished the task, the lieutenant who had made the offer gave him only fifty cents a gun. A few days later Mr. Siefert utilized a chance to "get even." While a number of the officers, the aforesaid lieutenant included, were regaling themselves on the choicest of the land, especially numerous fine brands of liquor, Sergeant Siefert and two others helped themselves to two boxes of brandy and one of wine, and had a banquet of their own which entirely recompensed Mr. Siefert for his loss.

Thence the command went up the river to Memphis, and from there toward Chattanooga, frequently having brushes with Forrest's cavalry. On the 24th of November, 1863, Mr. Siefert was in command of one of the boats which transferred the troops down the Tennessee river to the vicinity of Chattanooga, and on the next morning he was in full view of the glorious battle on Missionary Ridge. He was in this engagement as orderly sergeant, and on the following day was sent to Knoxville, making a forced march to reach there, but after one day returned to Chattanooga, where the regiment received their first rations since November 21. While camped at Larkinsville, Alabama, he re-enlisted, and went home on a veteran's furlough, and it is needless to say that he enjoyed himself. He and his companions returned to Nashville, having met with a serious railroad accident on the way, in which he had sustained several severe injuries, but he rejoined his regiment and was with it in all the arduous campaigning that followed through Georgia. On one occasion he was captured, but was retaken by his friends, and although many of his comrades fell in the hard fights with Hood and his army, he seldom or never missed roll call. Then followed the great march to the sea. Mr. Siefert was ordered to do first lieutenant duty in Company C, Thirty-seventh Ohio, and two days later was ordered to take charge of the Second Brigade, "Pioneers," which he held till the capture of Fort McAllister, after which he returned to his regiment and took command of Company G, and after leaving Beaufort, South Carolina, he had command of Company A with Company G. At Bentonville, North Carolina, Lieutenant Meilen was commissioned captain of Company G, but Lieutenant Siefert held the command of Company A till the muster out.

After the surrender of Johnston the command proceeded to Washington,

and there took part in the grand review and in the happy reunion of those who had been separated since the beginning of the war. At the review the order was given out by General Sherman that the best commanding officers should lead the respective divisions, and of the third division of the battle-stained Thirty-seventh the commander was Lieutenant Joseph S. Siefert, who, in relating this part of his history, says that he was as proud as General Sherman himself. From Washington he was sent to Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his pay, and was then ordered to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was to join the expedition against Maximilian on the Mexican border; this latter disturbance, however, was soon quelled, and on August 12 the order came to Little Rock for the troops to be mustered out. He was then sent to Cleveland and discharged, and went home to hang up the implements of war and turn his efforts to the labors of peace.

Lieutenant Siefert lost his veteran's bounty, and for nearly a year had performed an officer's duty with a sergeant's pay, his compensation as an officer dating from January 10, 1865. He was five times wounded, but during his service of four years, seven months and fourteen days he was in the hospital only twenty-nine days, and that was due to typhoid fever and rheumatism. He did the duty of orderly sergeant for nearly two years while a sergeant, and held the rank of orderly only one day, when he began to perform the duties of first lieutenant. He served in the Youngstown Light Artillery for five years as first duty sergeant; was captain in the Youngstown Turnverein, is a member of Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R., and of the Union Veteran Legion, of which he was colonel for six years, and is now junior vice commander with the rank of brigadier general; he is third time president of the soldiers' relief commission of Mahoning county. Mr. Siefert has retired from the business of contracting, but when he is called upon he makes building plans, although he never seeks work outside. He has had several periods of illness since the war, but is now a large and hearty man, with capacity for enjoyment of the good things of life unimpaired, and conscious of many years well spent in work and service to his country. He has been twice married and reared a family of nine children, and at present lives with his wife and children in Youngstown.

#### WILLIAM W. RIBLET.

Among the loyal sons of the republic who went forth to battle for the Union in the war of the rebellion was William W. Riblet, and throughout his life he has manifested in the discharge of his duties of citizenship the same zeal that he displayed when on southern battlefields he followed the stars and stripes to victory. He well deserves mention in this volume among



WILLIAM W. RIBLET.



the representative men of the Western Reserve, and it is with pleasure that we present his life record to our readers.

Mr. Riblet was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1836, and is a son of John and Rebecca (Sanky) Riblet. The father was a farmer in Mercer county, and there he and his wife prospered, lived and died and were held in high regard by their fellow citizens. In their family were eight children, five of whom are still living, and of this number two are residents of Ohio. William W., of this review, chose the free and independent vocation of farming as his life occupation, and his efforts in this direction have been attended with a well merited degree of success. His has been an industrious and useful life, but his labors were interrupted in 1861, when he offered his services to his country. Putting aside all personal considerations, he joined the boys in blue of Company B, the One Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, enlisting for three years' service. During his military career he participated in the battles of Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Vicksburg, Jackson, Fredericksburg, Knoxville and before Richmond, and many minor engagements. Out of the two hundred and twenty men who enlisted in his company only six reported for rations the next morning after the battle before Richmond. Although six times wounded, our subject survived the terrible hardships and privations which they were called upon to endure. After serving his country faithfully and well through three long years, he was honorably discharged in 1864, after which he returned to his home and once more took up the peaceful work of the farm. In 1873 he left Mercer county, Pennsylvania, the place of his nativity, his destination being Ohio, and after his arrival in this state he purchased the farm he now owns, but which was then in very poor condition. His homestead, which consists of one hundred and sixty-seven acres, is located in Austintown township, Mahoning county, and is one of the best and most fertile farms in the locality. In addition to his general farming Mr. Riblet is also extensively engaged in stock-raising, his specialty being horses. All of the buildings which now adorn this valuable tract stand as monuments to his thrift and ability, and they are all of the most modern and convenient style of architecture.

The marriage of Mr. Riblet occurred in 1858, when Miss Terressa Bell became his wife, and this union has resulted in the birth of nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Horatio, Mina W., William B., Thadeus, Philip B., Ruhama, Samuel G., Fremont and Charles. Mrs. Riblet is also a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, her birth having occurred in 1842. In his political affiliations Mr. Riblet is a Republican, and the family are members of the Presbyterian church.

## CHARLES J. SANZENBACHER.

On another page of this volume will be found extended mention of the well known Canfield tanner and business man, John Sanzenbacher, who was a native of Germany and in this newer country built up a large and prosperous business. While he and his wife, Sarah Oswalt, made their home in Canfield, there was born to them on August 25, 1860, a son whom they named Charles J., and this gentleman has become one of Mahoning county's most industrious and prosperous farmers, perhaps inheriting in large measure the German thrift and diligenece of his parents. Charles was reared and educated in Canfield and as a boy worked a great deal in his father's tannery, but had no taste for the business and never learned the trade, as he took more kindly to the pursuit of agriculture. After he had reached manhood he was married, and he then made his first purchase of real estate, consisting of twenty-five acres. He sold this in 1884 and bought a small farm on the opposite side of the road from where his brother David L. now resides. He was engaged in the cultivation of this place for the next nine years, but then sold, and in 1894 bought his present farm in Canfield township of sixty-seven and a quarter acres, where he has made the land yield the abundant crops which only the intelligent and progressive farmer can, and in this occupation he has been assisted by the large and powerful physique which has been bestowed upon him by nature.

On March 14, 1882, Mr. Sanzenbacher was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Kohler, who was born on December 25, 1859, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to Anthony and Amelia Kohler. Sarah M., the first of the children, was born April 22, 1883, and in 1901 married Roy Smith, a young and successful merchant of Austintown, by whom she has had a son named Kenneth. The second in order of birth was Rebecca C., born April 2, 1885; Hattie E. was born September 5, 1887; and Irwin A., August 25, 1891. Mr. Sanzenbacher is an esteemed citizen of the township and has served in some minor offices; he and his wife are members of the Reformed church.

## WILLIAM T. NORRIS, M. D.

The eastern Ohio family of this name originated in Maryland, where the ancestry was long located in the section of which Harford county is the center. The family history dates back to the thirteenth century in England, a part of the records being known since 1255. In England two of the family had the distinction of being members of the House of Lords, and in America different ones of the name took part in the Revolutionary war, and as a family they are said to have had a reputation for patriotism and fearlessness. The emigrant ancestor was Thomas Norris, who came to America

about 1634 with Lord Baltimore's expedition, and settled on the shores of the Chesapeake. His son John Norris was a native of Maryland, and he had a son James, who was the father of Henry Davis Norris. Henry Davis Norris, who was born in Harford county, Maryland, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, came later to Ohio, and ended his days in this state. His son, William D. Norris, who was born in Maryland in 1802, accompanied his father to Ohio in 1815 and died in 1863. He bought a half section of government land in Yellow Creek township, Columbiana county, where he resided till his death. He was one of the original Abolitionists and became conspicuous as a conductor on the "underground railroad," which made him a target for the persecution of the anti-slavery "dough-faces" of his neighborhood. In June, 1828, he married Isabella McLaughlin, a native of Inverness, Scotland, and daughter of William McLaughlin. Their three sons and two daughters were William M., James M., Alexander M., Margaret M. and Nancy M. Alexander M. Norris, son of the last mentioned, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1837 and after he grew up followed the occupations of teaching and surveying for some years, and then engaged in farming. He married Mary J. Cameron, and nine of their ten children were reared to maturity and are still living, among them being the subject of this sketch.

William T. Norris was born on his father's farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1862, attended the public schools and remained at home until after reaching his majority. When twenty years old he taught school for the purpose of obtaining money to pay his way through college, entered as a student at the Mt. Union institution and after finishing the course there was graduated in the class of 1886. In the same year he began the study of medicine, and subsequently attended lectures in the medical department of Wooster University at Cleveland. Later he entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, and received his degree as Doctor of Medicine from that institution in the class of 1892. Immediately thereafter he located at East Liverpool, entered actively upon the practice of his profession and has since continued the same at that place. For four years he was a member of the board of education and during three years of that time served as clerk of the board. At the present time he is one of the members of the board of health at East Liverpool, and has proved zealous in carrying forward the sanitary and hygienic work of that body.

In 1888 Dr. Norris was united in marriage with Miss Minnie M. Fisher, of Wellsville, Ohio, by whom he has two children: Marie T. and Hazel E. His religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian church of East Liver-

pool, and his fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Knights of Pythias and Woodmen of the World. During his eleven years' residence in East Liverpool Dr. Norris has risen rapidly in his chosen profession and is regarded as one of the well informed and reliable practitioners of the city. He is popular both in social and professional circles, looked up to as a safe counselor and in all the relations of life enjoys esteem as a substantial citizen.

#### ANDREW W. KING.

Andrew W. King is the junior member of the firm of West & King, hardware merchants of East Liverpool. He is numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred upon a farm in Belmont county in the year 1859. He also represents one of the old families of the state founded here in early pioneer times when Ohio was just emerging from its primitive conditions to take its place as a power in the agricultural, commercial and political world. His grandfather, Andrew King, was born in Belmont county and there spent his entire life. He was united in marriage in 1827 to Miss Elizabeth Blackwood and they became the parents of the following children: Thomas James, Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Jemima and Sarah Jane. The parents of our subject were Thomas J. and Harriet (Nichol) King. The father, also a native of Belmont county, was born in 1830 and was there reared in the usual manner of farmer lads. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools and when he had attained his majority he chose as a life work the occupation to which he was reared and which he is now following. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Harriet Nichol and their home was blessed with four children, three of whom are yet living: Flora J., Andrew W. and Margaret G. The mother was called to her final rest in August, 1902.

On the home farm in his native county Andrew W. King spent his boyhood days assisting in the labors of field and meadow and at the same time acquiring a good English education in the public schools. His early school privileges were also supplemented by study in the Washington & Jefferson College, at Washington, Pennsylvania. On leaving that institution in 1880 he returned to the farm, continuing to assist his father in its cultivation for some time thereafter. He remained in Belmont county until twenty-seven years of age and in 1890 he came to East Liverpool, where he embarked in business as a grocer, conducting his store for five years. On the expiration of that time he sold out and opened a feed store which he also carried on for a year, after which he returned to the grocery trade, acting as

a clerk for three years. He next entered into partnership with J. D. West as a dealer in hardware. They now have a well selected and extensive stock of fine and heavy hardware and the firm is enjoying a good trade because of its strict adherence to correct business principles, its earnest desire to please its many patrons and its unflagging honesty in all business dealings.

In 1887, in Belmont county, Ohio, Mr. King was united in marriage to Lucinda Neff and they have two sons, Lawrence G. and Thomas N. Mr. King belongs to the United Presbyterian church and is a Republican who keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is thus enabled to support his position by intelligent argument. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, co-operating in many measures for the general good. As a business man he has been conspicuous among his associates not only for his success but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods. In everything he has been eminently practical and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings but also in social and private life.

#### JOHN J. GRAHAM.

The name of Graham has been a familiar one at Lisbon for nearly a hundred years. As early as 1810 there came to this community from New York a family consisting of father, mother and several children, who became identified with the place and took a conspicuous part in its subsequent growth and progress. The father conducted a general store and died in middle life. John B., eldest of the children, will be noticed at some length further on, but only a word or two can be vouchsafed his brethren. George, his next brother, merchandised a long time at Lisbon, but is now living at Terre Haute, Indiana. James made a success in his profession as a physician, and was a professor in the medical college of Cincinnati, but now deceased. Albert was also a physician of prominence, and died at Lisbon after a successful career. The fifth child was a daughter named Harriet, who lived unmarried. John B. Graham was born in New York city, received an ecclesiastic education and rose to prominence as a minister of the Presbyterian church. He was for many years connected with the Ohio Bible Society and exercised a strong influence both in the external and internal affairs of that organization. In fact he was noted for strength both of mind and body, and on the very day of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-four years old, he stood up in the pulpit and delivered a powerful sermon. He married Miss Margaret Graham, who was descended from the Pattersons, one of the pioneer families of Columbiana county, by whom he had seven children. Of these Joseph graduated at the Washington

and Jefferson College, studied theology and is now a missionary in India. William, the second son, is a resident of New York city and president of the American Tin Plate Company, being previously for a long time president of the Aetna Standard Sheet Mill. George, a younger brother, died while a student at one of the medical colleges. Martha married William K. Gaston, an attorney of St. Paul. Carrie resides in Bridgeport, Ohio, and Anna, twin sister of the subject of this sketch, died at the age of fifteen years.

John J. Graham, the other member of this interesting family now to be noticed, was born at Lisbon in 1846, and after the usual attendance in the city schools spent one term at Washington and Jefferson College. His first business venture was as a dealer in real estate in New York city, which he prosecuted for some time with the energy which characterizes everything he does. When the American Tin Plate Company established its plant at Lisbon Mr. Graham was placed in charge as manager of the office department, and has filled that position since 1894. He is regarded as an unusually able business man and gives entire satisfaction by his method of discharging his duties. He married Mrs. Sarah E. Graham, nee Silvey, of Brooklyn, New York, and his only daughter, Ada, is the wife of Dr. J. F. Steel, a dentist of Lisbon.

#### THE TREVETTE FAMILY.

The family name presented here is not a common one in northeastern Ohio, nor indeed in the United States. The living representative of this branch of the family is Miss Elizabeth Quincy Trevette, of Leetonia, a daughter, by a former marriage, of Mrs. William Schmick, now deceased. Mrs. Schmick was the grandmother of Mr. William H. Schmick, the present popular cashier of the First National Bank of Leetonia. The American ancestor of the family was Samuel Trevette, who crossed the ocean from old England prior to the Revolutionary war and settled in Boston, where he was for a long period of years connected with the customs service. The maiden name of his wife was Katherine Raynes. She was also a native of England. Mr. Samuel Trevette was a man of considerable influence in the city of Boston, where he resided at the time of the Revolutionary war, and where he was taken prisoner by the British commander and passed a period of three years in captivity. Of the family which these parents reared was Dr. Joseph Trevette. This gentleman had been given an excellent literary and medical education, and about the first part of the nineteenth century settled in the Old Dominion state, where he practiced for some years at Frankfort. He died at the early age of forty-four years, in 1828. He had married Miss Roda Brookhart, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Rohr) Brookhart, and the

following children were born to him: Harriet Jane, who died in childhood; Miss Elizabeth Quincy Trevette, of Leetonia. Two years after the death of her husband, Mrs. Dr. Joseph Trevette came with her young family to the village of Green, in Mahoning county, Ohio. Here she later met and married Mr. William Schmick, a prominent banker and financier for many years in Leetonia, mention of whom will be found on another page of this volume. To the marriage there were two sons born, William H. and Charles N., also further treated of in this work. Mrs. Trevette Schmick was a woman of most beautiful character, and of wonderful physical constitution, being ninety-two years and six months old at the date of her death, which occurred in the year 1900.

#### ALLISON S. MILEY.

One of the progressive and honored business men of the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, where he is successfully carrying on his work as a contracting carpenter, is Mr. Miley, of whose career we are pleased to give a brief review.

Mr. Miley is a native son of the Buckeye state and a representative of one of its pioneer families. He was born in Harrison, Hamilton county, Ohio, on the 14th of November, 1847, being a son of David and Ellen (Sheckels) Miley, the former of whom was born in Germany in 1813, whence he emigrated to America when a young man and took up his residence in Hamilton county, Ohio, where he died May 15, 1850, at the early age of about thirty-five years, our subject being but two years of age when thus deprived of a father's care, but his mother, Ellen Sheckels Miley, who was born in 1819, survived until 1873, being about fifty-four years of age at the time of her death. David and Ellen Miley became the parents of six children, namely: Susan, who is the wife of Gideon Feicht, of Washingtonville; Mary A., who is the wife of John Menchey, of North Lima; John, who is a resident of North Lima; Louisa, who is the wife of Solomon Mentzer, of North Lima; Hannah, who died at the age of five years, and Allison S., who figures as the subject of this sketch. The paternal grandfather was Frederick Miley, who likewise was born in Germany but who emigrated then to the United States, where he passed the remainder of his life.

As has been already noted, our subject was a child of but two years when his father died, and soon afterward his mother removed with her children to a farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, and there he was reared to the age of about ten years, having in the meantime attended the district schools as opportunity offered. He then came to Mahoning county, where he continued his schooling at irregular intervals, being employed for the greater

portion of his time at farm work until he had attained the age of seventeen years, when, in the fall of 1864, he went to the state of Indiana, where he followed farming for a year, then returning to Ohio and in 1866 began learning the carpenter's trade in Columbiana county, his home being at North Lima. In 1873 he located on a farm in Mahoning county and thereafter devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and to more or less contracting as a carpenter and builder until 1891, when he took up his residence in Youngstown, where he built up a successful business as a contracting carpenter, being a capable workman individually and ever insisting that every detail of his contracts shall be observed, so that he has gained a high reputation for reliability and has thus secured a liberal patronage in his chosen field of endeavor. In politics Mr. Miley is stanchly arrayed in support of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and fraternally is a worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which he has been identified for many years. He is highly esteemed in local business circles, and in 1901 had the distinction of serving as president of the Youngstown Builders' Exchange, a preferment which shows the estimate place upon him by those engaged in the same vocation in this city.

On the 14th of November, 1869, Mr. Miley was united in marriage in North Lima, this county, to Miss Hattie E. Snyder, and they became the parents of three children, of whom Maud M. died at about the age of sixteen years, the two surviving being Herbert C. and Melvin M., both honorable and capable young men. Maud M. was born July 10, 1883, and died March 29, 1899; Melvin M. was born March 20, 1881; Herbert C. was born July 18, 1872, and on February 28, 1894, was united in marriage to Mary E. Span, and they became the parents of two children: Ralph Allison, who died at about the age of three years; the one surviving being Vernon Emmet.

#### ABNER G. WEBB.

History concerns itself mostly with the men who have had to do with the political and military interests of the country, but biography treats of those busy toilers in the affairs of life who form the true strength of the nation. It is the men who are successful and enterprising in agriculture and commerce that bring prosperity and advancement to a community, and of this class Mr. Webb is a worthy representative. He is descended from an old and prominent family, and the first of the name to seek a home in the Buckeye state was Abner Webb, the grandfather of our subject, who came from Wallingford, Connecticut, and in that commonwealth his birth occurred in 1775. For his wife he chose Miss Rebecca Yale, also a native of the old



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Charter Oak state, where her birth occurred in 1780, and she was a daughter of Captain Elihu Yale, who was a prominent factor in the early history of Connecticut. To this union were born six children: Vincent, who was born in Connecticut in 1802; Eliza, born in Ohio in 1804; Huron, born in 1809; Erie, born in 1807; Ambrose P., born in 1814; and Abner, born in 1821.

After the birth of their first child Mr. and Mrs. Webb made the journey to Ohio, where they arrived in 1803 or 1804, and they cast in their lot with the settlers of Boardman township, Mahoning county. In 1820 they took up their abode in Austintown township, where the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land, and here this pioneer family began life in a little log cabin, but in 1840 this rude domicile gave place to the more substantial dwelling in which our subject now makes his home. Abner Webb was a man of noble and upright principles, and although not a member of any church his religious views were liberal, and he believed in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and the universal salvation of mankind. He was a blacksmith by trade and a first-class mechanic, and was well acquainted with the father of the late President McKinley, for whom he did considerable work. His political support was given to the Whig party. His life's labors were ended in death in 1863, when he joined his wife in the home beyond, for she had departed this life in 1854. Of their sons two, Vincent and Abner, married, the former choosing as his wife Miss Catherine Ire, but they had no children. Vincent Webb became a prominent and influential citizen of his community, and for two terms served as the recorder of Trumbull, while he also held other offices. Ambrose P. Webb and Huron Webb lived on the farm in Austintown all their lives where they accumulated considerable property by general farming and stock-raising. They were highly regarded by neighbors and friends and were well known throughout Trumbull and Mahoning counties. They were interested in several financial institutions in Youngstown. Ambrose P. Webb died in the eighties. Huron Webb was nearly ninety-two years of age when he died, retaining in an unusual degree the powers of his mind.

Dr. Abner Webb, the father of Abner G., was born on his father's farm in Austintown township, Mahoning county, and after receiving his elementary education in the schools of his locality entered the medical college at Cleveland, Ohio, where he prepared himself for the practice of medicine, and in which institution he was graduated in 1864, while he further prepared himself for his chosen profession by matriculating in Jefferson College. With this excellent knowledge to serve as the foundation for his life work he began practice at Bowling Green, Wood county, Ohio, but later removed to Girard,

this state, and subsequently returned to the old homestead in Austintown township, where he passed the remainder of his life. About this time, also, he virtually gave up the practice of medicine and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. During all these years the original one hundred and twenty acre farm had been increased from time to time until its boundaries covered an area of four hundred and forty-one acres, and this place is now owned and operated by Abner G. Webb, the subject of this review. In 1869 occurred the marriage of Mr. Webb and Miss Margaret Garghill, and their union was blessed with two children, Abner G., born on the 21st of July, 1870; and Isabella, who was born May 5, 1874, and died on the 11th of August, 1891. Abner Webb was a practical and progressive farmer, was a man of influence and was widely and favorably known throughout the county. His political support was given to the Republican party, and his religious views were in harmony with those of his father. His death occurred on the 30th of November, 1874, and his wife survived until the 15th of December, 1895, when she, too, passed to the home beyond.

Abner G. Webb was born, reared and received his primary education in the township of Austintown. He later became a student in the Canfield Normal College, and after graduating in that institution entered Hiram College, there spending five years and graduating in 1893. He then resumed the responsibilities of the old Webb homestead, which is one of the valuable places of the county, and his efforts in the line of agriculture are meeting with a high degree of success. In 1896 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Henry, who was born in 1871, and is a daughter of Captain C. E. and Sophia Henry, of Geauga Lake, Ohio. Two children have graced this union: Isabel, born in 1897; and Frederick H., born in 1899. Mr. Webb holds several public offices of trust and responsibility, and is also president of the City National Bank of Niles, vice president of the Mineral Ridge Manufacturing Company, treasurer of the Advance Lumber Company of Cleveland, director of the Mahoning National Bank of Youngstown, director of the Commercial National Bank, also of that city, and a director of the Niles Car Manufacturing Company. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order, and socially he is a member of the Union Club of Cleveland and the Youngstown Club of Youngstown. Religiously the family are members of the Disciples church, and in his political affiliations Mr. Webb is a Republican. He is a young man of integrity, of firm conviction and marked fidelity to the duties of life, and Mahoning county numbers him among her worthy sons.

## W. H. SCHMICK.

A good banking institution is the life of any business community, for it is the heart through which flows the life-giving financial blood. The enterprising little city of Leetonia, in the northern part of Columbiana county, on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, is well served in this line by the First National Bank, of which Mr. C. N. Schmick, of Cleveland, the father of our honored subject, is president, and Mr. W. H. Schmick, is cashier. The First National Bank of Leetonia is the successor of an institution established by William Schmick, the grandfather of our subject, in 1880. This institution was operated under the name of William Schmick & Sons, Bankers. The style of that firm remained until 1886, when the bank was incorporated as the First National Bank of Leetonia. Mr. W. H. Schmick was made cashier of the institution in November, 1900, and has since been the active spirit in charge. He had served for a period of some twelve years previously as assistant cashier in the other banking institution.

W. H. Schmick was born in the village of Canfield, Mahoning county, in 1868, and is the son of C. N. and Jennie M. (Welker) Schmick. He was reared amidst the influences of a refined home, and was given a good education in the schools of Mahoning and Columbiana counties. He remained at home until his majority, in the meantime becoming acquainted with the conduct of his father's banking business. In 1892 he was happily wedded to Miss Carrie Thullem, of Leetonia, a daughter of J. C. Thullem, a prominent resident of this city.

Mr. C. N. Schmick, the father of our subject, was born in Greenford, Mahoning county, in 1841, and was the son of William Schmick and Roda Brookhart. William Schmick was a prominent financier of that early day, and for long years was engaged in the banking business in eastern Ohio. He established a bank at Leetonia in 1880, and was engaged in business here with his son until his death, which occurred in 1888. He was a man of great vigor and keen executive ability. He died at the age of seventy-four years. He came from eastern Pennsylvania to Mahoning county, and at first engaged in the business of a hatter in the village of Greenford. He was a shrewd financier and soon accumulated enough to establish a banking business in connection with others in the village of Canfield, where he was engaged for a great many years prior to 1880. In his earlier days he took a very active part in the political life of eastern Ohio, and is remembered to have been the first sheriff elected on the Democratic ticket when the new county of Mahoning was erected from old Trumbull. He reared but two children, Charles N. Schmick, who now resides at Cleveland; and William

H. Schmick, who was for long years one of the leading citizens of Leetonia, being one of the firm of Schmick & Sons, Bankers, but is now deceased. Mr. C. N. Schmick is the father of three children: our subject is the eldest; C. E. Schmick is a practicing attorney in the city of Cleveland; and Josephine is now the wife of A. J. McNamara, a prominent practicing physician of the same city.

Mr. W. H. Schmick inherits his genial qualities and fine financial ability from his father and grandfather before him, and is following closely in their footsteps in the conduct of the present banking institution. He and his wife are highly esteemed members of Leetonia society, and have the good wishes of a large number of friends and acquaintances.

#### JAMES STEWART PRICE.

James Stewart Price, a well known agriculturist and stock farmer of Youngstown township, Mahoning county, was born on his present farm, August 17, 1849, and is a son of Samuel Price, who was also born here, November 12, 1814. The grandfather was James Price, of Welsh descent, and he was born in Maryland in 1777. He is recorded as an able farmer, who became wealthy for the times. The mother of our subject was Lydia Stewart, who was a daughter of Thomas Stewart, a pioneer settler of Pittsburg, and she was born March 11, 1815. Samuel Price and wife were married April 25, 1839, and they held their golden wedding anniversary in 1889, a very enjoyable occasion for these most worthy and estimable people and their numerous descendants. Their children were: Margaret, Mrs. Wehr, who resides on an adjoining farm; Loretta died at the age of twelve years; Eleanor is the wife of Walter A. Beecher, of Youngstown; James S., of this sketch; and Florence, who died aged three years. The venerable father passed away March 12, 1900, in his eighty-sixth year, and his widow survived only two weeks, dying in her eighty-fifth year. They were consistent members of the Baptist church, to which Mr. Price was always liberal in his contributions. He was one of twenty men who guaranteed the building of the present court-house at Youngstown.

James S. Price was educated in the common and high schools of the county and was one of the leading members of his class. At the age of twenty years he learned the carpenter trade and worked at the same for five years, and spent twelve years prospecting for coal, a bank having been developed on his land. In 1880, after his marriage, he resumed farming.

On January 8, 1880, he married Miss Clara Angeline Predmore, who was born at Youngstown, April 19, 1855, and is a daughter of Joseph and

Julia (Barclay) Predmore, the latter being a daughter of Francis Barclay, a prominent and early merchant, farmer and large landowner. Mrs. Price's father died in the west, aged forty-five years, and the mother in August, 1890, aged fifty-four years. Mrs. Price is a graduate of the Rayen high school in the class of 1872, a class which was noted for its high scholarship, many of its members having become distinguished. Mrs. Price taught school for seven years at Youngstown. One year of married life was spent by Mr. and Mrs. Price in the city, while they were awaiting the completion of their handsome home in the country, which is one of the most delightful rural residences in this section. It is so situated as to command a fine view of the city and surrounding country, and is so favorably located that the family can enjoy all the comforts and pleasures of both city and rural life.

Mr. Price has been one of the very successful farmers and wholesale dairymen of this section. Although he has practically retired from any activity himself, he still oversees and keeps the guiding hand. It is probable that in the future this beautiful home will be included within the city limits, its situation already attracting wise investors. Mr. Price, however, has not devoted all of his attention to operating his farm, for he has long been a prominent man in county affairs. For seven years he served as county commissioner and at his second election ran far ahead of his ticket, and it was during his administration that the present infirmary was built, and also the Market street viaduct, which has been the means of building up the south side. In 1890 he was the decennial appraiser of Youngstown. A family of four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Price, viz.: Samuel Nelson, who is learning the trade of machinist; Edward Barclay, who is learning to be a civil engineer; an infant, Mary; and Margaret, who is a student in the city, a bright young music pupil. The family is one very highly regarded in this section, representing, as it does, wealth, refinement and education.

#### EDWARD F. AND HANNAH M. THORN.

The above named are representatives of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of this part of Mahoning county. They were born in this city and are children of Franklin and Alice (Fitch) Thorn, the former of whom was born June 6, 1802, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and the latter February 7, 1806, in the city of New York, and they were married on the site of the Tod House, in 1827. Seven years of his life, prior to his death in 1858, were spent in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. He was educated for a physician, but never practiced, preferring the life of a farmer. About the time of his marriage he bought one hundred and fifty acres of land in the east corner of Youngstown township and resided there some twenty-five

years, and some of the family of eight children were born there. The others were born in Youngstown at the corner of Market and Front streets, where his sister built one of the first brick houses in the city, about 1830. The Fitch family came to this locality about 1823. In the year 1633 Thomas Hooker and John Haines, brothers-in-law, came to America from England, and in the year 1636 Thomas and James Fitch came to America from England. Thomas Fitch became the first colonial governor of Connecticut, and gave the present charter to Harvard College. James Fitch was a minister of the gospel; he married Mary Haines, daughter of John Haines. The oldest son of Rev. James and Mary Haines Fitch was Haines Fitch, who married Anna Cook, a niece of the Earl of Buckingham. The oldest son of Haines and Anna Cook Fitch was William Haines Fitch, from whom the subjects of this sketch are direct descendants. When the father of our subjects came here the Indians still roamed through the virgin forest.

The children born to Franklin and Alice (Fitch) Thorn were the following: Julia Anna, who married Joseph Cunningham, of this city, died childless at the age of forty-eight years; Mary Eliza is the widow of Robert Howe, of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and has one daughter and one son; Hannah Margaret is a subject of this sketch; Sarah Lockwood married Thomas H. Curt and died aged sixty-two years, leaving five sons and six daughters; Frances died in 1897, aged fifty-five years; Lucy Thalia married, after the death of her sister, Thomas H. Bulla and died childless at the age of forty-one; Edward Franklin is a subject of this sketch; and Alice Virginia married Thomas H. Bulla and died at the age of thirty-two, leaving one son, since deceased.

Mr. and Miss Thorn, of this sketch, were educated at the Youngstown schools, and the former also attended the Lebanon Normal and the schools of Valparaiso, Indiana. Miss Thorn began to teach at the age of seventeen, and her career as educator covers a period of seventeen years, although for the past twenty years she has not followed that calling. She was well and favorably known, and formed many warm friendships which still continue. Mr. Thorn is the principal of the Haseltine school, where he has been continuously employed for the past fifteen years, prior to which he taught one year in Trumbull county and in Youngstown township. For a time he was associated with the firm of Manning & McKeowen in the drug and hardware trade and later with Packard, Goff & Company. In politics Mr. Thorn is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Master Mason. Miss Thorn was reared by her excellent mother in the Presbyterian faith. Mr. Thorn is a Methodist. The handsome residence at 118 Madison avenue they have occupied for the past seventeen years, coming hither from the old home on Wick avenue.

## HARRY K. RAYEN.

Harry K. Rayen, until recently superintendent of the Youngstown township schools and a very brilliant and scholarly man, was born at Girard, November 27, 1870. He is a son of James Rayen, a farmer of Austintown township, who was born in Pennsylvania, February 11, 1827, but who is still vigorous at the age of seventy-six years. James is a son of John, also born in Pennsylvania, and a brother of Judge William Rayen, founder of the Rayen high school in Youngstown and a man of national fame. John Rayen was a farmer who came to Ohio in 1829, and located in Youngstown, settling on a tract of land, all timber, in Trumbull county. He married Mary Porter, and they had a large family of sons and daughters.

Mr. Rayen was reared on the home farm and received a very liberal high school education, and when he was but twenty years of age he embarked in what was to be his life work, that of teaching. For three years he was located in Weatherfield, Trumbull county, and for nine years he has been in Youngstown township, and six years ago he was elected superintendent of the Youngstown township schools. Four separate times he was elected to the superintendency, and he ably discharged the duties pertaining thereto. In June, 1903, he resigned the superintendency to accept the principalship of one of the schools in the city of Youngstown.

On September 5, 1894, he was married to Caddie A. Kyle, who was educated in the Youngstown schools, and two daughters have been born to them, Marion R., born July 29, 1895; and Doris E., born May 29, 1897. Externally Mr. Rayen is a member of the order of Odd Fellows, while in politics he is a Republican. Both he and his wife are member of the Christian church. The beautiful home in which he and his family reside was erected by him in 1899, and there he and his wife dispense a gracious hospitality. Mr. Rayen is very fond of his surroundings, and takes a pride in his fine lawn, and makes a specialty of raising chickens. His friends are many, and he is recognized as a leader in the social life of the community as well as in educational matters.

## PHILIP MORLEY.

Among the leading and representative men of East Liverpool is numbered Philip Morley, an energetic, public-spirited citizen, and alive to the best interests of the city. He was born here in 1853 and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Ting) Morley, in whose family were eight children, six of whom reached years of maturity, while five of the number are yet living. These are: Samuel; Philip, of this review; Sarah, the wife of George Kell; Henry

C.; and Thomas J. One sister, Hannah, became the wife of James Swingerwood and died in 1899. The father of this family was a native of Staffordshire, England, and came to America in the forties, locating soon afterward in East Liverpool, Ohio. He had previously learned the potter's trade, and after arriving in this city joined others in the establishment of one of the first potteries in this place. He thus became actively associated with the industrial development of the town and was well known as a reliable man of sterling worth. He died in 1886, and his wife passed away in 1872.

The educational privileges which Philip Morley received were very limited, for he left school at the age of nine years in order to earn his own living,—in fact, at the age of seven years he had begun working in his father's pottery, driving the horse used in grinding the clay. He was afterward employed in various potteries until fourteen years of age, when he went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in order to learn the machinist's trade. He remained in that city until 1874 and then returned to East Liverpool. In 1874, in connection with Monroe Patterson, he opened a machine shop here, and the partnership was maintained for two years. On the expiration of that period the business relation was dissolved, and in 1879 Mr. Morley was appointed superintendent of the water works, in which capacity he has served continuously since, covering almost a quarter of a century. No higher testimonial of his efficiency and fidelity could be given than the fact of his long retention in office.

In 1875, at Smith's Ferry, Pennsylvania, occurred the marriage of Mr. Morley and Miss Elizabeth F. Patterson, and to them have been born five children, but only two are now living, George E. and May F., who are still with their parents. Mr. Morley is widely recognized as a man of unflinching fidelity to duty, and is ever true to the relations of both public and private life. In manner he is genial and has gained many warm friends during his long residence in the city of his birth.

#### WILL B. JONES.

Will B. Jones is one of the most enterprising of Youngstown's citizens, and is interested in many of its leading industries. He has done much to develop the property and business of the city and is altogether a man of whom it may well be proud. We give in this connection the following extract from the Youngstown Telegram, which appeared a short time ago in Youngstown:

"When Will B. Jones severed his connection with the Wick National Bank, in February, 1900, John C. Wick, the president of that institution, a



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man not given to extravagant statements, said: 'We are all sorry to part with the services of Mr. Jones, although we all join in congratulating him on his latest rise in business life. He has been with us now for fifteen years, and we say without flattery to him that he is one of the most punctual, painstaking and conscientious employes we have ever had in our establishment. The position he is about to assume has been earned by his own efforts alone, and in leaving us to take it he takes with him the friendship and esteem of every one connected with the bank.' Born of Welsh parentage forty years ago, Mr. Jones remained in the place of his nativity until eighteen years old. He then became imbued with the opportunities of the west, and for five years did any kind of work that was honest in that section, but met with no substantial advancement. Seventeen years ago he came to Youngstown practically penniless. What he has accomplished since is a portion of local history. After two years' clerkship in the grocery of G.M. McKelvey & Company, Mr. Jones was compelled to relinquish work owing to ill health. Later he obtained a minor clerkship in the Wick Bank and when he finally closed his connection with that institution he had been individual bookkeeper for many years."

He was born at Frostburg, Maryland, in 1859, where he passed his boyhood until attaining the age of seventeen years, when he went west into Kansas and Colorado, where he remained several years; he then came to Youngstown, Ohio, in October, 1880, clerking, as stated in the above article, for E. M. McGillen & Company, succeeded by M. McKelvey & Company. In 1886 he entered the Wick National Bank as bookkeeper and real estate agent. He remained connected with the bank fifteen years, when he left this employment to go into the shoe business. He is still interested in this and is owner of one-half of the drug store of C. B. Davidson & Company, to which he gives the principal part of his time. He was married in the year 1888, in Maryland, to Laura W., daughter of J. A. Thrasher, and two boys, L. Calvin and W. Bruce, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and have always been a great source of comfort and satisfaction to them.

The father of Mr. Jones was Evan Jones, and he was born in Wales in 1825, coming to America in 1844 and locating in Maryland. He has retired from active business on account of his advanced age, and now lives in Baltimore. The mother of Mr. Jones was Anna Thomas, who was a native of Wales, and he had one sister, Selina, wife of J. L. Fleming, of Maryland. His mother died in the year 1859. Evan Jones was a private in Company C, Second Maryland Infantry, and served with great devotion throughout the whole of the Civil war.

Mr. Jones is a Republican and on account of his great interest, his activity and general information, forms a strong support to the party, having served for two terms as township clerk. He is also a Mason, in which order he is most highly esteemed by his brethren. He belongs to the National Union and Bankers' Associations. He has achieved his early successes purely by devotion to duty, and by rendering able service to his employers. For more than twenty years he has been a resident of Mahoning county and for the same period he has been an active and untiring worker for the success of the principles and policies of the Republican party.

#### LYMAN SCHNURRENBERGER.

The farming interests of Mahoning county are well represented by this gentleman, who is actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Green township, where he owns a valuable farm of one hundred and nine acres. He is one of Mahoning county's native sons, his birth having occurred in the township where he still resides, on the 7th of January, 1838. His parents were Conrad and Elizabeth (Baker) Schnurrenberger. The father was a native of Germany, born in Würtemberg, on the 16th of January, 1805, and in 1825, when twenty years of age, he accompanied his parents, John L. and Barbara Schnurrenberger, on their emigration to the new world, making their way to Ohio, where they located in Beaver township, Mahoning county, and where the grandfather of our subject purchased one hundred acres of land. He and his wife were an industrious couple and prospered in their undertakings. His death occurred in 1863, and his wife passed away previous to that time. In their family were the following named: Catherine, Barbara, Hannah, Christina, Christiana, John and Conrad. All of these children are natives of the fatherland, and all have now passed away with the exception of Hannah.

Conrad Schnurrenberger, the father of our subject, became one of the prosperous farmers of his adopted county, his landed possessions comprising one hundred and thirty acres, which he cleared and transformed into a valuable farm, making it his home until he was called to his final rest. His life was one of marked industry, and he was always busy with the duties of field and meadow, so that his success resulted from his untiring enterprise and perseverance. After arriving at years of maturity he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Baker, who was born in Kentucky in 1803, and they became the parents of seven children: Mary B., John, Lyman, Solomon B., Joseph C., Elizabeth A. and Ellen. Of these Mary B., Lyman, Joseph C. and Elizabeth are living. The parents held membership in the Christian

church, and were worthy people of this community and were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them.

In his youth Lyman Schnurrenberger was trained to habits of industry and economy, and became familiar with farm work in its various departments. He acquired his education in the schools near his home, and when not engaged with the duties of the schoolroom his attention was given to the work of the fields. He made his first purchase of real estate in 1865, becoming the owner of eighty-six and a half acres. Later, however, he added to this property until he now has one hundred and nine acres, constituting a rich and valuable farm. The soil is productive, and as the result of the care and cultivation which he bestows upon the fields they return to him golden harvests. The sale of his crops brings to him a good annual income, and he is justly accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of his community. He took up his abode on this farm in 1871 when it was in its primitive condition. Upon it was a little log cabin, which is still standing there, and as he was then in limited financial circumstances he and his wife took up their abode in this little home and occupied it for fourteen years. In 1884, however, he erected a fine modern residence and has also built commodious and substantial barns and other necessary outbuildings for the shelter of his grain and stock.

On the 31st of December, 1868, Mr. Schnurrenberger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stauffer, a daughter of Christian and Mary Stauffer, who came from Franklin county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio about the year 1832. They settled in Green township, Mahoning county, and after purchasing eighty acres of land the father found that his supply of money was all exhausted. However, with characteristic energy he began his work here, and soon afterward he was enabled to add twenty-three acres to his first purchase. Upon this farm he and his wife spent their remaining days. Their family numbered ten children, five of whom are yet living, namely: Lena, Emanuel, Lydia, Mary and Sarah. Those who have passed away were Eliza, Samuel, George, Susan and David. Mr. Stauffer died on the 11th of December, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, his birth having occurred in 1795. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Dellenbaugh and was born in 1811, died in the 12th of November, 1863. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Schnurrenberger were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stauffer. The grandfather was born in 1765 and his wife in 1775. Their children were Christian, Betsey, Kate, Jacob, Daniel and John. Of this number John was a cabinet-maker and worked at his trade in Washingtonville, while the rest of the family were farmers. Jacob Stauffer was a very industrious man and labored

hard to subdue the forest and the wild condition which he found in Ohio in order to make the country bring forth productive crops. In his work, however, he succeeded, and at his death he possessed considerable means. He passed away on the 24th of October, 1859, and his wife died March 31, 1854.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schnurrenberger have been born three children: Martha E., Ira A. and Effie. The parents and their children are members of the Christian church, of which Mr. Schnurrenberger is an elder. He takes a very active part in church work, contributes liberally to its support and does all in his power to advance the cause. Both he and his son are Republicans in politics, but he has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs. He has lived a quiet, unassuming life, but possesses those sterling traits of character which in every land and every clime command respect and confidence.

#### JEFFERSON S. MOHERMAN.

The name of Moherman is connected with the early history of Mahoning county, Ohio, in so prominent a manner that it is impossible to write of the pioneers of that locality without giving due space to the family bearing so distinguished a place in its records. Jefferson S. Moherman, of whom this sketch treats, is a progressive and prosperous farmer of Austintown township, where he owns and operates one of the best stock farms in the county. It is beautifully situated, well watered and tilled under skilled management. The farm itself consists of one hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable farming land, all in a high state of cultivation. The herd of cattle is of the best Crookshank and Scotch shorthorn; his sheep are Delains and Dorsets; his hogs are the pure Berkshire breed; while his horses are of superior quality both in looks, style and action. He owns a share in a fine German coach horse, which he keeps for stud purposes. All of his outbuildings are of the most modern construction and convenient style, and he has one of the finest sugar camps in his part of the country, containing twelve hundred sap-producing trees.

Jefferson S. Moherman was born in Austintown township, May 1, 1857, and was reared and educated there, attending the common schools, but later went to Canfield, where he finished his studies and prepared himself for his life of usefulness. After his school days were over, he turned his mind to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been so eminently successful. Mr. Moherman has occupied his present farm since 1878, at which time he purchased it.

Mr. Moherman was united in marriage with Miss Ida L. Heintzelman, a daughter of Jesse and Mary Heintzelman; they have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Moherman are consistent members of the English Lutheran church, in which they take an active part. He is a member of the Order of Maccabees and takes a great interest in that society. While he is interested in the advancement of his state and county, he is too busy a man to devote any time to politics, and will not accept of office.

The father of our subject was Daniel Moherman, who married Susan Miller, and both were born in Mahoning county, the former on October 7, 1807, and the latter on October 1, 1819. Daniel was a practical farmer and a good business man, who made and retained many friends. During a long and useful life he accumulated over one thousand acres of valuable land, and was a good and worthy man, who did much toward advancing the civilization and adding to the prosperity of the county and state. His marriage took place in 1852, and he had seven children, all of whom are living and are worthy members of society. They are as follows: Rachael, born in 1854; Sarah C., born in 1855; Jefferson S.; Mary M., born in 1858; Maria D., born in 1860; Lydia, born in 1862; John, born January 26, 1864. The entire family of Mohermans are Lutherans in religious belief, and very prominent in that denomination. In politics Daniel was a Democrat. His death occurred July 28, 1892, while his wife passed away February 13, 1897. The buildings now on the farm were erected by Daniel, and are owned by his youngest son, John. The father of Daniel bore the name of Frederick Moherman, and he was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, from which state he removed to Ohio in 1803, so that the family of Moherman has been identified with the best interests of Ohio for one hundred years.

#### ABTIL MARTIN.

The great-grandfather of the above named gentleman was a native of Germany and came to Pennsylvania in the colonial period, taking up a good tract of land there. His son, Simeon Martin, was the father of George Martin, who was born in the mountains of western Pennsylvania, January 26, 1798. George came to Mahoning county with his father in 1818, and then went back after his wife and household effects, bringing them through with one horse. The country was wild and covered with dense forests, and wild animals were so plentiful that meat was then game. He had married Susanna Smeath before venturing on his western pilgrimage; she was born in the same locality as her husband, October 13, 1803, and died in this county in the prime of her life, in 1835, having become the mother of ten children.

He lived to be over sixty years old, and died in prosperous circumstances, considering that he had come to this country with almost nothing in the way of worldly possessions.

Abtil Martin was one of the above ten children, and was born in Pennsylvania, August 11, 1822, and was just a year old when he accompanied his mother on her journey to the homestead in Ohio. He passed his life in this vicinity, and, adding to the land which his father had brought out of its wild state, he possessed before his death seventy-four acres. Besides his agricultural operations he was an excellent carpenter, and in all the relations of life he bore himself true-blue in the presence of adversity and prosperity. He believed in the principles of the Democratic party, was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He passed his declining years with his son Allison, who will be considered in a following paragraph. In January, 1903, Mr. Martin was stricken down with paralysis, and in spite of all his sorrowing friends and relatives could do, the spark of life went out about the middle of the month, and thus Mahoning county was deprived of one of her most useful and honored citizens.

Mr. Martin was married on the 24th day of March, 1846, to Miss Catherine Miller, who was born July 25, 1828. There were ten children, the survivors being efficient workers in the different walks of life. Albert, the first born, lived only till October 27, 1847; Ephraim, born August 27, 1848, died on the old home farm in 1893, leaving two sons; Hezekiah, born December 7, 1850, died May 20, 1858; William, born July 30, 1853, lives at Bessemer, Pennsylvania, and has been married twice and has three children; Susanna, September 14, 1855, died July 11, 1880; Allison S., the sixth in order of birth, will be sketched in the next paragraph; John, born October 5, 1862, is a Trumbull county farmer with six children living, having lost two; Emma C. is the wife of Joseph Sheasley, of Trumbull county, and has one son; Louisa is the wife of Edwin Hill in Salem, Ohio, and has six children; the twin sister of Louisa died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1891.

Allison S. Martin was born to these parents November 23, 1857, and on January 2, 1886, was married to Miss Anna Barbara Gahman, who was born in Allen county, Ohio, November 14, 1864. Her parents were Samuel and Christianna (Lingenfelter) Gahman, natives of Beaver township, Mahoning county, and of their six children four are now living: William H. Gahman is in Indiana; Abraham lives in Lima, Ohio; the third is Mrs. Martin; Allen George Thurman Gahman is in Elida, Ohio, his native place; the father of these children, born June 11, 1833, was in the war and lost his health,

and died from the effects in 1871, and his wife passed away July 18, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Martin lost their little daughter, Verna Pearl, born October 6, 1887, when only a year and a half old; their only living child is Abtil George, who was born February 8, 1895. Mr. Martin is running the farm of his father, which is one of the best kept places in the county. One of Ohio's staple products is its maple syrup, and from the seventy-five trees on this place forty gallons are made every other year. The other crops show the careful husbandry of the owner, for a hundred bushels of corn to the acre are produced, over twenty bushels of wheat, and every year an acre is planted in potatoes with a yield of nearly two hundred bushels.

#### JESSE HEINTZELMAN.

Jesse Heintzelman, deceased, was one of the prominent and successful men of Austintown, Ohio, who during a useful life operated a fine farm of two hundred and sixteen acres devoted to general farming and dairying. With the assistance of his wife, who nobly helped him in all of his undertakings, he manufactured cheese for twenty years with profitable results, and was one of the substantial men of his township at the time of his demise.

The birth of our deceased subject occurred in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1830, and he was but one year of age when his parents, Christian and Sarah Heintzelman, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1831. They located in Austintown township, where the father purchased a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres of what is now very valuable farming land. By trade he was a weaver and followed his calling for several years in connection with farming, and, being also a carpenter, his time was fully occupied and he was recognized as a good workman in all branches. There were seven children in his family, five of whom were sons, but all are dead but one.

Jesse Heintzelman succeeded his father, and in turn became a prosperous and influential man. His marriage was fortunate, for his bride was Mary A. Hoffman, whom he married on July 6, 1856. To this happy union were born two daughters, namely: Ida L., the wife of Jefferson S. Moherman, was born May 25, 1860; and Harriet J., the wife of A. C. Snyder, was born May 27, 1862. Mrs. Heintzelman was born January 1, 1835.

By trade our subject was a carpenter, and followed that occupation in connection with his farming operations. Upon his property he built a beautiful home and a number of necessary buildings, and had in process of erection a large and commodious barn at the time of his demise, August 27, 1895. This was completed by his widow soon after his death. He held some town-

ship offices, discharging the duties thereof with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He followed the example and advice of his parents and became a member of the Lutheran church. His life was an unusual one, but he set an excellent example to those coming after him, and with the aid of his wife accumulated a large estate.

Jonas and Hannah Hoffman, the parents of Mrs. Heintzelman, came to Ohio in 1836 and settled at Southington, where they remained all their lives and there reared a family of six children, five of whom are living and in comfortable circumstances. By trade Jonas was a tailor and was regarded as an excellent workman. In time he came to own considerable property and became an influential man. He was well informed on current matters and held several offices of trust. His birth occurred in 1811, and he died in 1895 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Hannah, died several years prior to her husband, aged sixty-seven years. The Heintzelmans and Hoffmans were both of German extraction, and all were worthy citizens, as are all the members of these two families to-day. Mrs. Heintzelman lives on her valuable farm, which may well serve as a model of perfection. She takes special delight in keeping her property in excellent condition, and she is recognized as one of the best farmers in the township.

#### CHARLES D. WILSON.

It cannot be other than gratifying, in view of the nomadic spirit which is coming to animate all classes of American citizens, to find a locality in which are to be found citizens of worth and prominence who have passed their entire lives in the section where they were born and who command the respect and esteem of those who have been familiar with their entire careers. In the older sections of the far eastern portion of our national domain we find instances where property has been held from generation to generation by one family, and where the old homesteads and the local associations signify somewhat more than mere names, but in the middle and western states this condition is not so pronounced. In Mahoning county, Ohio, as the pages of this work clearly demonstrate, are to be found many representatives of families who here initiated the work of reclaiming the virgin wilderness and otherwise took part in the inceptive development of the resources of the section, and one of the honored scions of such pioneer stock is Mr. Wilson, who is now one of the progressive and honored business men of Youngstown, where he was for some years incumbent of the office of vice president of the Union Ice Company, whose enterprise is one of importance and wide scope.



Charles Wilson



Charles D. Wilson was born at Brier Hill, contiguous to the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, Ohio, on the 15th of September, 1852, and that suburban locality continued to be his home until he had attained his legal majority. There, also, was born his father, James Wilson, the date of whose nativity was January 25, 1820, and there his death occurred on the 25th of March, 1869. He had owned and operated a valuable farm near Brier Hill and in his early manhood he leased from Governor David Tod a stone quarry which was located on land belonging to the governor and lying contiguous to the farm of our subject's father. James Wilson continued to work this quarry most successfully until the close of his life, and in this connection he did an extensive business in the way of contracting for all kinds of stone work, both for railroad companies and for other corporations and private individuals, while his progressive policy and business acumen were still further evidenced in his having engaged successfully in the manufacture of brick at Brier Hill. He was one of the prominent and influential men of the county, and such was his sterling character and honorable course that he ever retained the unqualified confidence and good will of all who knew him.

On the 11th of September, 1845, in Liberty township, Trumbull county, Ohio, James Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Grace T. Seymour, and they became the parents of six children, of whom three died in infancy, the three surviving being as follows: Charles D. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Henry Seymour Wilson, who resides in Salem, Ohio, married Miss Jennie Trotter and they have two children, Margaret and James; and Grace S., now Mrs. Alexander Latham, of Cleveland. The mother now resides in Youngstown. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Andrew Wilson, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 1st of December, 1786, and who became one of the pioneers of Mahoning county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring on the 1st of September, 1846. The maiden name of his wife was Harriet Lightborn, born in Rostenover township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1793, and died April 18, 1873, in Mahoning county. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Lightborn and was married to Andrew Wilson in Youngstown, in 1818. Andrew Wilson devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and was a man of inflexible integrity in all the relations of life. He was a son of James Wilson, who was the original American progenitor and who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1745. Shortly prior to the war of the Revolution he emigrated to America, and when the conflict with the British government and the American colonies was precipitated, he espoused the colonial cause

with all the ardor of his patriotic nature, entering the continental service from Oxford, Pennsylvania, which was his place of residence at the time, in the month of June, 1776, becoming a private in the company commanded by Captain John McGowan, while the colonel of the regiment was William Butler. With this regiment of Pennsylvania troops Mr. Wilson continued in active service as a private until the spring of 1777, when he was promoted to the rank of ensign, in which capacity he thereafter continued to serve until the close of the war. The Revolutionary records of official order show that he participated in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and White Horse, and that he was among the gallant troops which suffered such extreme hardship at Valley Forge in the memorable winter of 1777-8. The latter years of his life were passed in Mahoning county, Ohio, and his death occurred at Brier Hill about 1836. This epitomized record indicates that the subject of this review may well look with pride upon his ancestral record, and the name which he bears is one which has ever stood exponent of true worth of character, well directed endeavor and lofty patriotism.

Charles D. Wilson received his early educational training in the public schools of his native place and in the town of Girard, and he thereafter continued his studies in the schools of Youngstown until he had attained the age of seventeen years, at which time he took charge of the stone quarry which his father had conducted until the time of his death, the same having been owned by Governor Tod, as has already been noted. He successfully managed the enterprise until 1873, and in the following year he became identified with his present line of enterprise, the handling of ice, to which he has ever since devoted his attention, with cumulative success and expansion of scope of operations. In 1897, largely through his efforts, was effected the organization of the Union Ice Company, which is duly incorporated under the laws of the state, and he was forthwith made vice president of the company, in which capacity he continued to serve until he retired from the ice business in October, 1902.

In politics he exercises his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of each of which he takes a lively interest. On the 5th of February, 1885, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Doyle, daughter of John Doyle, of Hubbard, Trumbull county, and they have four children: James A., John E., Henry S. and Julia Florence.

## H. L. WEIKART.

H. L. Weikart, one of the enterprising young business men of Greenford, has been till recently a member of the firm of Weikart & Dressel, proprietors of the Greenford planing mills. This plant is one of the most thoroughly equipped of its kind in Mahoning county, and all kinds of planing, moulding and dressing is done, and the firm also manufacture cider and apple butter in season. The plant is a large one, with a thirty-five-horsepower engine and a sixty-horsepower boiler. The present firm purchased the plant from George Cook in 1902. H. L. Weikart sold his interest to M. G. and D. Huffman in March, 1903, but continued in the manufacturing of lumber near Canfield, Ohio.

H. L. Weikart is descended from Peter Weikart, a native of Adams county, Pennsylvania, whose father Peter was a native of Germany, who emigrated to America in 1827, accompanied by Jacob and William Weikart. Peter Weikart, Jr., removed from Adams county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio in 1804, accompanied by John Carr, traveling on horseback, and guided by pocket compasses. Peter purchased a section of land, No. 27, in Green township, of the government, which had its office located at Steubenville, Ohio. Having completed his purchase, which was made for his children, Peter returned to Pennsylvania. These children were as follows: John, born in 1784; Catherine, born in 1787; Mary, born in 1788; Jacob, born in 1793; Elizabeth, born in 1796; Addison, born in 1800; David, born in 1803.

John Weikart removed to Ohio in the following year, 1805, and began to improve his quarter of the section, returning to Pennsylvania in the winter. Jacob, Andrew and David came later and took up other portions of land. John and Jacob participated in the war of 1812, and were brave and gallant soldiers. John married Mary Shuts in 1807; she was born in 1784 and died in 1854, and John died in 1872. When John Weikart took possession of his property all was wild land; he had to clear it, and his gun supplied the family larder. He built a log hut in which they lived until 1830, when the primitive home was replaced by a frame house, still standing in a good state of preservation, and is the property of his son, Josiah. John became a man of wealth and prominence in his township, was a Democrat in politics, and a deacon in the Lutheran church. His family was as follows: Peter, Frederick, George, Josiah, Mary and Margaret. Josiah succeeded to a portion of the home farm, which is still in his possession, he being a prosperous farmer and influential man in his township. In 1849 Josiah was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Shroy, who gave birth to five children, namely: Melissa A., born May 9, 1852; George F., born January 27, 1854; John,

born February 25, 1856; Laura, born May 4, 1865; Mary E., born January 23, 1867. His first wife dying, February 26, 1868, he was married to Elsie Walters, by whom he had three children, namely: Harvey L., born October 13, 1869; Austie M., born July 2, 1873; and Lettie A., born June 20, 1876. Mrs. Weikart was born April 18, 1838, and is a most estimable lady. They are members of the Lutheran church, of which Josiah Weikart has been an elder for forty years.

Harvey L. Weikart was born on his father's farm and educated in his native township, and for some years he was a farmer. In 1893 he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie C. Huffman, a daughter of David and Sarah Huffman; she was born in 1869. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Ruth, in 1896, and Hubert, in 1902. Mr. Weikart is one of the progressive business men of Greenford, and he has won the confidence of his fellow townsmen, who rely upon his honorable methods of dealing and his uprightness of character.

#### GEORGE H. ALBRIGHT, M. D.

One of the successful physicians of Lisbon, Ohio, who enjoys a large and lucrative practice through Columbiana county, is Dr. George H. Albright, who was born in 1853, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Rev. G. M. and Lydia (Knaub) Albright, the former of whom was a valued minister of the Reformed church. The great-grandfather of Dr. Albright was a native of Germany, who located in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war and took part in that struggle. His son, William Albright, the grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, and in that stronghold of the Reformed church, the father of Dr. Albright also was born, about 1835. G. M. Albright was educated at Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, emigrated later to Ohio, and resided for a time in Fairfield county; but in 1865 he came to Columbiana county and engaged in ministerial work here until the date of his death in 1884, at the age of forty-nine years.

The mother of Dr. Albright was Lydia Knaub, who is the daughter of John Knaub, a resident of Yorktown, Lancaster county, and of German parentage. The children born to Rev. Mr. Albright and wife were: George H.; Margaret, deceased; Rev. John, of Ohio; Belle, Mrs. Charles Sipe, of Lisbon; Arthur G., of Lisbon; Frances, Mrs. Godfrey Crawford, of Lisbon; and William, Nevin, Claude and Charles, farmers of Lisbon.

Our subject received superior educational advantages, pursuing a collegiate course and graduating at Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1876. A short period was passed in school teaching in Iowa, and entrance

into the Iowa State University followed. He received his medical education at the latter place and at Cincinnati, Ohio, medical schools, after which he entered a medical practice at New Garden, Columbiana county, removing to East Fairfield in 1888 and to Lisbon in 1901.

Dr. Albright married Miss Elizabeth Worman, who is the daughter of Samuel Worman, a farmer of Lisbon, who spent his whole life in this vicinity. The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Albright were the following: Clyde E.; Leighton, deceased; H. C.; Frederick; Harry; Charles; Cora; Nellie; Ross and Roy, twins. The Doctor and wife are leading members of the Reformed church and are active in its benevolent and missionary work.

Dr. Albright sustains the most cordial relations with his brother physicians, and is a valuable member of the Columbiana county and the State Medical societies and his contributions to their literature are given close attention. He is a physician of high standing, and is the examining surgeon for the Order of Foresters, and he is also a member of the order of Knights of the Golden Eagle, and of Knights of Pythias, of which he is also examining physician. His experience has covered many years, and his advice is often sought in consultation. Personally he enjoys the confidence and esteem of the whole community.

#### NOAH S. KENREIGH.

Noah S. Kenreigh is a prominent farmer of Green township and traces his ancestry back to the fatherland. He was a grandson of Casper and Anna (Baird) Kenreigh. The former was born in the province of Würtemberg, Germany, and on emigrating to the new world took up his abode in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he resided for a number of years, engaged in the tilling of the soil. To him and his wife were born eight children. In the year 1817 they came to Mahoning county and cast in their lot among its early settlers. Mr. Kenreigh secured a quarter section of land on section 4, Green township, and there he and his wife spent their remaining days. They were worthy Christian people and held membership in the Lutheran church. He was the founder of the Evangelical Lutheran church known as the Kenreigh church. Their children were: Catherine, Gertrude, Margaret, John, Michael, Isaac, Mary and Anna.

Of this number Michael Kenreigh became the father of our subject. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of May, 1801, and was therefore sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. He learned the wagon-maker's trade, which he followed for a number of years, and he made his first purchase of tools with the money

secured by the selling of a watch which he owned. With untiring industry he devoted his years to his trade until such time as he had money enough to secure a good farm well stocked. He made his purchase of land about 1826, becoming the owner of fifty acres, to which he added from time to time until his landed possessions aggregated six hundred and twenty acres. This fact is indicative of his life of enterprise and indomitable labor. He also accumulated a large amount of money, which he invested in government bonds. He was a man of marked foresight, good judgment and capable management. His life was at all times upright and honorable, and he was temperate in all things, never using intoxicants of any kind. Mr. Kenreigh was twice married, his first union being with Miss Elizabeth Dustman, of Boardman township, whom he wedded in 1826. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Lydia, who died May 17, 1848; Elizabeth; Elias; and Catherine. The mother, who was born in 1800, passed away in 1833, and on the 3d of June, 1834, Michael Kenreigh was again married, his second union being with Anna Mary Martz, by whom he had six children: John M., who was born in 1836; Isaac, in 1839; Jacob, who was born in 1842, and died April 8, 1862; Noah S., born February 3, 1845; Mary A., born in 1847; and an infant that died unnamed. They were born, reared and educated in Green township. The father passed away on the 25th of April, 1880, and the mother, surviving him for about a year, departed this life on the 25th of May, 1881.

Noah S. Kenreigh has always lived in Green township. His birth occurred on the old family homestead, and he was reared to the occupation of farming, which he has followed continuously since. In his work he has been pre-eminently successful. On attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account, and his first purchase of land was made in January, 1880, whereby he became the owner of one hundred and fifty-five acres, on which he has resided since 1882. To this farm he has added, extending its boundaries until it now comprises five hundred and thirty acres, which he devotes to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He is, indeed, one of the prosperous representatives of farming interests in this section of the state. He has upon his place a good home and commodious and substantial buildings. These are surrounded by well-tilled fields, and in his pastures are found good grades of stock. In his work he is progressive and enterprising, and the business methods which he follows have resulted in bringing to him very creditable success.

On the 6th of February, 1873, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kenreigh and Miss Mary E. Ebersole, of Canton, Ohio, who was born on

the 18th of October, 1851. She has become the mother of two sons: Albert V., born July 31, 1875; and Elmer G., born March 31, 1879. The parents are consistent members of the Lutheran church and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Kenreigh is a man whose influence is widely felt in the community in which he makes his home, and his labors have always been along lines pertaining to the general good. Material, social, intellectual and moral advancement are causes dear to his heart, and his worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged.

### JOSEPH KYLE.

No state in the Union can boast of a more heroic band of pioneers than can Ohio. Their privations, hardships and earnest labors have resulted in establishing one of the foremost commonwealths of America, with almost unlimited possibilities for still further progress and advancement. They laid the foundation for the present prosperity and greatness of the country, and their indefatigable efforts formed the building stones. Mr. Kyle is a representative of an honored pioneer family of Ohio, and his own history connects an early epoch with this latter-day civilization. His paternal grandfather, Joshua Kyle, Sr., who was of Scotch extraction, moved to what is now Youngstown as early as 1798, and he there acquired several hundred acres of land. In 1801 he moved his family to this place, and what is now known as Kyle's Corners was named in honor of his descendants. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Stewart, born in Ireland. His ancestors are recorded in colonial history for their courage and patriotism displayed during the Revolutionary war. To Joshua and Mary Kyle were born twelve children, all of whom grew to years of maturity, but are now deceased. Joshua Kyle, Sr., was a man of true principles and strong convictions, but was kind and considerate and was loved and honored by all with whom he was brought in contact. His political support was given to the Whig party, and religiously he was a Scotch Presbyterian, and both he and his wife lived to a good old age.

Joshua Kyle, Jr., a son in the above family and the father of our subject, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1810. For his wife he chose Miss Barbara Bowman, who was born in southern Virginia in 1809, and was twenty years of age when she came to Youngstown. She was a daughter of John Bowman, who followed agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood. Joshua Kyle worked at various occupations for a time, but finally chose farming as his life's vocation, residing in Austintown, and in this he continued until his life's labors were ended in death at eighty-five years of age. He was prac-

tical and straightforward in all his dealings with his fellow men, and inherited that firmness of conviction and tenacity of decision from his father which is characteristic of the Scotch, and which trait the children have inherited to the present generation. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle was blessed with three children, one of whom died in infancy, and only two grew to years of maturity, O. W. and Joseph, the former of whom was a man of marked ability and at his death was a leading attorney of Youngstown, where he had followed the practice of law for a number of years. He married Miss Charlott Tibbitt, who bore him three daughters, and his death occurred on the 14th of August, 1889.

Joseph Kyle, the only surviving member of his father's family, was born on the farm on which he now resides, on the 18th of August, 1852. He has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Nancy J., the daughter of Isaac Phillips, and they had one son, Lesley H. The wife and mother was called to the home beyond on the 30th of October, 1875, and two years later, in 1877, Mr. Kyle led to the marriage altar Miss Kittie C. Jones, the daughter of Seymore Jones. Five children have been born to this union, Grace E., Edith B., Mamie A., Cecil J. and Helen G. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle are both members of the Christian church, and are held in high regard by those who know them best. Mr. Kyle is a practical and progressive farmer, and his fine estate of one hundred and thirty-seven acres is located in Austintown township, Mahoning county. This land he has owned since the death of his father, and it is one of the best improved and valuable homesteads in the county. In political matters he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but aside from giving an intelligent support to its principles he takes no active part in politics. His time has been wholly given to his farming interests, and he ranks among those leading agriculturists of the community who have made Mahoning county bloom and blossom as the rose.

#### GEORGE M. MONTGOMERY.

Among the popular and promising young men of Youngstown who receive and deserve general esteem, none are more entitled to it than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Elected at the early age of twenty-three to the office of county surveyor, and serving so satisfactorily as to receive a re-election at the end of his first term, these facts of themselves are sufficient attestation of his efficiency. But in fraternal, social and religious circles, in which he is prominent, he has also shown his qualities in such a way as to prove his value as an all-round good citizen and man of progressive energy. His family originated in the Keystone state, whose sons have come



*Geo. M. Montgomery*



in such numbers to the west and so greatly added to the list prominent in making the great states of the Ohio valley. Lewis W. Montgomery, father of our subject, was born at Danville, Pennsylvania, in 1840, being a son of Robert M. Montgomery. After his removal to Ohio he became a farmer and has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. During the Civil war he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and gave creditable service to his country for one hundred days. In 1872 he was united in marriage with Isabelle C. Cubbison, by whom he had five children, George M.; Louisa M., wife of Seth J. McNab; Grace B.; Alice; and Carrie E.

George M. Montgomery, eldest of the family, was born at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1873, grew up and received his academical training in the schools of his native city. Later he attended the Normal University at Ada, and supplemented the advantages there received by a course in the Ohio State University at Columbus. With this excellent equipment as a basis, Mr. Montgomery immediately after leaving college began the work of civil engineering, in which he perfected himself so speedily as to be in demand for public service. In 1897, at the early age of twenty-three years, he was elected surveyor of Mahoning county and served acceptably for three years. That his work gave entire satisfaction is proved by the fact that in 1900 he was re-elected for another term of three years, which he is now engaged in filling. Since 1896 Mr. Montgomery has been a member of the firm of Haseltine Brothers and Montgomery, civil engineers and surveyors.

In 1897 Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage with Miss Ella A. Robinson, a popular young lady of Niles, Trumbull county, Ohio, since which time they have been "keeping house" in a comfortable residence at 1451 Wilson avenue, where they entertain their friends with cordial hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery's household has been brightened by the birth of two children: Mary L. and Robert M. The parents are adherents of the Presbyterian faith and members of the First Presbyterian church in Youngstown. In his political affiliations Mr. Montgomery is a Republican, and takes an active interest in the campaigns, being a popular worker among the younger element of the party. He is a member of Haselton Lodge, K. of P.

#### HENRY MAYER.

Henry Mayer, one of the prosperous and successful farmers of Austintown township, Ohio, owns a farm of fifty-eight acres devoted to general farming, east of Austintown Center. He was born in Germany in 1829 and was reared and educated in that country. In his younger days he was

a weaver by trade, but in 1852 emigrated to Pennsylvania, locating in Schuylkill county, where he remained but a short time, as in 1853 he removed to Zanesville, Ohio, and worked as a marble polisher for seven years. In 1860 he settled in Buffalo, New York, and was employed by the New York & Erie Railroad for six years. His next location was at Coalburg, Ohio, where he was employed by a coal company as a laborer on outside work, and in 1873 he located in Austintown and purchased a house and lot at the Center. There he engaged in coal mining until the coal became exhausted in 1889, at which time he bought his present farm and has there resided ever since.

In 1857 Mr. Mayer was united in marriage with Miss Rose Feeseby and four children were born to them, but three are deceased, and Henry is now a resident of Buffalo, New York. Mrs. Mayer was born in Germany in 1836 and died February 18, 1866. The maiden name of his present wife was Pauline Nesper, whom he married July 4, 1866, and to this marriage were born children as follows: Fredricka C., May 19, 1867; Charles F., September 3, 1868; George A., October 2, 1869; Christian G., March 11, 1871; John J., February 16, 1872; Gotlieb, August 31, 1877; Pauline M., July 29, 1879; Frank H., July 10, 1882. Mrs. Mayer was born in Germany June 6, 1841. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer and their family are members of the Lutheran church and take an active part in its good work. They are honest, industrious people, hard working and thrifty, and during their married life have succeeded in accumulating ample means and have made a pleasant home.

#### FLEET C. YOUNG.

History concerns itself largely with the men who have to do with the political and military affairs of the country, but biography also treats of other busy toilers in life, who form, indeed, the true strength of the nation. It is the men who are successful and enterprising in business and commerce that bring prosperity and advancement to a community, and of this class Mr. Young is a worthy representative, and is now the owner of one of the finest and most modern barber shops in this country.

He is the son of J. C. and F. C. Young, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and North Dakota. The former was for many years a "nailer." Fleet C. Young was born in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1875, and he has been a resident of Youngstown, Ohio, since he was four years of age, at which time he was brought here by his parents. He acquired his education in the graded and the high school of Youngstown, and his first six months of work after leaving school was as a clerk in a cigar store. When about sixteen years of age he began learning the barber trade, to which

he has devoted the best years of his life, and in which he has attained a prominence gained by only the few. His apprenticeship was passed in the shop of Billy Gearon, in whose shop he worked for a year after mastering the art to the satisfaction of his preceptor. He then worked for others for about three years, and in 1895 engaged in business for himself in the Wick Hotel block. He did not begin with a flourish of trumpets and then settle down to mediocre success, but started modestly with three chairs, and soon increased the number to six. Since 1899 he has been at his present location, 1 West Federal street. This is known everywhere as the "marble barber shop," is finely located, and its patrons are the best people in the city and surrounding country. The shop is in every particular a twentieth century establishment, and all its appointments and furnishings throughout are magnificent, there being eleven chairs to accommodate the constant stream of customers. One of the reasons for Mr. Young's phenomenal success in his line is that in the employment of help he has been most careful to consider not only the qualifications of the applicant as to skill but also as to whether he possesses the refinement of a gentleman, an important requisite in every tonsorial artist. Mr. Young is thoroughly deserving of all the rewards accruing from his business, for its growth and increasing success are due entirely to his own original and enterprising methods.

Mr. Young is an enthusiastic member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Youngstown lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and politically supports the Republican party. He was married April 3, 1899, to Miss Melvina E. Vaughn, of this city, and it is safe to say that there are not two more popular young people in the city of Youngstown than Fleet C. Young and his wife.

#### JOHN AUSTIN WOODS.

John Austin Woods, now living retired at his pleasant home at 1128 Emma street, Youngstown, Ohio, was born in this city on the old pioneer homestead of Daniel Sheehy, who was the first actual settler here and built his rude log cabin in 1797 among the Indians. Mr. Sheehy was born in Tipperary, Ireland, as early as 1759 and died in 1835. He took up a section of government land and married Jane McLean. They reared five sons and four daughters, and in 1895 their descendants numbered two hundred. Mr. Sheehy was a man of good family and fine education, having prepared for a profession, but on account of religious persecution he, with his brother Roger, sailed for America in the first vessel leaving after the signing of the treaty of peace between the colonies and the British government. He brought with him two thousand dollars in gold and bought one thousand acres of land from John Young. This pioneer was the grandfather of our subject.

Mr. Woods was born March 6, 1828, and he is a son of William and Mary (Sheehy) Woods, the former of whom was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, and married Mary Sheehy in 1825, who was born on the old homestead in 1803. The children of this marriage were: an infant daughter; John A., of this sketch; Caroline Woods, of this city; Mary Jane, wife of John Frogget; Theresa, wife of Peter Gillan; Lucy Ann, wife of John Darling; Margaret, of Cleveland, Ohio; Ellen; Emma, wife of C. M. Reily, of this city. Margaret and Ellen of this family are sisters of charity in Cleveland, the former known as Sister Gertrude and the latter as Sister Ignatius. William Woods was an industrious farmer and did much to assist in the clearing up of this section. His wife died many years after him. They were both devoted members of the Roman Catholic church.

John Austin Woods was educated in the common and select schools and taught school for three terms and then learned the carpenter's trade. In 1864 he went into the army for the one hundred day service and has suffered from deafness ever since. Since his marriage Mr. Woods has engaged in a contracting business, principally residences. For seven years he has been a member of the city council and three years was the presiding officer; for two years was city street commissioner, and township trustee for several years. His election to office was by the Democratic party, of which he is an influential member. His handsome residence he erected twenty-three years ago, and it has been the family home ever since.

In October, 1868, he married Mary E. Long, who was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Daniel and Louisa (Knox) Long, both natives of England; they died of cholera and left three children. Mrs. Woods was reared by her father's people in Philadelphia and came to Youngstown in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Woods have seven children, namely: Anna E., a dressmaker; Frank J., a carpenter; Mary L., a bookkeeper; Gertrude, for several years a teacher in the public schools; William E., a plumber; Tessa Victoria, a teacher; and Austin D., with the Republic Steel and Iron Company. All of them were well educated, and the young ladies are proficient in music. They belong to the Roman Catholic church, and are among the representative people of this prosperous city.

#### GIDEON HANDWORK.

Gideon Handwork, a well known and very prosperous farmer of Austintown township, on a farm of seventy-five acres, is a descendant of some of the first pioneers of Jackson township, Mahoning county. His maternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania and moved to Mahoning county about

1830, they being John and Christina Handwork, and they were the parents of seven children, who became loyal and useful citizens of the county. John, the grandfather, owned two hundred acres of land and was a practical and successful farmer. One of his sons, John, was the father of Gideon, and was also born in Pennsylvania, but his wife, Mary Forney, was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio. The second John owned one hundred and fifty acres, which is now the property of his two sons, and he was very prosperous and was well thought of in his community. To John and his wife were born children as follows: Gideon, born in 1847; and Eli, born in 1855, both of Jackson township. They removed to Austintown township before they were of age. Both are farmers and have become very successful. They came into possession of the homestead, having owned it since the death of the father in 1885. Their mother survived until 1889.

Gideon was married July 11, 1869, to Eliza A., daughter of Gideon Crum, and to this union have been added children as follows: Perry W., born September 3, 1871; Nora E., born August 19, 1876; and Thyrsa L., born October 25, 1888. Mrs. Handwork was born in Austintown township in 1850. Eli Handwork was married to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Eli and Mary Koenreich in 1885. To this union six children have been born, namely: Nettie, born in 1887; John, born in 1889; Charles, born in 1890; Myrtle, born in 1892; Ray, born in 1897; and one now deceased. Mrs. Eli Handwork was born in Canfield township in 1857. Both brothers, with their families, are members of the Lutheran church and are very active in church work. They are staunch Democrats, and occupy a settled position in the neighborhood, being highly respected by all who know them.

#### JOSHUA TWING BROOKS.

The late Joshua Twing Brooks, who died in Salem, Ohio, October 11, 1901, belonged to that brilliant galaxy of men who were residents of the eastern part of Ohio in the last half of the last century, and a bare recital of whose names would present to the reader foremost statesmen, lawyers, captains of industry and leaders of men in the United States. The many encomiums pronounced at the death of Mr. Brooks show him to have had a many-sided nature, gifted with untiring industry, great executive ability, a refined taste in literature and broad humanitarian instincts, and that he was a leader among corporate lawyers and a prominent figure in the railroad world for the last thirty years of his life.

He came of a New England Quaker family. Joshua J. Brooks, his father, was born in Montpelier, Vermont, in 1809, and after an education re-

ceived in his native city and in an academy at New Lisbon, Ohio, he began teaching in 1835, and in the following year, having studied law, he located in Salem and was one of the leading lawyers until his death. He was also identified with the financial interests of northeastern Ohio; he was president of the Farmers National Bank of Salem for a number of years; and assisted in the development of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad (then the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad), and was its first treasurer. He died in 1861, in the prime of life. His wife was Judith Twing, of Barre, Vermont, a daughter of Joshua Twing, a mill-owner of that town.

Joshua Twing Brooks, who inherited the strong intellect, great energy and executive ability of his father, was born in Salem, Ohio, October 27, 1840, and made that place his home till his death. His early schooling was gained at Canfield, Ohio, and he prepared for college at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, New Hampshire, where he graduated with honors. From there he entered Yale College, but was obliged to give up his studies in the latter part of his first year because of serious trouble with his eyes. In 1860 he returned with the intention of completing the course with the class of 1863, but the death of his father in 1861 called him home to assume the responsibilities as head of a large household of brothers and sisters and of his father's extensive business. Although his college training was fragmentary, he was a superior scholar and able speaker, winning a prize in debate and being one of the "Statement of Fact" orators in behalf of the Brothers in Unity.

In January, 1862, he became president of the Farmers National Bank of Salem, which position he held until his death. He also took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in August, 1865, and then formed a partnership with Hon. P. A. Laubie, of Salem, which continued until 1875. This was known as one of the leading law firms of eastern Ohio. In the year of his admission to the bar he received election to the state senate of Ohio, and was re-elected in 1867, making a creditable record as a legislator. In May, 1870, he was elected president of the State Bank of Ohio, whose corporate charter had expired in 1866, but whose existence was continued for some time in order that it might wind up its affairs.

Mr. Brooks began his connection with railroad corporations in December, 1866, when he was appointed solicitor for the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company for eastern Ohio, and when this road was leased to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he was appointed, in July, 1869, solicitor for the state of Ohio for the latter company. He held this position until November, 1877, when he became general counsel of all the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg. In May, 1891, he was elected second

vice president of the Pennsylvania, and had charge of the law, real estate and treasury departments of that road till his death. At the fiftieth anniversary of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in Philadelphia, April 13, 1896, he made one of the ablest addresses of the occasion. When the news of his death was announced it caused profound sorrow in the general offices of the railroad company, and the many tributes paid by the directors and officers of the company indicate the important place he filled in that powerful corporation.

At the commencement of 1882 Yale College honored her quondam son and student with the honorary degree of M. A. Mr. Brooks was married September 7, 1865, to Miss Annie Miller, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, who survives him. They had five children: Charles Twing, born March 29, 1867; Elizabeth, October 9, 1868; William P., June 2, 1870, died August 5, 1872; Judith T., April 7, 1872; and Mary Augusta, July 8, 1875. Charles T. Brooks graduated from Yale in 1889 and from the Harvard Law School in 1894, and is now practicing in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Brooks was a sufferer from Bright's disease, and his failing health compelled him to resign his active duties in December, 1900, and he lived retired at his Salem home till his death. Several trips to the south were thought to have benefitted him materially, but the end came suddenly on the morning of October 11, 1901. At his request the funeral was conducted in a very simple manner, without music and singing. A large number of distinguished men from his own and other states were present to do honor to one who had won such high esteem for his character, ability and services. For the time business was suspended in the town which he was looked upon as the father, and whose every interest had depended on him for support.

While Mr. Brooks' greatest work was probably done in connection with his service for the Pennsylvania Railroad, he also made a lasting reputation in the field of politics, but not as an office-seeker or office-holder. And it is here that his independence of thought and action is shown. He entered political life as a Republican, but differed with the party in opposing the reelection of General Grant. He was a strenuous supporter of Grover Cleveland's policy in regard to high protection during the latter's leadership of the Democratic party. But he was just as ardent in his advocacy of the election of William McKinley and in his opposition to free silver, and after the election of 1896 was personally thanked by President McKinley for the active part he had taken in the campaign. It is said that, upon the retirement of Hon. John Hay from the post of ambassador to Great Britain, President McKinley offered the vacancy to Mr. Brooks, who declined, but who, when requested to state whom he would like to have appointed, named the present

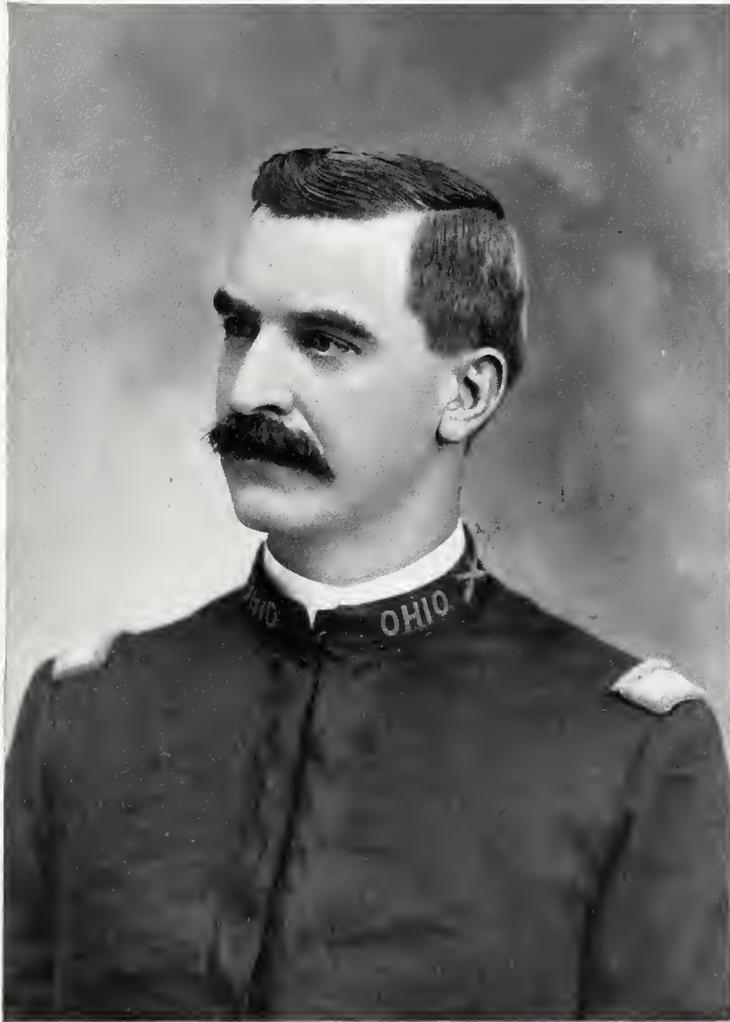
ambassador, Joseph H. Choate. The latter, before accepting the position, said: "Before I accept, I must first see my creator."

It would add to the interest of this short biography if the many panegyrics and resolutions expressed at Mr. Brooks' death might be given in full, but it must here suffice that all unite in unstinted honor and esteem for one so broad-minded, so profound of thought, so tireless in energy, so complete and rounded in the development of perfect manhood; he was a pleasing conversationalist and an effective speaker; his love of nature, of the freedom of the country, was a predominant characteristic; and above all his character was personal, human and sympathetic, sweetened with intense interest in others, and he was one of the few whose strength carried more than his own weight and was able to uplift and support his companions on the road of life.

#### JAMES ADAIR FREED.

The gentleman above named, who holds the position of Superintendent of the Safety Department, Ohio District, for the National Steel Company and American Steel Hoop Company, has had a varied experience in life, which brought him in touch with many different lines of employment. Since reaching manhood he has studied law, managed a brick yard, acted as postmaster, worked in rolling mills, been a contractor, served on the police force, been employed in steel works, and made a record as an officer in the military forces. Such an experience as this is necessarily a great educator and furnishes information of a practical kind, superior to anything to be learned in the schools. But Mr. Freed has both kinds of education, as his books were not neglected in early life, and it is safe to say that few men are better informed than he, both practically and theoretically, concerning those things the knowing of which insures success in life. His father, James A. Freed, was born in Pennsylvania, but removed in early life to Ohio, where he was first engaged in farming, and later as a contracting carpenter. He married Phoebe Deeds, and the four of their five children still living are Samuel T.; Nancy A., wife of George Daniels; Hiram H.; and James A.

James Adair Freed, the youngest member of the family, was born at Youngstown, Ohio, February 6, 1861, attended private school awhile, and in 1879 was graduated in the public schools of his native place. His first impulse after completing his academical education was to become a lawyer, and with this end in view he spent eighteen months investigating the mysteries of that profession under the tutelage of Jones & Murray. At the end of that time he made up his mind to leave Blackstone, Greenleaf, Coke upon Littleton, and the rest of the musty tomes to others who like them better, and



*James A. Freed*



abandoned law to become manager of a brick yard. After pursuing this calling for two years, Mr. Freed received the appointment as assistant postmaster of Youngstown and served in that capacity for the four following years. In search of a business opening, he then went to Canada, secured a position as assistant manager of the Ontario Rolling Mills at Toronto, and remained in that city about eighteen months. Returning to Youngstown at the end of that time, Mr. Freed engaged in business as a contracting carpenter, which occupied his attention for a year and was abandoned to accept an appointment as lieutenant of police. He was connected with the force nearly ten years, during which time he proved a capable and efficient officer, but resigned in 1900 to take employment with the Republic Iron and Steel Company as foreman in the Bessemer department. In August, 1901, he was appointed chief of the Safety Department of the National Steel and American Steel Hoop Company, which position he has since held up to the present time.

In addition to his business and official experiences, thus briefly sketched, Mr. Freed has also made a varied and creditable military record. He enlisted as a private in the Ohio National Guard June 27, 1882, and rose steadily through the various grades until he reached high rank. May 19, 1883, he was appointed first sergeant, which was followed by a commission as first lieutenant January 10, 1885. His next promotion was to a captaincy, which rank was conferred March 10, 1887, but this commission was resigned April 23, 1889, on his removal from the state. Again he was commissioned as captain April 7, 1893, but this also was resigned to accept the regimental quartermastership, the commission for which, with the rank of captain, was conferred October 31, 1895. Resigning as quartermaster in 1896, another commission as captain of the line was given him, being dated July 16, 1897. While holding the last mentioned rank, the Spanish-American war was opened by the declaration of Congress, and on April 26, 1898, Captain Freed was re-commissioned and given command of Company H, Fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This regiment made its rendezvous at Columbus, Ohio, from which place it was ordered to Tampa, Florida, where it remained from May 21, 1898, to July 22, 1898. While there Captain Freed was detailed on detached duty with Lieutenant Colonel Edmund Rice, of the inspector general's department, to inspect transports, and was occupied for a month with this duty at Port Tampa. After remaining with his regiment in Florida about two months, Captain Freed was mustered out November 5, 1898. As soon as he returned to Youngstown he reorganized Company H, Fifth Ohio National Guard, known as the Logan Rifles, after which he resigned and was placed by the state government on the retired list as captain.

June 1, 1881, Captain Freed was united in marriage with Miss Armada E., daughter of Eli H. Ostrander, who served in the Civil war as a member of the Fifty-first and Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry regiments. Captain and Mrs. Freed have an only son, Allan Adair, a manly and intelligent youth, who gives promise of a life of future usefulness. Captain Freed is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of Major John A. Logan Camp No. 115, Spanish-American War Veterans, and quartermaster general of the National Association. In all the relations of life, whether as official, soldier or business man, he has so borne himself as to receive and deserve the name of a good and loyal citizen.

#### GEORGE M. McLURE.

George M. McLure, who is a civil engineer of the village of Poland, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1842. The family, as the name indicates, is of Scotch origin and was founded in America at an early period in the development of this country. John McLure, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire life. He wedded Agnes Toppin and then entered a claim for five hundred acres of land where the city of Homestead now stands. Among his children was William D. McLure, the father of our subject. He was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1799, and in 1865 came to Ohio, settling in Youngstown, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring there in 1872. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Irwin and was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1807, a daughter of Boyle and Eliza (McCully) Irwin, the latter a daughter of Major McCully, who was a distinguished officer of the Revolution. The Irwins were of Irish descent and the McCullys of Scotch lineage. To Mr. and Mrs. McLure were born eight children, all of whom reached adult age: John, who was born in Mifflin township, near Pittsburg, about 1837, and is a carpenter and builder; Boyle Irwin, who is connected with the Dollar Savings Bank of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Annie, who died at the age of twenty years; George M., whose name introduces this review; Agnes, who died in 1866; Caroline, who is living in Pittsburg with her brother; William, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Ella, the wife of J. K. Orr, of Youngstown, Ohio, ex-sheriff of Mahoning county. As before stated, the father passed away in 1872, and the mother's death occurred in 1894.

George M. McLure spent his early boyhood days under the parental roof and acquired his primary education in his home locality. In 1859 he entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis and was graduated at Newport,

Rhode Island, in 1863, remaining in the navy from 1859 until 1868. During the Civil war he was in active service and stationed off the coast of Charleston as a member of the cruise of the Housatonic, that was afterward blown up. He rose from the rank of midshipman to that of lieutenant because of his faithful and capable service.

In 1879 Mr. McLure was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Darcy, a lady of Irish descent and a daughter of George and Maria (Bingham) Darcy, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. McLure was born in London, England, pursued her education in that country and came to America in 1867. By her marriage she became the mother of six children: Gertrude Bingham, who makes her home with her uncle Boyle Irwin in Pittsburg; Caroline, who has acted as her father's housekeeper since the mother's death; Madeline Darcy, who is now a student in the Poland Union Seminary; Rowena, who is a student in the Union school; Elizabeth; and a daughter who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away on the 16th of April, 1898, at the age of forty-four years, and her death was deeply regretted by all who knew her.

Mr. McLure purchased the old Dr. Henry Kirkland property of fifty-two acres and now has a very pleasant home. He is following his profession as a general surveyor and does much business in this line in Youngstown and in the Mahoning valley. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, and belongs to the Poland Presbyterian church. His life has been an honorable and upright one in which energy and capability in his chosen line of labor have won for him creditable success. Wherever he is known he commands the respect and regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact, and as a representative of one of the old families of this portion of the state he well deserves mention in this volume.

#### HARRY D. THOMPSON.

Americans are quick to find terms expressive of their idols in the different departments of life. Thus we find the phrases "leader of men," "captains of industry," and others equally terse and forceful, to designate those who have been most successful in their sphere of activity. But perhaps to the average citizen of this country of opportunity, the appellation which conveys the highest compliment and is most suggestive of honor is that of "self-made man." There are thousands of men in this country who deserve this encomium, but each one stands among the first of the citizens of his community, and as such receives the respect which is the meed of one who has shown his independence and self-reliance so as to reach a creditable position

in society. And it is certainly no abuse in the meaning of words when we say that one who has made his own way in the world since he was twelve years old, and from that early and disadvantageous beginning has advanced to the position of master mechanic in one of the greatest corporations of the United States,—when we affirm that such a one is worthy of the distinction that comes from the title of a “self-made man,” which may well be applied to the popular Youngstown citizen, Harry D. Thompson.

Benjamin D. and Julia (McAfoos) Thompson were both natives of Pennsylvania, where the former followed the trade of carpentering and contracting, but he is now engaged in farming in Mahoning county, Ohio. His wife died in Hazelwood, Pennsylvania, in 1875. Harry D. Thompson was born of these parents in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1865. What education he received before he took up the more serious problems of life was obtained in the public schools of Pittsburg. When he was seventeen years of age he came to Youngstown, Ohio, and entered the employ of the William Tod Company with the intention of learning the machinist's trade. He remained with this one firm for a number of years, until 1893, when he became a machinist for the Ohio Steel Company, now the Ohio works of the National Steel Company. His ability was recognized and on April 1, 1898, he was advanced to the position of foreman of the machine shop, and received his present promotion to the responsible place of master mechanic of the works, on the 1st day of January, 1903. Mr. Thompson is also an example of the man who has devoted himself to one line of work, a course which insures success, and he has the honor of being one of the oldest employes of the Ohio works.

On September 25, 1895, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Nellie M. Evans, who was born at Portsmouth, Ohio, a daughter of Henry A. Evans. The two bright children who have come into their home are named Helen Sara, born July 24, 1898, and Donald Henry, January 25, 1902. This pleasant family have their home at 542 George street. Mr. Thompson holds to the political creed of the Republican party, in fraternal relations is a member of Western Star Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., while he and his wife belong to the First Presbyterian church of Youngstown.

#### JOHN SANZENBACHER.

In the year 1833 there came to America from Germany Jacob and Barbara Sanzenbacher, who, while they had been in good circumstances in the fatherland, on various grounds had decided to make their home in the new world across the sea. Jacob had been the proprietor of an old country

“inn” and also followed the trade of mechanic, but when he came to Columbian county, Ohio, he purchased fifty acres of land and farmed for a few years. In 1836 he moved to Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, but later took up his residence in Mahoning county, and spent the remainder of his days there. Jacob was born August 1, 1799, and died in 1882, while his wife Barabara was born February 12, 1804, and died in 1879. Their family consisted of John, Jacob and Barbara, that grew to maturity and four died in infancy; these children never forgot the industrious training and the worthy Christian principles which were instilled in them by their parents.

While the above mentioned parents lived in their old home in Würtemberg, Germany, the son John was born to them, on May 5, 1827, and he therefore lived only the first six years of his life in the fatherland. He had the advantages of school up to his seventeenth year and on August 19, 1844, was placed under the instruction of R. Fullerton that he might learn the tanner's trade. When he had served three and a half years as an apprentice, he entered the employ of William Moore, of Boardman township, Mahoning county, and remained with him ten months. Another ten months were spent in New Middleton, Ohio, but in the winter of 1849 he came to Boardman township again and in the following spring moved to his present town of Canfield. He embarked in business on his own account and on the strength of his merits plus about five hundred dollars in cash and personal effects, and in the same year purchased the tannery of F. A. Brainard and began business, on a small scale at first, of course, but one that was destined to grow to great proportions. In 1862 he and Mr. P. Edwards embarked in the drug business also, and three years later he formed a partnership in the tannery with F. Krehl, of Girard. In 1867 he sold out his interest to Mr. Krehl and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Canfield township, one of the most productive and valuable places in the township, and now the property of his son, D. L. For two years he was engaged in placing the needed improvements on this farm, but in 1869 he and Mr. Edwards again went into the leather business, this time in the manufacture of leather and belting. In 1872 F. Shawaker was admitted as a partner in the concern, but in 1875 his interest was purchased by Mr. Sanzenbacher; and in 1877 the belt-making was dropped and the manufacture of harness leather taken up. The business was thus continued until 1888, when, at the death of Mr. Edwards, Mr. Sanzenbacher bought the Edwards interest in the business and took in his son, D. L., who remained in the business about two years, retiring on account of ill health. For about three years he bought unfinished leather and completed the finishing process, but in 1899 he sold some of his buildings to Lyman, Dickson

and Williams, and in 1901 completed the sale to I. Callihan and S. Neff, since which time he has been retired.

On December 24, 1850, Mr. Sanzenbacher was married to Miss Sarah Oswald, who was born in Canfield, November 25, 1832. On November 5, 1898, when he returned home for dinner, he found the faithful companion of forty years dead in her chair, and from this dark hour he has not yet recovered. Their family consisted of Mrs. Harriet E. Neff, Mrs. Rebecca Callihan, Charles J., John H., David L. and Martin L. Mr. Sanzenbacher is one of the most popular men in his community and has proved a most loyal citizen to his adopted country. He has served as a bank director, is an esteemed member of the Methodist church, and has certainly deserved the success in commercial and social life which has come to him. He is a staunch Republican, but votes for the best man in local affairs.

#### ABRAHAM BRENNARD.

Abraham Brennard is a well known farmer now located in Poland township. His father, Christopher, was born in Germany about 1814 and after coming to this country he wedded Sophia Shellenberger, a native of either Ohio or Pennsylvania. Abraham was her only child, born in Springfield county, Ohio, November 10, 1853, and as his mother died in 1860, when he was still a mere child, he was left to be reared by strangers. We can better appreciate his present success when we remember this fact, and that he had the advantage of only meager schooling. He was bound out to work for his board, clothing and schooling, but, as he remembers it, there was very little of all three, although the hard work of the farm was never lacking to fill his cup of boyish troubles to overflowing many times; instead of sitting over his books in the schoolroom he was usually following the threshing machine. At the age of twelve he decided he could better his condition by engaging to work independently, so he worked on farms and at public enterprises for six or eight dollars a month up to the time he was married, at the age of twenty-seven. For a year and a half after this event he lived in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, but then came to Struthers, Mahoning county, where for twelve years he was engaged in carrying pig-iron in the blast furnace. He then returned to Pennsylvania and was a tenant farmer on three different farms, but in the spring of 1902 came to the John Arral farm, consisting of one hundred and two acres of good land, where he remained until the spring of 1903, when he located on the farm where he now lives.

On May 13, 1880, Mr. Brennard was united in marriage to Miss Prudence of Elizabeth Mayberry, who was born in Newcastle, Lawrence county,

Pennsylvania, November 20, 1852. Grandfather Thomas Mayberry settled in that county over a hundred years ago, and his death occurred before 1852, when over sixty years of age, and his wife died in 1854 or 1855. They reared three sons and six daughters, one of whom was Jennison Mayberry, who was born on the same farm on which Mrs. Brennard was born and reared, his birth taking place on June 14, 1818, and his wife was Mary Jane Smith, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1821. They were married in the spring of 1842, and after nearly fifty years of married life she passed away July 10, 1891, but he is still living on the old farm, strong and active at the age of eighty-four. Eight sons and four daughters were born of this marriage, but only five grew up, and their names are as follows: William Douglass Mayberry, a farmer in Mahoning county, has two living children; Mary Ann died at the age of seventeen; Mrs. Brennard; Hadessah, the wife of J. B. Elliott, a prominent physician of Cleveland, the parents of one son and one daughter; the remaining son, C. W. T., is farming the old place and has one son. The first child of Mr. and Mrs. Brennard, Jennison Lee, was born February 11, 1881, and resides at home; Mary Jane, born November 8, 1882, is the wife of Robert D. Stoner, in Rose Point, Pennsylvania, married May 8, 1902; Hadessah Idelle, born August 18, 1884, remains at home; Ida Belle, born June 7, 1887, is still attending school. Mr. Brennard is a follower of Republican principles, is a member of the Modern Woodmen, while his wife is an earnest Presbyterian. They are most estimable people, robust and healthy, and are proud that they can still continue the labor which brought them so much happiness.

#### MRS. SALLY ANN LANTERMAN.

Mrs. Sally Ann Lanterman, the subject of this sketch, was born July 12, 1822, in the township of Youngstown, Trumbull county, Ohio, and has been a resident of said township during her entire life. Mrs. Lanterman is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Berry Woods, who settled here in 1816. They came here from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and were married June 13, 1815, and the following children were born to them: Daniel B. Woods, born November 11, 1816, and died July 7, 1894; Elhanna W. Woods, born November 10, 1818, and died July 19, 1873; William Harrison Woods, born July 2, 1821, and died in infancy; Sally Ann Woods, born July 12, 1822; John R. Woods, born July 30, 1824, and died January 3, 1887; Clark Woods, born February 14, 1827. John Woods, father of the above named children, died March 25, 1864, aged seventy-five years, and his widow, Elizabeth B. Woods, died July 7, 1880, aged eighty-six years.

Sally Ann Woods, subject of this sketch, was married to German Lanterman February 3, 1842. They together accumulated a vast amount of property, which was rich in coal; several mines were opened on their different farms, namely Leadville coal bank, and the Manning Coal Company's bank; Lanterman's Falls and a greater part of Mill Creek Park were originally part of the homestead. Mr. Lanterman was an extensive stock-dealer. His parents, Peter Lanterman and Elizabeth Logan Lanterman, were among the early settlers of Trumbull county, who also were engaged largely in the cattle business.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. German Lanterman: Florence Elizabeth, born February 12, 1843, married Colonel L. T. Foster, March 11, 1869, and died June 19, 1873; two children were born to them, Una L. Foster and Ina W. Foster. Ai John was born February 15, 1844, and died December 2, 1899; he was one of Youngstown's most prominent physicians and was also a surgeon of note; he was graduated from Ann Arbor, Michigan, also from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city and from the Physicians' College at Vienna, Austria. After practicing medicine in Youngstown for several years, he went to Colorado and invested in gold and silver mines, which proved to be very valuable. His death was not only a sore bereavement to his mother, but also a loss to the profession and to the world. Dr. Lanterman never married.

Although Mrs. Lanterman is in her eighty-first year, she still retains every faculty. She is the center of affection of two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Mr. German Lanterman, died January 12, 1889, aged seventy-five years.

#### ELLEN EWING BLAINE BOTSFORD.

This esteemed lady is one of the social leaders of Youngstown, Ohio, and is thus prominent not only for her own good qualities and character but as being the widow of one who for many years was a familiar figure in military and business circles at Youngstown. Mrs. Botsford is an active worker in the Episcopal church, is regent of the chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Youngstown, and besides the numerous social duties devolving upon her, she also devotes herself to literary work. Her maiden name was Ellen E. Blaine, and she is a native of Maysville, Kentucky, the daughter of Samuel L. and Anna (Coons) Blaine; she is also a first cousin of the late statesman and jurist James G. Blaine. She received her education in her native state, and in 1864 she was married to Major Botsford. Their two living children are Ella, the wife of F. H. Wick, of Youngstown, by



J. L. Balford



whom she has one child, Alma; and James L., Jr., who, like his sister, received an excellent education, spending his last year in Yale.

James Lawrence Botsford was one of six children born to Archibald Grant and Eliza (Lynn) Botsford, natives of Connecticut and Pennsylvania, respectively; the former was for a number of years a comb manufacturer in Poland, Ohio. It was in this latter place that the son James was born, April 16, 1834. He was educated in the common schools of Poland, Poland Seminary, and in 1858 went to California, where he worked in the mines until 1861. He landed in New York, April 13, 1861, the day after the firing on Fort Sumter. As soon as he reached Poland he enlisted in a company that was forming there, and in the latter part of May the company was ordered to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, where he became a second lieutenant in the famous Twenty-third Regiment, the first three years' regiment to enlist from the state. His first service was in West Virginia, where he was detailed as acting aide de camp to Colonel Scammon, commanding the Third Brigade, Kanawha Division, Army of West Virginia; was promoted to first lieutenant, January 17, 1862, and returned to his regiment and participated in the spring campaign. On August 6th, he was again assigned as aide to General Scammon, and on August 20th the division was ordered to Washington. Part of the division took part in the second battle of Bull Run under General Scammon, after which the Kanawha Division was made a part of the Army of the Potomac. The division led the advance at South Mountain, September 14, 1862, and was successful in gaining the crest of the mountain. Three days later it participated in the battle of Antietam, after which the division was ordered back to West Virginia. On October 27, 1862, Lieutenant Botsford was promoted by President Lincoln to captain and assistant adjutant general of United States Volunteers. He served in West Virginia with General Scammon until January, 1864, and then was with Major General George Crook in a number of engagements, thence joined General Hunter's command in the Shenandoah valley, where he was later assigned to General Sheridan's department. In November, 1864, he was stationed at Cumberland and detailed as assistant inspector general of the department of West Virginia. After the war he was commissioned brevet major, to date from March 13, 1865, for meritorious and distinguished conduct.

After the war Major Botsford, with his brother Thomas G., was in the produce business in Louisville, Kentucky, until 1872, when he came to Youngstown and began the manufacture of iron. When the Mahoning Valley Iron Company was formed in 1879, he was elected treasurer and held that position till his death. He was one of the leading business men of the county, and

met with remarkable success in all his undertakings. At one time he was a member of the city council, but soon resigned, which was the only civil office he would ever accept. On January 14, 1892, he was appointed quartermaster general of Ohio by Governor McKinley; they had both been comrades in arms in the Twenty-third, and had enlisted from the same town. At the reunion of the Twenty-third Ohio Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry Association, General Botsford was unanimously chosen president, to succeed General Rutherford B. Hayes. During the Spanish war President McKinley again honored General Botsford's known ability and experience as a warrior by tendering him the appointment of brigadier general, but the latter declined.

After sixty-four years of such honorable and diligent activity, General Botsford's life came to a close on October 6, 1898, and the sincere grief displayed on every hand showed how he had endeared himself to his fellows and made his taking off a public calamity. He was one of the few individuals who had strength and the will to carry others over the rough places in life as well as himself; he was unselfish and untiring in his efforts, in whatever line they were put forth; and he had the faculty of making and retaining friends, so that his life was always cheery, and filled with all that was good and inspiring. At his death President McKinley sent the following message from the White House to Mrs. Botsford: "I am deeply grieved at your bereavement, and extend the heartfelt sympathy of Mrs. McKinley and myself to you and your family. The loss of such a dear and old comrade in arms comes home to me keenly, and his memory will always remain with me in tender recollection." Mr. and Mrs. Botsford were foremost in the work of the Episcopal church at Youngstown, in which he was vestryman and treasurer for twenty-one years. General Botsford was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Loyal Legion, and was thoroughly Republican in his political sympathies.

#### JOHN H. SHAFER.

John H. Shafer, the leading merchant in Struthers, was born in Pennsylvania, December 8, 1869, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Saylor) Shafer, the latter of whom died in 1891, the mother of four children, namely: Anna C., the widow of Frank Green Shepard, has three living children; Mary C. is married and lives at Conway, Pennsylvania; John H., of this sketch; and Frederick, who died at the age of eight years.

Henry Shafer, the father of John H., was born in 1841, in Hanover, Germany, and is a son of Henry Shafer. In 1853, at the age of twelve years, he came to America, making the journey in a sailing vessel. His second

marriage was to Mrs. Baer, and they now reside at Wheatland, Pennsylvania, where for many years he was engaged in business. He owns some fine property, and is very highly esteemed in his neighborhood.

Our subject was reared to a mercantile life, beginning in his father's store in childhood. He married Mrs. Mary M. Bray, widow of John W. Bray, and a daughter of William and Mary (Robertson) Black. Mrs. Black died June 6, 1884, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving five children. Mr. Black married, second, Mrs. Margaret Davidson, a lady of most estimable character and fine education. For four years before her first marriage Mrs. Shafer taught school in Youngstown. The children of the first marriage of Mrs. Shafer were: Alfred R. and Clifford, twins, the former of whom died at the age of three months and the latter soon after; Charles W., born January 27, 1891; John H., born September 30, 1892; and Kate, born November 1, 1893.

The business which Mr. Shafer has so successfully conducted ever since December, 1892, when he succeeded his father, was established by the latter July 20, 1882. Mr. Shafer's whole life has been devoted to mercantile pursuits ever since the age of sixteen years. He is the leading merchant and carries the largest stock, has the oldest store, and does the largest business of any one in his line in Struthers. He is ably assisted by his very capable wife and her industrious and energetic sons. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Shafer had become accustomed to the business as one of Mr. Shafer's salesladies, and is one of the best assistants that Mr. Shafer could have selected, her taste and good management contributing largely to the success of the business. Residing in the apartments over the store, she is always at hand to wait on customers, although she is also noted for her capacities as a housekeeper. On account of the prosperous conditions of the business Mr. Shafer is proposing to make some changes, which will enable him to carry a still larger stock and add to the attractiveness of his displays.

Mrs. Shafer was born June 8, 1869, in Scotland, and has crossed the ocean three times. Her father was one of eight sons, six of whom follow the profession of stationary engineers. Mr. Shafer is prominent in the order of Knights of Pythias, has passed all the chairs and for two years has represented the Grand Lodge, and will very probably continue to do so. He belongs to the order of Maccabees, and Mrs. Shafer to the Ladies' Maccabees. In politics he has always been a Democrat and was elected a member of the first city council of Struthers. Both he and Mrs. Shafer are prominent in social as well as business circles, and are among the highly esteemed residents of Struthers.

## ALBERT R. SILVER.

Among the early pioneers who came to Columbiana county during the first decade of the nineteenth century was a family named Silver. It consisted of father, mother and several children from Havre de Grace, Maryland, who made the long and tedious trip over mountains, down rivers and through forests, over the rude trails until finally they landed at Steubenville, Ohio, and there they sojourned long enough to enable the father to get from the land office at that point a warrant for the land he had bought from the government, after which they pursued their journey over the traces, by way of Lisbon and Franklin Square, on to the locality two miles south of the present city of Salem, where their purchase was located. It was in the year 1804 that the weary travelers finally pulled rein and unloaded their goods on the farm adjacent to the Lisbon road, which was to prove the permanent home of themselves and descendants for many years to come. At the time of arrival William, eldest son of these Maryland emigrants, was about twelve years old, and as he grew up assisted his parents in clearing, fencing and cultivating until the wild land eventually assumed a more comfortable and prosperous appearance. About the same time that the Marylanders reached their destination, a family of Spencers had moved in from the east and located immediately west of Salem. When William Silver reached manhood he married one of the daughters of this Spencer family and shortly afterward left the farm to take up his residence in the nearby village. Later, he purchased a farm on the Deerfield and Lisbon road, three miles west of Salem, where he built a blacksmith shop and carried on business successfully for many years. His descendants still preserve, as interesting heirlooms, specimens of his bookkeeping, which indicate that he was a methodical and careful man of business, attentive to the smallest details and watchful of every expenditure.

Albert R. Silver, son of William, was born at Salem, Ohio, in 1823, during his father's brief residence in that town, and was reared on the farm to which his parents subsequently moved. He also had the advantage of an early training in his father's blacksmith shop, which proved of great value in after life, as it gave him the trend that ultimately led to fortune. When about nineteen years old, he left the farm for Salem with a view to learning carriage blacksmithing with a Mr. Sheets, who at that time was manufacturing vehicles on a small scale, being the pioneer carriage-maker of the village. Subsequently, in partnership with Robert Campbell, he opened a blacksmith shop, but a year later was made foreman of the Sheets Carriage Manufactory. It was in 1854, while holding this position, that an event occurred which influenced all of Mr. Silver's subsequent life, and led to the eventual

establishment of the great industry with which his name is so honorably connected. One day Levi A. Dole, who was a kind of universal genius and always busy trying to discover some new device, came to Mr. Silver and said bluntly: "Bert, I have a patent." The truth is that he had a valuable invention, the same being a machine for boring out buggy and wagon hubs to receive the boxes, work which at that time had been done slowly and laboriously by use of the hand chisel. Mr. Silver, having been economical, had saved some money, and, with this as a capital and Dole's inventive genius as backing, the two formed a partnership which proved of value to both. They rented a shop and bought one lathe, with which they went to work with Mr. Dole as the machinist and Mr. Silver in charge of the blacksmith shop. They were soon turning out the newly invented machines, and it was not long until they began to attract attention in the industrial world. About that time a representative of a carriage journal published at Columbus happened along looking for advertisements, and the new firm were wise enough to avail themselves of his columns to place their goods before the public. Soon a cut of their machine with a brief description of its uses appeared in the Columbus paper, and the results were apparent in a short time, as the attention of the trade was attracted. The new hub-boring device was the very thing needed, became popular rapidly, and the machines were sold as fast as the makers could turn them out. Every few days Mr. Silver might be seen trundling a wheelbarrow load of his product to the railway station for shipment to all points of the compass. One of the earliest purchasers was William Bingham, founder of the firm of Bingham and Company, at Cleveland, and with his first order he gave as reference Joseph Brooks, a well known attorney in Salem and father of the late J. T. Brooks, second vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

As the business developed Mr. Silver attended to clerical and corresponding work while Mr. Dole looked after the mechanical department. The fertile genius of the latter soon added other ingenious and valuable inventions to the firm's stock, the first being a hollow auger for cutting the tenon on the end of a spoke, in connection with which he designed the spoke-tenon machine and other hub-boring devices. Other inventions patented by Mr. Dole were the water tuyere iron and the press saw-gummer, which tools were made and sold extensively and are still carried in the catalogue of the Silver Manufacturing Company. The saw-gummer, however, once popular, was later superseded by the advent of the circular saw, to replace the old fashioned "muley." About 1866 Mr. Dole invented a meat-chopper, and later a meat stuffer and lard presses were added to the firm's line of manufactures, which

are still extensively sold. In 1868 Mr. John Deming was admitted into the partnership; shortly afterward the firm suffered an irreparable loss by the death of Mr. Dole. In 1873 the firm was incorporated as the Silver & Deming Manufacturing Company, and moved into new and larger quarters, shortly after which the manufacture of feed cutters was added to the output. In 1876 the company displayed a complete line of their goods at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, where they were awarded medals and premiums on their feed cutters and other machines. In 1882 the manufacture of pumps was begun, and John Humphrey admitted into the company as general superintendent. But at length the hitherto uninterrupted career of prosperity was checked by a disastrous fire, which occurred on the night of July 3, 1883, and completely destroyed the machine shop and all its contents. Not at all discouraged, however, the company immediately rebuilt and on a larger scale. In 1890 the Silver interest in the establishment was purchased by W. L. and W. F. Deming, who have since carried on the manufacture of pumps under the firm name of the Deming Company.

Shortly after this change the Silver Manufacturing Company was organized, and their present handsome and commodious factory erected with all the modern improvements. They retained all the original patents and the entire line of goods previously carried except that of pumps, which was disposed of to the Deming Company. The officers of the new organization were as follows: Albert R. Silver, president; H. M. Silver, vice president; William Silver, treasurer; A. O. Silver, secretary; and E. W. Silver, superintendent. The last four mentioned are the sons of the original founder of the enterprise, to whose genius and indomitable will this great industry is so largely indebted for its success. The business of the company is in a flourishing condition at the present time and increasing from year to year. The sales in 1901 amounted to half a million dollars, and were sent to every part of the United States, as well as to every other civilized country of the world, about fifteen per cent of the business being export.

In early life, when still struggling with poverty, Mr. Silver was married to Mary A., daughter of Robert and Helen (Chaters) Dun, of Salem, with whom he lived in mutual happiness and esteem for more than half a century. The parents of Mrs. Silver were from Yorkshire, England, and came to America when she was only four years old. In 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Silver celebrated their golden wedding in the presence of a large attendance of congratulating friends and loving descendants. But the venerable head of this numerous and interesting connection did not long survive the jubilee celebration of his happy marriage, as his long and useful life was

terminated in 1900, after he had reached the seventy-seventh year of his age. He is succeeded, however, by able sons who are carrying on successfully the great business founded by their father.

Emmor W. Silver, the eldest son, married Miss Anna Bishop, of Salem, and is at present superintendent of the Silver Manufacturing Company. Charles R. Silver, the second son, married Jessie F. Steele, of Salem, who died leaving two children. Esther, the eldest daughter, married Frank Brainard, of New York city, and has two sons, Frank, and William W., who is attending Yale College. William Silver, the fourth son and treasurer of his father's old company, married Helen, daughter of Simeon Sharp, and has one child, Helen Louise. Homer M. Silver, vice president of the Manufacturing Company, married Miss Josie King, of Salem, and has one child, Albert R. Albert Otis Silver, the youngest child and secretary of the Manufacturing Company, married Miss Lizzie Walton, of Salem, and has three children: Rebecca, Esther and Mary. Mrs. Albert R. Silver, the venerable and revered mother, is still in the enjoyment of good health and the center of a loving social circle at the old home in Salem.

#### CHARLES PRATT LEONARD.

A popular public official and a man of substance and prominence in Columbiana county, Ohio, Sheriff Charles Pratt Leonard was born in Wellsville, Ohio, in 1855, and is now an esteemed citizen of Lisbon. The parents of Sheriff Leonard were Thomas Pratt and Annie (Stockman) Leonard, and his ancestry on both sides reaches to Revolutionary heroes. Great-grandfather Samuel Leonard owned the farm on which the battle of Brandywine was fought, and he took part as a patriot soldier. His son Thomas, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Phoenixville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, and there also occurred the birth of Thomas Pratt Leonard. The latter came to Salem, Ohio, in 1829, and opened the first hotel at the forks of the Georgetown road, and in 1842 opened a hotel at Wellsville. Our subject's grandmother belonged to an old Quaker family of Chester county named Massie, and the family all became members of that society. Thomas P. Leonard died on February 10, 1880, in Wellsville, at the age of seventy years.

The mother of Sheriff Leonard was a daughter of Jacob Stockman, who came of a Pennsylvania German family and who settled in Elk Run township, Columbiana county, Ohio, about 1836. A brother of Mrs. Leonard, Frank Stockman, is the agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Ravenna.

Until 1876 Charles Pratt Leonard resided in Wellsville, but the years

intervening between that date and 1897 were spent in California, Oregon and Colorado. For thirty-two years Mr. Leonard has been a contractor and builder. For five years he was connected with the Fuller Construction Company of Chicago, Illinois; for four years was with the Hammer Construction Company of Omaha; and was engaged individually in the same business in Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Leonard's ability was recognized upon his return to Wellsville by an appointment as inspector of public works, and this office claimed his close and careful attention until, eighteen months after acceptance, he was honored by his Democratic friends by an election to the office of sheriff of Columbiana county, in 1901. The vote was a flattering one and a testimonial to his personal popularity, his majority over his opponent being 4258 votes.

The marriage of Sheriff Leonard was to Miss Sarah McIntosh, who is a daughter of Hugh McIntosh, of Jefferson county, Ohio. The family name on the maternal side was Caldwell, and both families came of Scotch ancestry. Mr. Leonard is connected with fraternal organizations in Wellsville. His reputation as a man of strict adherence to duty is well deserved, and Columbiana county is fortunate in her selection to so important an office as sheriff.

#### JOHN S. LEWIS.

For a long period John Saunders Lewis has been identified with the manufacturing interests of Youngstown, and he is now serving as superintendent of the machine shops of the William Tod Company, in this city. His long identification with the place and his prominence here entitle him to more than a passing notice in a work of this character, devoted, as it is, to the portrayal of the lives of representative men and women of the county.

Mr. Lewis was born in Abercarn, Monmouthshire, South Wales, on the 5th of May, 1859. In that locality his paternal grandfather, John Lewis, was born in 1792, and there he spent his entire life, passing into eternal rest in 1864. As a means of livelihood he followed the vocation of a miner. Henry Lewis, his son and the father of him whose name heads this sketch, was born in Tredgar, South Wales, in 1831, and in 1866 he crossed the Atlantic to America, taking up his abode in Youngstown, Ohio, where he passed away in death in 1880. Before leaving his native land he was united in marriage to Harriet True, and their union was blessed with eleven children, eight of whom grew to years of maturity and still survive, namely: Mary A., the widow of James A. Hopton; Margaret W., the wife of Thomas T. Davis; Eliza J., the wife of Wallace Trigg; John S.; Henry R.; Alfred E.;



*John S Lewis*



Harriet P., the wife of William N. Nottingham; and Martha, the wife of Albert J. Couch. Mrs. Lewis joined her husband in the spirit world in 1893.

John S. Lewis was brought by his parents to America when but seven years of age, and in Youngstown, Ohio, he was reared and received his elementary education. At the early age of twelve years he entered upon his business career, becoming an employe of the Youngstown Rolling Mills, which has since become a part of the American Steel Hoop Company, and there he was first engaged in "catching hoops," and then promoted in regular order to the more responsible positions, thus continuing until the age of twenty years. For the following six months he was connected with the Mahoning Valley Iron Company, now a part of the Republic Iron & Steel Company. On the 16th of June, 1880, he entered the employ of William Tod & Company, commencing with that corporation as an apprentice, but by his close attention to business and honorable methods he has risen step by step until he is now holding the important office of superintendent of their machine shops. Success has indeed crowned his efforts, but it is but the merited reward of unremitting toil, close application and capable management.

As a companion on the journey of life Mr. Lewis chose Miss Alice, daughter of Evan Williams, their wedding having been celebrated in Youngstown in 1883. Four children have come to brighten and bless their home, namely: Blanche A., Naomi M., Elizabeth and John S. In matters of political importance Mr. Lewis gives his support to Republican principles, and in his fraternal relations he is a thirty-second degree Mason. In 1889 he was created a Mason in Hillman Lodge No. 481, F. & A. M., at Youngstown; belongs to Youngstown Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T., of which he is a past commander, and a member of the Lake Erie Consistory and its subordinate bodies at Cleveland, Ohio. His religious preference is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church. He is a man of fine personal appearance, generous-spirited and broad-minded and embodies the spirit of American progress and advancement.

#### REUBEN B. SPRINGER.

The authentic genealogy of the Springer family begins with Christopher Springer, who was born in Germany in 1598, and who died in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1669. He married three times and had thirteen children born to him, all of whom died without issue, with two exceptions, Lawrence and Charles Christopher. The latter was born in 1658, and was the founder of the American branch of the family. In Germany the Springer head had attained to the rank of a baron, and owned large estates, which were confiscated

when he fled to Sweden to escape religious persecution. He was welcomed by King Gustavus Adolphus, and was given lands and money in his new home, and his son Charles was sent to London in order to be educated under the Swedish minister. There he was kidnapped and carried to Virginia, where he was sold, according to the practices of the time. He escaped to Wilmington, Delaware, where he married Mary Hendricks, and he died in 1738.

A well known representative of this old family is found in Reuben B. Springer, an esteemed resident of Lisbon, Ohio, and an honored survivor of the Civil war. His birth took place in Lisbon, in a residence located about two hundred yards from his present home, on January 14, 1832, and he is a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Clever) Springer. The former was born at Ellicott Mills, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1799, and he is a son of Joseph Springer, who came to Columbiana county in 1804, locating in Lisbon. Here grandfather Springer took up land and lived through life. He was a prominent physician and was the first recorder of Columbiana county. His son Daniel also became a physician and practiced here.

The children born to our subject's parents were the following: Mathias, of Zanesville, Ohio; Peter; John; Henry; Samuel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Adams; Jacob; and Reuben. In 1851 Joseph Springer made the trip to California and took one of his sons with him, who located there, and forty-seven years later the daughter of this son wrote to Lisbon for facts concerning her father's family. The children were reared in Lisbon, and our subject attended the public schools. At the outbreak of the Civil war, on September 2, 1861, he offered his services to his country, entering Company E, Nineteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served in the Army of the Cumberland, in the Fourth Army Corps, General Wood's division, and General Beatty's brigade. Our subject has a noble record, entitling him to the honor and esteem of every fellow citizen. He participated in the following battles: Shiloh, April 6, 1862; Corinth, May 30, 1862; Stone River, December 31, 1862, to January 2, 1863; Liberty Gap, June 25, 1863, followed by Chickamauga on September 19-20; Chattanooga, November 23; Missionary Ridge, November 25; Rocky Face Ridge, May 5-9, 1864; Cassville, May 19-20; Pickett's Mills, May 27; Kenesaw Mountain, June 9-30; Atlanta, July 22; Lovejoy Station, September 2-6; Franklin; Nashville, December 15, 16, 1864. He was honorably discharged on October 25, 1865. This record cannot close without mentioning the sad fact that our subjects now suffers from total blindness on account of a cold caught in the exposures incident to army life of November, 1863. After his return from the army in 1865, he first located at West Point, but later came to Lisbon and has resided here ever since.

The marriage of Mr. Springer was to Miss Nancy B. Welsh, who is a daughter of Peter Welsh, an old pioneer family of the county. His children were: Union, who is a resident of Cleveland and a conductor on the Erie Railroad; William, who is an engineer on the Fort Wayne Railroad; Charles, who resides in Lisbon; Marcus, who died on January 14, 1902, aged thirty-seven years; and Louisa and Ida, both deceased. In Star Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Lisbon, our subject is much honored. His affliction is borne with heroic patience, and calls for the respect of his neighbors and the tender care of his family, which he receives.

#### CYRUS W. PRITCHARD.

Among the prominent young business men of Lisbon, Ohio, is Cyrus W. Pritchard, who is paymaster of the American Tin Plate Company at their works in Lisbon. He was born in this city in 1872, and is a representative of one of the leading families of this section, and a son of Cyrus B. and Mary (Moore) Pritchard, the latter of whom is a daughter of Dr. William Moore, one of the county's leading men. Cyrus B. Pritchard was for some years associated with his father in the drug business in Lisbon, and died here in 1875, aged thirty years, leaving but one son, Cyrus W.

The Pritchards have been identified with the progress of Columbiana county for generations. James Pritchard, the founder of the family in Ohio, was born November 1, 1763, and after coming to this state located in Jefferson county. On March 25, 1784, he married Tabitha White, who was born on December 31, 1763. Their children were: Rebecca, who was born December 29, 1784; Keziah, who was born February 19, 1786, married Lewis Kinney, who laid out Lisbon in 1804; Jane, who died young; Tabitha, who was born February 15, 1789, married William Crane and lived to a great age, on a farm near Salem; William, born December 10, 1790; Zephaniah, born on November 17, 1792, reared a family; Benjamin mentioned below; Jane, the second, who was born November 20, 1797, died young; Reason, who was born September 31, 1798, died young; Reason, second, who was born December 6, 1800, died August 9, 1855, in Des Moines, Iowa, leaving a large family; Nancy and Hannah, twins, born July 6, 1802, died young; and the youngest, Sarah, was born August 21, 1812. James Pritchard became a prominent man in Ohio, and was a member of the state legislature when the first constitution of Ohio was formed, and died during his term of service, at Chillicothe. He left a large and intelligent family.

Benjamin Pritchard, the son of James, was born April 21, 1795, and on November 14, 1816, married Mary Arter, a daughter of John Arter, who

was born March 8, 1768. He was an old pioneer settler of the county, and a native of Germany, and died June 10, 1808. The children of Benjamin were as follows: John Arter, born November 6, 1818, was a physician and married Mary Jane King, of Virginia; Keziah, born October 13, 1820, married June 4, 1846, James Paul, of Lisbon, where he was a merchant, and they had two sons; Reason Beall, born February 6, 1823, is an esteemed resident of Lisbon; James, born October 25, 1824, married Cecelia D. Parmelly, of Sullivan, Ohio, where he was a merchant until his death; Catherine Arter, born November 10, 1826, married Basil Chapman on November 4, 1851, a resident of New Cumberland, West Virginia; Mary Jane, born July 23, 1828, died unmarried; David Arter, born September 3, 1830, will be mentioned later; Benjamin White, born July 23, 1832, was a merchant in Cleveland, where he died; Harriet, born April 13, 1834, married Dr. Lewis Kinney Wilcox, a grandson of Lewis Kinney, and they moved to Indiana, where she died; George W., born March 21, 1836, died in young manhood; and Franklin, born June 4, 1838, married Anna Watson, of Lisbon, where he died. Benjamin Pritchard, with others, organized the Columbiana County Mutual Insurance Company, in 1837, and he was the general agent for many years, resigning the position in 1868. He died at the age of seventy-three years. He was an elder and the leading member of the Disciples church at this point, and through life was one of its most interested supporters.

David Arter Pritchard, who is the general agent of the great company partly founded by his father, was born in Lisbon and attended the district schools. He was a member of the Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for a time during the Civil war, but later engaged in the insurance business with his father, and has been connected with this company for forty-one years. In politics he is a zealous Republican, and fraternally is a Knight Templar Mason and for fifty years has been an Odd Fellow, in which order he has passed all the chairs. David A. Pritchard was first married to Theresa Hostetter, who was a daughter of William Hostetter one of the old settlers of this locality. Their children were: Laura H., the wife of Dr. L. O. Williams, of East Liverpool; Susan Hostetter Pritchard, the wife of C. M. Jackman, of Oklahoma; James Franklin, a merchant of Cleveland, Ohio; and William Hostetter, in business in New York city. Mrs. Pritchard died March 13, 1872. The second marriage of Mr. David A. Pritchard was to Miss Augusta McElroy, on September 24, 1873. She is a daughter of James and Margaret (Dutch) McElroy. The children of this union are: Howard, a law student at Washington, D. C.; Rose McElroy; David Reason; and Margaret McElroy.

Reason Beall Pritchard, the grandfather of Cyrus W. Pritchard, and brother of David Arter Pritchard, was born in Columbiana county, where he still resides, and for many years was engaged in a drug and a hardware business. His first marriage was to Sarah Bosworth, a daughter of Rev. Cyrus Bosworth, a minister of the Disciples church at Newton Falls, Ohio. She died in 1851, leaving two children, Cyrus B., the father of our subject; and Lina, who died young. The second marriage of Reason Beall Pritchard was to Joanna McElroy, a daughter of Joseph McElroy, formerly sheriff of this county, and at her death she left these children: Mary, the wife of Alan Ramsay, at attorney of Lisbon and the secretary of the Lisbon Loan Association; Edwin W., of this city; Porter, a farmer of Lisbon; Helen, the widow of Sloan Bowman, of Lisbon; Hattie, the wife of Walter Laferty; and George, a resident of Buffalo, New York. The third marriage of Mr. Pritchard was to Harriet Dibble, who is a daughter of Ira Dibble, of Lisbon.

Cyrus W. Pritchard, whose ancestry we have so clearly traced, was educated at Bethany College, West Virginia, where he graduated in 1894. In 1895 he became connected with the Tin Plate Company. He was interested in the Buckeye Publishing Company for one year, and for six years has been the efficient city clerk. Mr. Pritchard married Miss May Jones, who is a daughter of W. W. Jones, of Lisbon, and their three sons are: Frank, Horace and William. Mr. Pritchard is a young man of great executive ability, and efficiently discharges his duties with the great corporation with which he occupies so important a position.

#### BERTRAM RENKENBERGER.

The gentleman here mentioned is the efficient and popular mayor of the old Western Reserve town of Columbiana, Ohio. He was elected to that office first in 1898, and re-elected in 1900. Prior to that date he had been for nine years the honored treasurer of Fairfield township. He is also interested in matters of education, having served a term of six years on the board of education. For four years during the administration of President Cleveland he was the representative of the government in the Columbiana postoffice. Mr. Renkenberger located in business in Columbiana in 1872, where he has since conducted a general harness store. Prior to 1872 he resided on a farm in Beaver township, Mahoning county. He is a native of that county, born in 1843, the son of Christopher Renkenberger. The latter came to Mahoning county in 1817, and later removed to Columbiana county. He was a German by nativity, having been born in Würtemberg, Germany. He

was a man of fine influence in his community in his day, being very active in church work. He died in 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The mother of our honored subject was Barbara Schenevenberger, also a native of the same portion of the fatherland as her husband. She died at the age of seventy-nine years, in 1879, being the mother of seven sons and three daughters: Lewis, deceased; Katherine, Mrs. Benjamin Sheets, Noble county, Indiana; Benjamin, Noble county, Indiana; John, of the same county, and a prominent farmer and politician; Solomon, Mahoning county Ohio; Jacob, living on the old homestead in Mahoning county; Leah, Mrs. Leo Wandling, Mahoning county; William, Mahoning county; Lucy Ann, Mrs. Bomsberger, of Missouri; and Bertram; the subject of this paragraph.

Mr. Bertram Renkenberger was married in Columbiana to Miss Elmira Close, a daughter of Robert Close, of a pioneer family of Mahoning county, where they settled in an early day from Washington county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Renkenberger is a very companionable and social gentleman, being a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which organization he has filled all the chairs. He has taken a very active and helpful part in the councils of the Democratic party of the county, having served as chairman of the county executive committee for a period of six years. With a just conception of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, Mr. Renkenberger stands high in the estimation of his fellows. He is a staunch political friend, and a fair political enemy, and honest above all things. He receives, as he merits, the kind wishes of a very large circle of friends in his home town and county.

#### DR. J. H. TRESSEL.

The medical profession of northeastern Ohio has for many generations been noted for the high character of its devotees. They have been men singularly alert to the grave responsibilities of the branch of science they had adopted for a life work, and from their ranks have sprung men whose reputations were world-wide, and who left to the profession many important discoveries. The gentleman of whom we here have the privilege of making brief biographical mention has been an honored and active member of the profession at Alliance, Ohio, for the past three decades, and during that time has established a splendid reputation as a skilful surgeon and general practitioner. A large part of the practice of Dr. Tressel, especially in later years, has been in connection with the different railroads centering at Alliance. He began the practice of his profession in 1874, and in the following year was appointed surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railway, his territory extending

from the Pennsylvania state line on the east to Louisville on the Fort Wayne road, and on the Chicago & Pittsburg from Olinville to Atwater. This position he has filled most acceptably ever since that date. In connection with this work he has also charge of a division on the Pennsylvania from Alliance to Youngstown, and also is surgeon for the whole line of the Lake Erie, Alliance and Wheeling road. Dr. Tressel is prominently identified with the different medical associations of the state and county, and in the different yearly meetings he takes an exceedingly active and helpful part. He is a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons, of which organization he has served a number of terms as secretary. He also holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Association, and is a member of the Union Medical Association of Northeastern Ohio. He has membership in what is known as the Medical Tribunal, which is composed of the three medical societies of Ohio, and he has filled the presidential chair and is at present date its acting secretary. Dr. Tressel is also prominently identified with the educational life of this section of the state, being at the present time city school examiner for Alliance, a position which he has occupied for the last twelve years. Politically he favors the policies of the Republican party. He has never, however, given anything more than a voting interest to matters political.

Dr. Tressel is a native of Carroll county, Ohio, born in 1837, on the 17th day of March. He is the son of Mathias and Catherine (Harsh) Tressel. He is of pure German extraction on both sides of the family, and his father was a native of the state of New Hampshire. Great-grandfather Tressel was a captain in the king's guard in German Prussia. He became dissatisfied with his sovereign and engaged with a number of others in a rebellion against the existing government. The insurrection was unsuccessful, and the participants had to flee the country for their lives, the Captain taking refuge in England, where he lived for the remainder of his lifetime. The family remained in England for a number of years, and finally located in New Hampshire. On the maternal side of the family grandfather Harsh was a native of Germany, and was connected with the same insurrection which caused Captain Tressel to leave the fatherland. Mr. Harsh also came to England, but afterwards located in the state of New Hampshire.

Dr. Tressel passed the period of adolescence quietly at home, where he was given an excellent foundation for his later literary and medical education. He was graduated at Mount Union College in the class of 1859. He then entered the Western Reserve Medical College, where he graduated in 1863. In the meantime, however, he had an experience as a clerk and assistant sur-

geon at different points throughout the south, in connection with the hospital service of the Civil war. At the time of the call for troops he enlisted in 1861, but almost immediately was unfortunate enough to suffer a broken limb, a catastrophe which made it impossible for him to carry out his intention of following old glory in active service. He thereupon became attached to the sanitary commission, and was on duty for a number of months in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Virginia and other points where the army was carrying on operations. He began practice about the close of the war at Malvern, Ohio. He continued active practice at this point until his removal to Alliance in 1874.

About the year 1867 there occurred a little episode in the life of Dr. Tressel which will go toward showing the impulsive and generous nature of the man. It was a time of great excitement concerning the Cuban question, and appeals were being made all over the country for aid in the insurrection which was going on in the island of Cuba against the cruel Spaniards' regime. The Doctor, in company with some twenty students from Mount Union College, resolved to aid the Cubans in their struggle and, repairing to the island, for a period of some twelve months was actively engaged with the insurrectionists. During that time they participated in some of the notable engagements, and were helpful in many ways in aiding the Cubans in their losing cause.

Dr. Tressel was married in Malvern to Miss Susan T. Hawkins, daughter of Mrs. Mary Hawkins. They had three children: Laura L.; Gertrude H.; and John K., at present a student in medicine. Dr. Tressel is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, and has a fine conception of the grave responsibilities of his profession, and is a man who numbers his friends by the scores in northeastern Ohio.

#### WILLIAM NOLL.

The prestige which the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, has attained as a manufacturing and industrial center is of very significant order, and the growth and development of this section of the state has been greatly furthered by the important industrial enterprises which are to be found in the city, since in their prosecution is not only enlisted large capitalistic reinforcement but also the services of many able officials and capable operatives. These conditions all make for substantial prosperity and progress, and in the compilation of this work it is gratifying to the publishers to be able to present reviews of the lives of many worthy and honored citizens who are identified in a practical way with the various industrial concerns to which reference has just been made. One of this number is the subject of this sketch, and he is incumbent of the position of foreman of the foundry depart-



*William Koll*



ment of the William Tod Company, here engaged in the manufacture of steam engines.

William Noll is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, having been born in Brownsville, Fayette county, on the 6th of September, 1853, and having been there reared to the age of thirteen years before he began to assume the practical responsibilities of life, his educational advantages in his boyhood having been those afforded by the public schools of his native town. At the age noted Mr. Noll secured employment in a foundry in Brownsville, where he was employed until 1869, when he went to the city of Pittsburg, where he learned the trade of moulding in the foundry of the firm of Anderson & Freyfogle, so that he may be said to have practically grown up in the business with which he is identified at the present time. In August, 1872, Mr. Noll came to Youngstown and secured employment in the foundry of the William Tod Company, where he remained until 1876, when he assumed a similar position in the foundry of the Brown-Bonnell Company, in whose service he remained about four years; at the expiration of this period he again entered the employ of the Tod Company, being made foreman of the foundry in 1881 and thus continuing until October, 1884, when he resigned his position and took a similar one in the employ of the Mahoning Valley Iron Company, having charge of its foundry until 1888, when he once more resumed his old position as foreman of the Tod foundry, in which capacity he has ever since continued, enjoying the confidence and esteem of his employers and the good will of those whose work he directs. In politics he is staunchly arrayed in support of the Republican party, and he holds membership in the Westminster Presbyterian church, of which his wife, also, is a devoted member.

As the name indicates, our subject comes of stanch German lineage, his father, Henry Noll, having been born in Germany in the year 1821, and having emigrated to America in 1848, locating first in the city of Pittsburg, where he remained a few years and then removed to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, where he maintained his home until 1870, when he returned to Pittsburg; two years later he came to Youngstown, where he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1899. He married Louise E. Kistler, and of their nine children seven are now living, namely: George H.; William; Charles C.; Mary, wife of Thomas C. Gilchrist; John; Louise, wife of Andrew Middleton; and Anna G.

On the 16th of April, 1880, William Noll was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Ludt, who died in 1885, leaving one son, Frederick Charles. In 1887 Mr. Noll married Miss Margaret E. Seeger, who is his present companion and helpmeet, and they are the parents of two daughters, Doretta E. and Olive E.

## JOHN H. VOHWINKEL.

Mr. Vohwinkel is the efficient superintendent of the American Steel and Wire Company of Salem, Ohio. He has been connected with that company for a continuous term of fourteen years. He is a native of Crefeld, Rhenish Prussia, and was reared and educated in this village and was given the solid education which is provided for the German youth. Before coming to America he served the emperor loyally for three years in the army. In 1883 he came to America, and became connected with the steel and iron trade in different portions of the country, finally becoming an expert operator in a nail mill. In 1899 he was appointed superintendent of the large plant of the American Steel and Wire Company at Salem, Ohio. Mr. Vohwinkel is thoroughly versed in everything that is necessary to the proper conduct of a business of this character, and is a very popular official with a large force of men of whom he has control. In social life he is a member of the Elks, and is highly esteemed for his many sterling qualities of citizenship.

## HARMAN R. EWING.

Mr. Ewing was the first member of the bar to locate in the town of Sebring, Ohio. He is now attorney for the Sebring brothers, and located here in March, 1900, a few months after the town had been incorporated. He had come from the city of Youngstown, where he was admitted to the bar in 1897. His literary education was secured in the common schools of his native township of Jackson, and he later took a course at the Normal College in Canfield, also a course at the law school at Ada, Ohio, where he graduated in 1897. Prior to this experience he had taught school for a period of four years.

Mr. Ewing was born in Jackson township, Mahoning county, in 1875, and is the son of Mr. James R. Ewing, a native also of the same township, where he was born in 1853. James R. Ewing is a man of considerable prominence in his community, being regarded as one of the very best farmers in the township, and having been honored with many of the local offices of trust there. The Ewings are one of the oldest families in the Western Reserve. The great-grandfather, John Ewing, settled in Jackson township from the Keystone state very early in the nineteenth century. His son Gibson Ewing, the grandfather of our subject, continued also to reside here. He was married to Mary Riddle, also of one of the very earliest families to settle in the Western Reserve. Our subject's mother's name was Mary Lynn, a daughter of Levi Lynn, also of Jackson township, and a man who was formerly connected with the public affairs of the community. The Ewings are

also connected with the pioneer family of Moherman, our subject's great-grandmother, Mary Lynn, having been a Moherman.

Harman Ewing was happily married in Youngstown to Miss Nora J., daughter of John F. Tibbit, and she presides over his home with the accomplished grace of a refined and intelligent lady. In political affiliation Mr. Ewing supports the principles of the Republican party, and although a young man is already regarded with great respect by the leaders of the party in Mahoning county. Fraternally he has membership in the Knights of Pythias.

#### SEBRING BROTHERS.

The development of the pottery industry was for many generations confined to the little state of New Jersey, the city of Trenton in that state being the focus around which centered much of the trade. The past twenty-five years, however, has seen the removal of this focal point westward, and interest in the trade now centers about Columbiana county, Ohio, where are many points which are rapidly coming to the front as important centers of this industry. This article has to do with the story of the rise and unexampled progress of the most promising of these, together with brief biographical mention of its promoters.

The life of the community of Sebring is the Sebring family, five of whose members are actively interested in the different lines of the pottery industry conducted at that point. These gentlemen are the sons of George A. Sebring and Mrs. (Larkins) Sebring, who were married in Birmingham, a suburb of Pittsburg. He located in East Liverpool in 1860, having previously lived for some time in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the pottery business. His father before him was John Sebring, who was a native of Germantown, Pennsylvania, and who lived at that point in Revolutionary times. The Sebring brothers were reared in East Liverpool, and were given the advantages of an excellent education in the public schools there. As they came to manhood they all worked in the potteries of that place, and thus became masters of the industry which they have so fully exploited in later years. George and O. H. Sebring have passed a lifetime at the business, having been foremen of large potteries in East Liverpool for a number of years prior to their establishing the present plant. The other brothers were for a period in their earlier manhood engaged in the grocery business in East Liverpool. In 1886 they began their first venture in the pottery business in East Liverpool, where they established a plant, and the following year opened a second plant known as the Klondike. This they operated for a number of years, and then sold out to the Smith Brothers. Again they es-

established a plant, this time in East Palestine in the year 1896, which they operated until they resolved to initiate the present enterprise. In 1900 a company was formed, and one thousand acres of land were purchased at a point five miles east of Alliance, and a town laid out which was given the name of Sebring. The first pottery plant to be erected was called the Oliver China Works, which employed a force of three hundred men. They then brought to this point what was known as the Sebring Pottery Company, which employed a force of three hundred men. Another plant was later put in operation, called the French China Works, which employs a like number of men, and the last venture, called the China Works, was then established, which requires a force of three hundred men. Thus there are in all twelve hundred men engaged in the different lines under the management of the Sebring brothers, who are now the largest manufacturers of pottery in the United States. The four plants comprise twenty-four ware kilns, twenty-four decorating kilns, and has two hundred and seventy-six thousand feet of floor space. The town of Sebring which has sprung up in consequence of this industry is now an enterprising little city of three thousand population, and bids fair in the near future to reach the ten thousand mark. The town is rapidly attracting to it other manufacturing enterprises on account of its excellent railroad facilities and the liberal inducements which it offers in other respects. There has been built here a large stave mill, whose product is used in the shipping of ware from the potteries. There is also a large flint mill, and what is called a farmers' manufacturing plant. These concerns employ over one hundred men each. The city is rapidly taking on a metropolitan appearance, being up-to-date in all its public utilities. The water system is operated under the capitalization of the Mellons of Pittsburg. A complete line of sewers has been put in, the city is lighted by electricity, and street cars are also in operation. The school system of the city has been put upon a firm foundation, and, in fact, everything has been done to make the city one of the most attractive places of residence in eastern Ohio. Great credit is due to the broad and liberal ideas held by the Sebring brothers in the working out of this enterprise. They are all gentlemen of the highest integrity of character, and are men whom any community might well be proud to number among its citizenship.

#### SAMUEL C. ROOK.

A veteran of the Mexican war and that of the rebellion, a resident of Youngstown, Ohio, for nearly half a century, and a man whose life has been such as to retain to him the confidence and esteem of his fellow men, the venerable subject of this sketch is known to practically every resident of his

home city, where his popularity is unmistakable, and where he has had charge of the Youngstown opera house since 1874. A review of his life record will be read with interest by his many friends, and is most consistently given place in this work.

Samuel C. Rook (or Rooke, as the name was originally spelled) was born on a farm in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1827. His father, John Rook, was likewise a native of the old Keystone state, where he was born in 1778 and where he passed his entire life, his death occurring in 1869. As a companion and helpmeet on the journey of life he chose Susannah Sailhammer, whose father was a valiant soldier in the continental line during the war of the Revolution, and of this union were born ten children, namely: Jacob and William, both of whom are deceased; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Hugh Laughlin and who is likewise deceased; John, Nicholas, George and Samuel C., who are living at the present time; James, who is deceased, having been the twin brother of Mary, who is the wife of John Clark; and Ann, who is the wife of a Mr. Maxwell. The devoted mother of these children died in 1831, being long survived by her husband. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in England, whence he came to America in early manhood, and he also served with honor as a continental soldier in the war of the Revolution, so that our subject is of Revolutionary stock in both the paternal and maternal lines.

Samuel C. Rook was reared in the state of Pennsylvania, his youth being passed on farms in Franklin and Cumberland counties. His early educational advantages were such as were afforded in the common schools of the day, which he was able to attend during the winter months until he had attained the age of thirteen years, his services being demanded in connection with the work of the farm during the summer seasons. He continued to be employed at farm work until February, 1847, when he enlisted for service in the Mexican war, becoming a private in Company I, Second United States Infantry, with which he was in service for nearly two years, having been stationed at Governor's Island, New York, during the first four months of his term. He thence proceeded with his command to the scene of conflict and he was an active participant in the battles of Huamantla, on the 9th of October, 1847, and Atlixco, later in the same year. After the close of the war Mr. Rook returned to his home in Pennsylvania, where he turned his attention to learning the tailor's trade, at which he was engaged for a period of nine years, at the expiration of which, having in the meanwhile come to Youngstown in 1855, he here engaged in the grocery business on a modest scale, opening a little store in 1859. He carried the enterprise forward successfully until

his patriotism again prompted him to respond to his country's call when its integrity was menaced by armed rebellion, and in April, 1861, this honored veteran of the Mexican war volunteered in Youngstown, reporting in the city of Columbus on the 2d of July and being there assigned to Company G, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made captain. He served in this capacity until the expiration of his term of service, and was mustered out as such on the 8th of March, 1863. He participated in the engagements at Boone, West Virginia, and that of Stone River, Tennessee, besides many skirmishes and other minor conflicts. Leaving the army in March, 1863, Captain Rook returned to Youngstown, and was appointed deputy provost marshal of the eighteenth district of Ohio, serving in this capacity until April, 1865. He was then given a position on the police force of Youngstown, and in this connection gave efficient service for a term of nearly four years, at the expiration of which he was appointed to the position which he now occupies, as janitor of the opera house, in which capacity he has served since 1874. In politics Mr. Rook is a stanch Republican, and fraternally is identified with the Masonic order, in which he has taken the capitular degrees, and he is an honored member also of Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R.

In Youngstown, in 1856, Mr. Rook was united in marriage to Miss Maria McCord, daughter of George McCord, and they became the parents of two children, Eugene S., who is married and has two sons, William and Ross H.; and Theodore, who likewise is married but who has no children. Our subject also has an adopted son, William.

#### HOMER R. BALDWIN.

Back in the very infancy of the last century there came to the Western Reserve a family whose name has since been most prominently connected with its development, its different members entering into every movement that was intended to advance the section. The member of the family whose name introduces this review has for forty-four years operated a flouring mill in the city of Youngstown, locating his mill on the Mahoning river in the days when the city was a mere hamlet, giving no sign of the wonderful development that should follow. Beginning in the good old way, with every farmer contributing his "toll" to the miller's private grist, he has passed through the various stages in the milling business, retiring the old machinery as the car of inventive genius pushed its onward way with new and better methods, and through it all, Mr. Baldwin has held his way, keeping "Baldwin XXX" the best thing on the market. Anything like a full sketch of the Baldwin

family is out of the question in a volume of the present limited size, and we can but note briefly the main points in its history.

Prominent among the sturdy men who gloried in the name of "Puritan" was Sylvester Baldwin, the first of this family of whom we have authentic record. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Bryan, a sister of Alexander Bryan, of Milford, England. In 1638, together with his family and a large numbers of others of like mind, he took passage in the good ship *Martin* for the new world. During the voyage the first recorded tragedy in the Baldwin family occurred in the death of its head. This blow came with stunning force on the young widow, left, without a protector, to face the perils of an untried wilderness. But she took up the lines where Sylvester Baldwin had laid them down, and settling in the new town of Boston, reared her little family in the principles which their sire had held in such high repute as to sacrifice everything that life seemed to contain of worth. She later in life removed to Milford, Connecticut, where she now lies buried. One of her sons, Richard by name, was the first planter in Connecticut who eschewed slave labor. He was born in England, in Buckinghamshire, August 25, 1622. When he came to manhood he married Elizabeth Alsop, to whom were born a number of children, Zachariah being the one which is next in succession in this branch of the Baldwin family. This gentleman was born in Milford, Connecticut, in 1660, and died May 31, 1722. He married the widow of Ezekiel Sanford. She was the mother of Ebenezer Baldwin, who was the great-grandfather of our subject, and who was born in the same town in the Nutmeg state, August 6, 1693, and died there October 16, 1776. Grandfather Simeon Baldwin also hailed from Milford, where he was born January 14, 1724. He was a soldier in the war for independence, tradition connecting him with the paymaster's department. He served on the Connecticut committee of safety during those trying times preceding that great struggle for popular rights. He was twice married, the first wife's maiden name having been Mary, the daughter of Thomas Bronson, the name of his second wife being Rebecca Buck. He lived out a long and useful life in his native state and died there in 1808. Eli Baldwin, the son of Simeon and Rebecca (Buck) Baldwin, and who is remembered as one of the early pioneers of the Western Reserve, was born in the same town as his forefathers before him in 1777. In early manhood he came west to the strip of land still held by his home state, and known as the Western Reserve. This was about the year 1800. He soon married, choosing as his life companion Miss Mary Newport, of Trumbull county, and to the marriage eleven children were born, two of whom are now living: Mary, widow of A. S. Kyle; and Homer.

Mr. Baldwin was a man who impressed his personality upon the new state to which he had come. He was a follower of Jefferson in politics, and did valiant service in keeping alive the principles enunciated by that great statesman. He was a member of the state legislature and an associate judge of Trumbull county. During a large part of his lifetime he was a peace justice for his immediate district. In 1836 his name had become such a synonym for truth and honesty in politics that he was selected as the standard-bearer of his party in election for governor, but was defeated at the election by James Vance. Mr. Baldwin was ever ready to take his part in the more arduous work of the new state. As early as 1804 he is mentioned as a captain of militia, Second Regiment, Fourth Division, and in the war of 1812 he was found in the ranks doing service. Before leaving the early history of the Baldwin family, it will be of interest to note that they were all men of prominence in their day, each being distinguished in the councils of their time. As far back as 1662 we find Richard Baldwin, son of the heroic widow, a member for Milford of the Connecticut assembly, in which position he served to the time of his demise. He was also a member of the famous general court for Milford for a period. In his time Zachariah Baldwin, commonly known as "Sargh," was auditor of Milford, and a member of the Connecticut general assembly.

Returning now to the immediate subject of this article, Mr. Homer Baldwin was born on a farm in Boardman township, Mahoning county, January 12, 1825. Here he was reared to the age of sixteen, engaging in the various labors of the farmer of that day, and in the meantime securing an education of sufficient breadth to enable him to act as a teacher. For the next five years the winter season was passed in this pleasant occupation. However, he soon convinced himself that he was not fashioned for professional life. His penchant for machinery drew him to the neighboring flouring mill during many of his boyhood hours, and when he became a man it was but natural that he should engage in it as a business. In the neighboring town of Girard his elder brother Jesse was conducting a mill in company with Abner Osborne, and with them he took service. With funds which he was enabled to save, added to his earnings in the schoolroom, he afterwards bought out the interest of Osborne, and on August 17, 1846, formed a partnership with his brother.

The partnership thus formed was continued successfully for some twelve years. In 1858 it was determined to enlarge the business, and a mill was constructed on the banks of the Mahoning, in the crossroads village of Youngstown, then without promise save as a mere trading point for the farming

element that then inhabited the valley. Before this mill was fairly under way, the two brothers amicably dissolved their partnership, the new mill being taken by Homer, and his brother remaining at Girard. As stated previously, Homer Baldwin has been continuously in business to the present time, a length of service that distinguishes him as the oldest business man in the city.

Homer Baldwin has had little inclination to engage much in the public life of the city, though he is ever ready to lend aid to any cause that will further its progress. He has never been connected with any of the secret orders, and, while he does not oppose the doctrines of the church, he has never become a communicant of any of them. He is the father of three sons, William R., Henry R. and Benjamin N.

#### GEORGE B. SMITH.

Few people will be found in Youngstown unacquainted with George B. Smith, who for years past, as lawyer and justice of the peace, has had dealings with multitudes as they passed back and forth in the transaction of business. In the discharge of the important duties of his office Mr. Smith has not only shown energy and good judgment, but also the tact and courtesy which are so essential to success in the transaction of public business. A native of Ohio himself, and identified all his life with the place of his nativity, he is descended from one of the earliest pioneers of the state. His great-grandfather, James Smith, was born in northern Ireland during the latter part of the eighteenth century, emigrated first to Pennsylvania, and located in Ohio in 1804. His son William Smith was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania in 1784, came with his father to Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1804 and died there in 1879. He married Mary Wishart, by whom he had eight children, and the third of these in order of birth was James Smith, father of the subject of this sketch. He was born on the paternal farm in Mahoning county in 1808, and spent his entire life in his native neighborhood, engaged in agricultural pursuits, passing away in 1883.

In 1848 James Smith was united in marriage to Harriet, daughter of John Gourley, and a member of an old pioneer family with an honorable and patriotic record. Her grandfather, John Gourley, was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and her father served in the war of 1812 as captain, commanding a company of Pennsylvania troops. James and Harriet (Gourley) Smith had six children, all of whom are living: Anna M., wife of David P. Houston; Nannie A., unmarried; James G.; Joseph; George B.; and Etta Strain Smith. The mother of these children, who was a woman of unusual strength of character, died in 1891.

George B. Smith, fifth of the family above enumerated, was born on the farm in Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1856, and remained there until he reached his majority. Being ambitious, he determined to secure a good education before entering upon life's work, and this resolve he succeeded in carrying out. Besides the usual attendance in the country schools in his neighborhood, he had the benefit of a course in the high school at Youngstown, where he was graduated in 1877. He next entered Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and received a degree from that institution in the class of 1882. After leaving college he obtained a good discipline by teaching school two years, and then went to farming, which he continued for the next five years. At this point he took up the real work which he had decided on as his regular occupation, by commencing the study of law with G. F. Arrel and obtained his admission to the bar in 1891. Mr. Smith immediately opened an office at Youngstown and carried on business until 1899, when he was elected justice of the peace for the township on the Republican ticket. After serving acceptably for three years he was endorsed by re-election in April, 1902, and is now serving his second term to the entire satisfaction of his extensive clientage.

In 1887 occurred the nuptials of George B. Smith and Elizabeth B., daughter of Andrew Milliken, all of Youngstown. The children of this union, five in number, are thus recorded in the family register: Louise Mabon, Thomas Louis, James Edgar, Andrew Milliken and George Gourley Smith. The family are connected with the United Brethren church, in which Mr. Smith holds the position of trustee, and enjoys a cordial welcome in the best social circles of Youngstown society.

#### WILLIAM ROBERT LEONARD.

The Leonard family has been conspicuously identified with New England history from the early colonial epoch, especially with one important branch of industry, iron manufacture. It is not an unusual thing to find in the old countries of Europe a pursuit inherit from father to son even to the seventh generation, so that the tailor of today probably had a tailor for a grandfather several times removed; but in a new land like America this state of affairs partakes of the extraordinary and justly excites comment. As early as 1651, which is a matter of historical record, one James Leonard, an ancestor of the William Robert Leonard now under consideration, was an iron worker at Lynn, Massachusetts, as was also his brother Henry. Many of the descendants of these worthy brothers were connected with colonial iron enterprises. A prominent writer says: "The family name is the most noted in the annals of New England iron industry." And the Rev. Dr. Forbes,



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in referring to the Leonard family in his "Topographical Description of Raynham with its History," written in 1793, says that "the circumstance of a family attachment to the iron manufacture is so well known as to render it a common observation in this part of the country that 'where you can find iron works, there you will find a Leonard.'"

The Taunton (now Raynham) iron works in Bristol county, Massachusetts, was established in 1652, and in these works Henry and James Leonard were employed as skilled and practical iron workers. At a meeting held at Taunton, October 21, 1652, "it was agreed and granted by the town to Henry Leonard and James Leonard, his brother, to come hither and join with certain of our inhabitants to set up a bloomery on Two Mile river." These works were put in operation in the following year. Thomas and James Leonard succeeded their father in the ownership of the works, and for many generations the Leonard name was connected with the Taunton Forge Company, Thomas Leonard remaining as manager till his death in 1713. Of course the methods of manufacture at that time were crude in comparison with those of modern plants. The bar iron was made directly from the ore, and the hammer and other heavy machinery was brought from England. The annual output was from twenty to thirty tons, which sold from four hundred to six hundred and seventy-five pounds sterling. These works were in almost constant operation for the long period of two hundred and twenty-four years.

Although these American Leonards just mentioned were direct ancestors of the special subject of this sketch, the latter's grandfather, James Leonard, was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1802. He gained a knowledge of the iron business in England from practical experience, and when he came to America in 1833 he settled in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and continued in the manufacture of iron. He died at eighty-four years of age in Youngstown, Ohio. His son, Simpson S., was born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1833, and spent the best years of his life in following the ancestral pursuit. The only interruption during his young manhood was at the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in what became the famous Pennsylvania Bucktails, serving nine months, and then re-enlisting in another Pennsylvania regiment and served to the end of the war as a private, being in many of the engagements of that conflict. At present he is a resident of Oklahoma, to which territory he removed in 1889, after giving up the iron business. Simpson S. Leonard married Elizabeth White, who was born in Ireland, February 14, 1835, and came to the United States when about fifteen years of age; her father settled at Three Springs, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of seventy.

The above is a history of the ancestors and parents of William Robert Leonard, the present county auditor of Mahoning county, Ohio, whose birth occurred in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1859. Although he is now incumbent of this important county office, and he, too, has been in the iron business, and devoted twenty-four years of his life to that great industry. He began in the mills of Altoona, Pennsylvania, became connected with the mills at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1875, and at the time of his election to his present office, in 1898, he occupied the position of superintendent of the puddle mills, and he continued in his superintendency until his official duties began in the following year. He was re-elected auditor in 1901. He has always been a Republican in politics, and takes an active part in the affairs of his county. In November, 1901, the Wilkins-Leonard Hardware Company was organized in Youngstown, with a paid up capital of thirty-five thousand dollars, and Mr. Leonard is the president of this important enterprise.

In 1880 Mr. Leonard was married to Miss Susan B. Daugherty, a daughter of Edward and Mary Daugherty, natives of Pennsylvania, who are now deceased and sleep in the Coitsville cemetery. Mr. Leonard is quite prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Sons of Veterans, and belongs to the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church.

#### JOHN WILLIAM BOCH.

John William Boch is a well known representative of the industrial interests of East Liverpool, where he is acting as general manager in the pottery of R. Thomas & Sons Company. He is a man of marked enterprise and keen discrimination, and his thorough understanding of the business over which he has charge, combined with his efficiency in controlling men, has made him well qualified for the responsibilities which devolve upon him. Mr. Boch is a native of Brooklyn, New York, born in the year 1855. His paternal grandfather, William Boch, was a native of Germany, born in 1800. He remained in that country until 1848, when, attracted by the business opportunities and possibilities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to America, settling first in Brooklyn. Later he removed to Corona, New York, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1878. He, too, was a potter, and that branch of industrial activity was also represented by Anthony Boch, the father of our subject. The latter was likewise a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in 1824. In 1848 he accompanied his father to America, and was a resident of Brooklyn until 1863, when he re-

moved to Corona, New York, where he made his home until 1886. That year witnessed his arrival in East Liverpool, Ohio, where he remained continuously until 1898. He then returned to Brooklyn, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in that city on the 2d of April, 1901. In 1854 he was united in marriage to Mary A. Keil, and they became the parents of four children, of whom one died in infancy, while three are yet living: John W.; Oscar A.; and Ida A., the wife of Theodore R. Bradshaw, a resident of Niles, Ohio. Anthony Boch thoroughly understood the business of a potter, and was actively connected with it throughout the years of his business career. While residing in Corona, New York, he served as postmaster of the town, and was regarded as an influential and representative citizen there. Reliable in business, trustworthy in all life's relations, he won for himself the high regard of those with whom he came in contact.

In taking up the personal history of John William Boch we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in East Liverpool. He spent the first eight years of his life in his native city, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Corona, about six miles from Buffalo. There he pursued his education and made his home until 1884. He left school at the age of fourteen years and entered a pottery in Corona, being employed there for some time. He was also a salesman in a hardware store until 1880, when he was made manager of a small pottery in Corona, acting in that capacity for four years. On the expiration of that period he came to East Liverpool and entered the employ of R. Thomas & Sons as manager, and when the firm was incorporated in 1893, Mr. Boch was chosen secretary and general manager, in which capacity he has since served. His practical knowledge of the business in all its departments enables him to carefully superintend the works and to so direct the labors of the men as to produce the best results. He is always fair and just in his treatment of his employes, and thus commands their regard and has their active co-operation. He has done not a little to sustain the high reputation which the house has always enjoyed, and the enterprise has become a leading and a profitable one in East Liverpool.

On the 14th of January, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of John W. Boch and Miss Luda Stevenson, a daughter of Thomas W. and Alice L. (Tope) Stevenson. Their union has been blessed with two children, Evelyn and Doris. Mr. and Mrs. Boch have many warm friends in this place, and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended to them. Mr. Boch is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to both the lodge and the encampment, and he is also a chapter Mason. His political

support is given the Republican party, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His career has been successful chiefly by reason of his natural ability and his thorough insight into the business in which as a young tradesman he embarked. His life has been one of activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and to-day he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his adopted county. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of the county, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and co-operation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the state or to advance its development.

#### JOSIAH THOMPSON SMITH.

This gentleman is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising men of Columbiana county, Ohio, having made his home in East Liverpool and vicinity through life, except three years in Missouri when quite young, and has therefore always been identified with its interests. Upon the commercial activity of a community depends its prosperity, and among the men who are at the head of important business enterprises is Mr. Smith, who is now president of the Smith-Phillips China Company, and of the J. T. Smith Lumber Company. He is a man of broad capabilities, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Smith was born in East Liverpool, the 31st of August, 1856, and is a great-great-grandson of Thomas Fawcett and Isabella Snodgrass, who were born in Ireland. Thomas Fawcett was born June 11, 1747, and Isabella Snodgrass, March 1, 1754. They were married in Ireland, February 26, 1772, and the same year emigrated to America and settled in Charters Valley, Pennsylvania, where to them eight children were born. In the year 1797 they moved with their family to the then Northwest Territory, and in the year 1798 bought from Isaac Craig eleven hundred acres of land, now mostly occupied as part of the city of East Liverpool. He laid out some town lots on said land, and called the place St. Clairsville, and built the first flour mill in the territory on Carpenter's Run. People going to the mill got to calling the place Fawcettstown and it was so known until 1836, when William G. Smith, a grandson of Thomas Fawcett, and born in Fawcettstown, June 17, 1803, bought land from William Hill, adjoining the town, and laid out an addition, and had the town platted as East Liverpool, and with all the means at his command commenced to build a city by offering inducements for men of means and artisans to become citizens. He induced James Bennett to locate and engage in the pottery business in 1836, and thus laid the basis for what has become the great pottery center of the United States, and, with

slackwater navigation of the Ohio river, it will eventually become the great pottery center of the world.

Daniel Jones Smith, the father of the subject of this article, was born in East Liverpool, October 30, 1833, and spent his boyhood days there until 1845, when he was sent to Pittsburg to attend the common schools and get his education, his father and family moving there in 1848. He remained and was employed by his father's business firm for two seasons in running a boat upon the Sandy and Beaver canal, he buying and shipping flour, grain and other farm products to them in Pittsburg. In 1852 he removed with his father's family back to East Liverpool, and from there attended three terms at Mount Union College, and in 1854 entered into partnership with his father and engaged in the merchandising and pottery business. In June, 1855, he married Deborah E. Thompson, a daughter of Hon. Josiah Thompson, one of Liverpool's foremost pioneer builders. By that union six children were born: Josiah T., our subject; William S.; Lulu S., now wife of Hugh Ferguson; Cassius C., who died in 1887; Wilson F.; and Zeletta M., wife of Byron Robinson, of Akron. His wife Deborah, died December 25, 1874. The father again married, the second union being with Amanda Carnegie. Our subject's father was an abolitionist, an agent of the underground railroad, and in 1854, at a convention of the people of Columbiana county, wrote the first declaration of principles of the Republican party, and aided in organizing same, carrying the county for the party that year, which has remained firm in Republican principle to the present. In March, 1856, he moved to Missouri and aided the freestate men of Kansas during the border war. He returned to East Liverpool in 1859; at the breaking out of the war of the rebellion he joined the National Guards of Ohio, and was mustered into United States service in Company I, One Hundred and Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served during the campaign of 1864, in front of Petersburg and Richmond, and was mustered out in September by reason of expiration of term of service.

In the county of his nativity Josiah T. Smith was reared, and in the common schools obtained a limited education, never attending school after attaining the age of sixteen years, except one term at Mount Union College, in Stark county, Ohio. At the age of twenty-two he embarked in general merchandising, buying a little country store in St. Clair township, Columbiana county, which he conducted for eighteen months, and then removed to East Liverpool, where he opened a grocery store and meat market. Two years later he disposed of his stock of groceries, but continued in the meat business for six years with good success, selling out at the end of that time.

He next embarked in the lumber business, which was incorporated in 1901 as the J. T. Smith Lumber Company, and of this he is now president, as well as president of the Smith-Phillips China Company, as previously stated.

On the 9th of May, 1878, in Liverpool, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Sarah E. Hickman, a daughter of Adam Hickman, and to them have been born four children, as follows: Lenora Z., who is now the wife of Charles L. E. McKee, and has one son, William G. Smith McKee; Everett H., who died in 1900 at the age of nineteen years; Josiah C.; and Herbert D. Mr. Smith is quite an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church of East Liverpool, and is now serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school at the Methodist Episcopal Chapel. Fraternally he belongs to the blue lodge of Masons. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, and represented the second ward in the city council for two years. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, whose sound judgment, unflagging enterprise and capable management have brought to him a well merited success. In manner he is pleasant and cordial, which, combined with his sterling worth, makes him one of the popular citizens of his native county.

#### WILLIAM J. ROGERS.

This is a utilitarian age, one in which progress and advancement come not by force of arms as in the ages of the past, but in the industrial and commercial interests of life. America is pre-eminently a land of self-made men, for here are to be found opportunities for achieving of success by personal effort such as are offered in no other land. The young man of energy, brains and industry may readily gain a place of respect and influence in the business world, providing he is well grounded in the principles of integrity and uprightness. From foreign lands have come many young men who have been quickly assimilated into our complex social fabric and who have taken advantage of the opportunities offered and have thereby gained a success and prestige worthy the name. A sterling representative of this class is the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph and who is now incumbent of the office of vice president of the Enterprise Boiler Company, representing one of the important industrial enterprises of the thriving city of Youngstown, Mahoning county. He has gained advancement through his own efforts and as one of the able and honored business men of his city is well entitled to consideration in this publication.

William J. Rogers is a native of England, having been born in the attractive seaport town of Stockton-on-Tees, county of Durham, on the 9th of December, 1868, and having been there reared to the age of seventeen



William J. Rogers



years. He received excellent educational advantages in the schools of his home town and there initiated his business career by securing employment in a rolling mill. Mr. Rogers' parents are William and Jane Rogers, both of whom were likewise born in England, whence they emigrated to America in the year 1884, being now residents of Youngstown, where the father is living retired from active business. Of the eight children in the family the subject of this review is the eldest. William J. Rogers remained in England about a year after his parents had come to the United States, his arrival here dating back to 1885. He came from New York city to Ohio and soon afterward took up his residence in Youngstown, where he secured employment with a coal company. At the expiration of four years he became bookkeeper in the office of the Enterprise Boiler Company, retaining this incumbency until the organization of a stock company was effected and articles of incorporation filed. He then became one of the stockholders and incorporators and was simultaneously made a member of the directorate of the new company, while in 1898 he was elected to his present responsible office as vice president. His advancement came through his knowledge of the details of the business, his fidelity, industry and distinct executive ability, and he is now actively identified with the practical operation of the finely equipped plant of the company, whose business has shown a continuous expansion in scope and importance.

In politics he gives his support to the Republican party and he is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, while his course has been such as to gain him unqualified confidence and esteem in the community where he has made his home and won for himself a place of independence. On the 30th of September, 1897, Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. James, who was born in England, the daughter of Tallisan James. Of this union there are two living sons, Ernest J. and Clement.

#### GEORGE W. RIPPLE.

George W. Ripple, who is residing in Austintown township, on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, is widely and favorably known in Mahoning county and is a representative of one of the old families of this section of the state. He is a grandson of John and Susan (Herroff) Ripple, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to eastern Ohio, locating in Poland, Mahoning county. The grandfather entered his land from the government, and became the owner of considerable property. He transformed the wild tract into richly cultivated fields and had a valuable and well improved farm. In his early life he gave his political support to the

Whig party and later became a Prohibitionist. He held membership in the Evangelical church and was held in high esteem by all because of his sterling character and upright life. He died in 1867, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and his wife passed away previously. In their family were eight children: Amanda, Betsy, Lydia, Leah, Samuel, George, John and William.

Of this number was Samuel Ripple, who was born in Poland, Poland township, in 1814, and was reared and educated in Austintown township, attending the common schools and working on his father's farm, when not engaged with the duties of the schoolroom. Throughout his entire life he carried on agricultural pursuits and was one of the leading farmers of his locality. He owned about fifty acres of land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. In all his dealings with his fellow men he was upright and trustworthy, and he loved peace and quietness and wished all men prosperity. In his religious faith he was connected with the Evangelical church, and in his political views was a Republican. He married Eve, a daughter of Jacob and Kate Gilbert, and their marriage, celebrated in 1839, was blessed with eleven children: John, George W., Samuel, Jacob, Jeremiah, Angeline, Kate, Susan, Mary, Sarah, Lydia M. The mother died in 1864 of smallpox, taking the disease while nursing her son Samuel, who had become a victim to it while serving in the Civil war. For his second wife the father of our subject chose Mary A. Rorick, whom he married in 1867, and their children were six in number, namely: Hattie, Emery D., Sankey, Moody, William, and one deceased. Of these two marriages there are fourteen children still living.

George W. Ripple was born in Austintown township, Mahoning county, in 1843, and spent his youth in his parents' home, alternating his work in the fields by attendance at the public schools. The first land which he ever owned consisted of a small tract of twelve and a half acres, which he purchased in 1864. He afterward sold that and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres, whereon he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Everything about his place is neat and kept in good condition, and the property constitutes one of the good farms of this portion of the county.

In 1863 Mr. Ripple married Miss Betsy Miller, and they became the parents of five children: Ella, Nushea, Sherman, Cornelia and Birdie. The wife and mother died in 1878, and in 1880 Mr. Ripple was again married, his second union being with Sarah E. Rorak, a native of Austintown township.

In connection with his farming operations Mr. Ripple is a general contractor, and has been extensively engaged in building bridges and doing other

work of a public nature in Mahoning county. He has also been called upon to fill a number of positions of trust and responsibility. For six years he served as a trustee of Austintown, discharging his duties in a most capable manner. He and his wife are members of the United Evangelical church, of which he is the president of the board of trustees, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is vice president of the Camp Park Association. Having always lived in this county he has a wide acquaintance here, and is held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors for his sterling worth. He is regarded as one of the enterprising, active business men of his township, and the success which has come to him is the reward of his enterprise and indefatigable labor. He possesses an affable and courteous manner and genial disposition, and to know him is to respect and honor him. He is also popular in the ranks of the Republican party and a strong advocate of its platform, yet does not care for political honors or emoluments.

#### OWEN NEFF.

This well known and respected resident of Austintown township, Mahoning county, was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1827, and thus has completed over three-quarters of a century of his life. His parents were George and Eve (Messamer) Neff, and he was their only child, his mother dying when he was but seven months old. His father was married again, and twelve children were born of this second union; he died in Pennsylvania in 1881. After his mother's death Owen Neff was taken into his maternal grandfather's family and reared to manhood. Grandfather Christian Messamer was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1778, and died at the age of eighty-two years. His wife was Eve Sycle, who died in 1827, and her children were George, Jacob, Eve, Kate, Rebecca and Polly. In 1835 Christian Messamer moved to Jackson township, Mahoning county, and bought one hundred and one acres of land, on which he spent the remainder of his life. He made four trips on foot out to this country before finally purchasing, which indicates his rugged, hard-working nature, and he was a credit to his adopted county.

Owen Neff lived with his grandfather till the spring of 1845, then went to work at the carpenter's trade, and was later with John Gilbert for four years, becoming well skilled in his trade. He began farming in 1860, at which time he bought his present farm of eighty-two and one-half acres in Austintown township. He has devoted this land to general farming, and has been more than ordinarily successful in his undertakings. Mr. Neff was first married in 1850 to Miss Maddie Hood, and they had two children, Mary and John

W. Mrs. Neff died in 1859, and in 1860 he was married to Maria Buck, by whom he had two more children, J. O. and Alice. Mrs. Maria Neff was born in New York state, March 5, 1826. Mr. Neff is a Republican and a member of the German Reformed church, and in private and public life has always been accounted a most honorable and sincere man, having worthily performed the duties which fall to one's lot in life.

#### DEWITT DILWORTH IRWIN.

In the business world perseverance is more necessary to success than talent. On every hand we see living examples of this, and in this sketch we wish to record a man who has risen to an important place simply through unremitting effort. DeWitt Irwin, whose life we shall immediately outline, was a grandson of Dr. Irwin, who was a native of Ireland and came to America in 1818, settling in the Scotch settlement in Columbiana county, Ohio, where he died. His son, John N. Irwin, was born in Pennsylvania, and for many years was a merchant of Salineville, Ohio. His wife was Rebecca Patterson, and she was the mother of twelve children, of whom seven still survive, as follows: Helen M., the wife of T. D. Bake; James W.; Frank P.; Darwin W.; Fred; DeWitt D.; and Mary G.

DeWitt Dilworth Irwin, the last son of the above, was born in Salineville, Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1875, and came with his mother to Liverpool in 1879, where he received his education in the public school. At the age of fourteen he left school to learn the decorator's trade, at which he worked for three years. In 1895 he entered the employ of the Edwin M. Knowles Company, which in 1901 became the Potters Supply Company. As an evidence of Mr. Irwin's ability, he began as utility man, was promoted to the place of manager, and in 1901 became secretary, the place which he still retains. In June, 1900, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage at Altoona, Pennsylvania, to Nellie A. Welsh, and they have named their one son Edwin D. Mr. Irwin holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. The success of his young life gives promise of greater fruitage in the years to come.

#### A. C. TIBBITS.

Jerry Tibbits, a native of Maryland, came to Youngstown, Ohio, at an early day, but he soon afterward moved to Austintown township, where he was the owner of one hundred acres of land. He was prominent in his locality, and a man of considerable intelligence. He held to the political beliefs of the old Whig party. By his two marriages he had five children, but these

are all now deceased. One of the sons was named William and was born in Youngstown at the early date of 1802. He was a harness-maker by trade and worked at that occupation both at Austintown and on his farm south of Mineral Ridge, where he was the owner of one hundred and seventy-eight acres. He was also a practical farmer, and when he moved to his uncleared farm in 1841 he built a log cabin, in which he lived for some years. During his lifetime he acquired considerable property, and enjoyed a good reputation among his neighbors. His wife was Elmira Cleveland, who was born in Connecticut in 1810, and they were married about 1831; she died in 1897. Eight children were born of this union: Betsy M., deceased; Charles, deceased; Nancy E.; Laura E., deceased; Charlotte M.; A. C.; John F.; and Mary A.

A. C. Tibbits was born in the log house above referred to, and was reared and educated in his native township. He has never followed any other occupation than farming, and has owned his present place, a part of his father's original homestead, since 1893. The two branches to which he has given most attention are the raising of fine horses and conducting a dairy. The visitor to Mr. Tibbits' place would at once discern that he was an up-to-date agriculturist and one who makes use of the best and most modern improvements over the old-time way of conducting a farm. As farming is the oldest and most substantial of the pursuits of man, so it is the most capable of giving large returns to the intelligent and progressive farmer.

In February, 1876, Mr. Tibbits was married to Miss Hannah, the daughter of David and Sophia Jones, the date of her birth being January 23, 1849. Her father was born in Wales in 1818 and her mother in England, and the former emigrated to this country in 1839, and the latter in 1844. The children of David and Sophia Jones were Hannah, Jennie, Isaac, Alice, Ella, Carrie E., and those deceased, Mary, William H. and Edward A. Mr. and Mrs. Tibbits have five children: William C., born June 2, 1877; Holford C., September 18, 1879; John A., June 25, 1882; Edwin H., August 18, 1885; and Sophia A., November 16, 1889.

#### THOMAS SEBRON.

Thomas Sebron is a well known farmer in Austintown township, Mahoning county, but has gained his principal reputation from his devotion to one branch of the general industry of husbandry. For fifteen years the citizens of Youngstown were accustomed to wake up in the morning and find their bottles filled with pure milk from the dairy of Mr. Sebron, and the fact that it was the pure article accounts for his long continuance in the trade and in

the favor of his patrons. His herd consisted of fifty-two high grade cows, and his equipment was such as to enable him to market his milk with utmost cleanliness and dispatch. Of late years he has given up dairying, to the disappointment of many customers, but he intends to resume activity in that line in a short time.

Mr. Sebron is a native of England, where he was born August 22, 1849, and is the son of Thomas and Celia (Thomas) Sebron, who passed their lives in agricultural pursuits in England, and were the parents of two sons, Thomas being the only survivor. He spent the early years of his life in his native land, and in 1878 came to America. He first located in Minersville, Pennsylvania, and was employed in mining for three years, but in 1881 he came to Austintown township, Mahoning county, and took up his favorite pursuit. On March 19, 1898, he purchased of Solomon Crum his present farm, which contains sixty-five acres, and which he is constantly improving. He is not a slave to the customs of his fathers, but believes in making use of the best of modern appliances, and has consequently met with more than ordinary success in his undertakings.

On March 25, 1869, Mr. Sebron married Miss Mary, the daughter of William and Margaret Jones, born in Wales, March 7, 1849. Of the eleven children of this marriage, seven are living, namely: Joseph, born on October 3, 1872; Thomas J., on March 3, 1875; William, on October 14, 1877; Arthur, September 2, 1881; Oliver, December 27, 1883; Louis, February 27, 1888; and Mary J., April 27, 1890. Mr. Sebron is a member of the Republican party, and keeps himself informed and uses good judgment on the public questions of the day, so that he is well qualified to play the part of a citizen in his adopted country.

#### FRANK HAMMON.

Austintown township, Mahoning county, is the seat of a number of first-class agriculturists, who run their farms on a good paying basis, and always keep up with the progress which is made in the art of husbandry as in all other lines of industry in this modern age. One of this class who is especially deserving of mention in this work is Frank Hammon, whose farm of one hundred acres compares favorably with that of any other of similar size in the vicinity.

His father, Jacob Hammon, was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1794, and in 1833, with his wife and two children, came to Ohio and first made location at Cornersburg, Mahoning county, but some time later came to Austintown, where he purchased a farm of two hundred acres, already improved and well cultivated. He afterward made purchase of an additional

hundred acres, now the home of his son Frank, and subsequently sold the first place. He was a leading farmer of the county, and a worthy citizen in every respect. He belonged to the Democratic party, and was a member of the German Lutheran church, in which he held numerous official positions. In 1823 he married Elizabeth Cook, who was also a native of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. Their family consisted of nine children, of whom four are living: Samuel, Mary Rupright, George J. and Frank. Both of the parents lived to a good old age, Jacob dying at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife, who was born in 1805, lived to be eighty years old.

Frank Hammon was born on the farm which he now owns, on December 3, 1846. After he had been reared to a vigorous manhood and had received such advantages as the schools of the neighborhood afforded, he entered upon his life-long career as a farmer, and has gradually advanced in prosperity to the present time. He has owned his farm since the death of his mother in 1885, and he devotes his land to general culture and stock-raising.

On April 10, 1872, he was married to Miss Anna L., the daughter of Isaac and Clarissa Jones. Ada M., the first of the children of this union, was born September 23, 1873; Clara E. was born November 10, 1874; Earl U., on February 18, 1876; Lee F., on June 30, 1888; and Robert V., on February 7, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Hammon are members of the Lutheran church, and he has been honored in his township with the office of assessor, and in many other ways has acted the part of the good citizen.

#### JESSE SPONSELLER.

Jesse Sponseller, one of the successful general farmers of Canfield, Ohio, residing in Austintown township, owns and operates a fine piece of property consisting of eighty-seven and one-half acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising. Our subject is the grandson of Frederick Sponseller, who, with his wife, came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1803, and settled in Beaver township on a farm of two hundred acres of wild land. This property the grandfather cleared and brought into a high state of cultivation, and it is now one of the finest farms in the township. The family of Frederick consisted of nine children, who became useful citizens of Mahoning county. Of this number was Conrad, who is the father of Jesse, and he was born in 1810 and resided in Beaver township all his life, accumulating a comfortable property, his farm, which was well tilled, consisting of eighty-eight acres, although it has since been added to until it now comprises one hundred and fifty acres. Conrad married Miss Nancy Sechrist, and they had five children, namely: Josephus, John, Henry, Jacob and Jesse, all of

whom are living. Of this family one became a preacher. The father was a man of true worth, and a consistent Christian. In politics he was a Democrat. He died in 1863, beloved by all who knew him.

Jesse Sponseller was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1831, although the other members of the family were born in Mahoning county. Jesse was yet a boy when his father removed once more to Mahoning county, since which time he has made it his home. His present farm was purchased in 1868, and he has brought it into a very valuable condition. It shows that a man of enterprise and one who is a good manager is in charge of affairs.

In 1864 our subject was married to Miss Mary Ann Neier, a daughter of Jonathan and Julia Neier. To this happy union five children have been born, four of whom are living, namely: John, Samuel, Emma and Louisa. Mrs. Sponseller was born in Austintown township in 1837. The family are all connected with the Reformed church, in which they take an active part, and they are most justly numbered among the leading people of the locality in which they have resided for so many years.

#### GEORGE P. IKIRT, M. D.

For many years the above named gentleman has enjoyed prominence in eastern Ohio, both in professional and political circles. In 1888 he was brought conspicuously before the public by his candidacy for Congress on the Democratic ticket, in opposition to the late President McKinley. During his residence of about twenty-five years in East Liverpool he has risen steadily in his profession, and attained recognized rank among the foremost members in eastern Ohio. The family is of German origin, and it seems that the name was originally written in German as Eicher. The Doctor's great-grandfather emigrated from Germany in the latter part of the eighteenth century, locating in Pennsylvania in early manhood and died there many years later. His son George Ikirt, who was a millwright by trade, served as a soldier in the war of 1812, afterwards came to Ohio and died in this state in 1858. Among his children was Jacob J. Ikirt, whose birth occurred at Lisbon, Ohio, in 1826, and who in after life rose to prominence as a physician. In youth he learned the carriage-maker's trade at Lexington, Kentucky, but returned to Ohio and when about twenty-one years of age began the study of medicine. After the usual preliminary reading he practiced in the west several years, and returning east entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution. Shortly thereafter he located at West Point, Ohio, where he remained until 1875, and then moved to East Liverpool, where he continued in practice until his death, which occurred



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in 1898. He married Elizabeth, the only daughter of Joseph Fife, who was a soldier in the war of 1812 under General Jackson, and one of his scouts at New Orleans. Afterwards he came on horseback with his bride to Columbiana county. His father, James Fife, was born in Ireland of Scotch ancestry, came to the United States in early manhood and ended his days in Pennsylvania. The Fifes were descendants of the Scotch noble family of that name who are so conspicuous in the military and civil history of the British Isles. By marriage with Elizabeth Fife, Dr. Jacob J. Ikirt had four children, of whom one died in infancy; those who reached maturity being George P.; Kate I., now the wife of A. H. Clark; and Mary C., widow of Charles E. Crow.

George P. Ikirt, the eldest surviving child, was born near West Beaver church, in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1852, and received his education in the common schools, supplemented by a course in the schools at Lisbon. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching school and reading law under Hon. Jonathan Wallace. Two years later he was forced to abandon both, and after regaining his health on the farm, began the study of medicine. When preliminary preparation had qualified him for a further step, he took his first course at Columbus and then matriculated at the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, where he was graduated in the class of 1877, and shortly afterward located at East Palestine, Ohio. After spending twelve months at that place, he removed to East Liverpool, practiced his profession there four years, and then entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he obtained a diploma in 1882. Returning from that institution to East Liverpool, he resumed his practice and has continued it there, with occasional interruptions due to necessary absences, up to the present time.

Dr. Ikirt inherited from his father an admiration for Democratic principles of government, and from early manhood has taken an active interest in his party's battle for supremacy. In 1884 he founded the *Crisis*, a Democratic paper strongly advocating Jeffersonian principles. His intelligent advocacy and zealous participation made him so popular with the rank and file that in 1888 he was selected to lead in the campaign as candidate against William McKinley. That year, which witnessed the election of Harrison to the presidency, was a "bad" one for the Democratic party, and Dr. Ikirt having three strongly Republican counties in the district was defeated in the race, after a campaign of such spirit and vigor as to win the increased confidence of his party and the admiration of his opponents. Having, previous to the campaign of 1888, been instrumental in causing the nomination of his old preceptor, Jonathan Wallace, and successfully managed his campaign, he

was again nominated for Congress in 1892. He entered the contest with such faith and determination that in his speech of acceptance he promised to carry the standard to victory. After one of the hottest contests in the old eighteenth district noted for its contests, he was elected by a handsome majority a member of the fifty-third Congress. He was a faithful and zealous representative. Firm in his convictions, conscientious in his actions, and, while freely conceding to others the same rights he claimed for himself, he did not hesitate to denounce wrong in his own party as freely as in the opposition. Tom Reed said of him, after a running debate before the ways and means committee, "He is as ready in response as was Sunset Cox, and he is Jacksonian to the core." Believing that the contention of Bland and Benton was right and in the interest of the welfare of the people, he broke with President Cleveland, whom he had twice helped to elect, on the silver question, and also voted against the burden of additional bonds being laid upon the shoulders of the people when he believed it could have been avoided by carrying out Democratic principles. At the expiration of his official term he retired from the political field as a candidate, refusing a second nomination tendered him without opposition. While still taking an active interest in politics, he has since devoted his time mainly to his profession and business interests.

He was married in 1873 to Mary L. Hasson, a daughter of Jonathan Hasson, who died in 1876 leaving one son, Frank H. Ikirt. In 1880 he was married to Mary E. Holmes, of Alliance, Ohio, and to this union seven children have been born: Horace Holmes, Georgella, Mary R., Olive E., Jacob J., Virgil C. and Geraldine B. Dr. Ikirt has been a member of the United Presbyterian church since boyhood.

#### ELIJAH WATSON HILL.

The Hill family is of Pennsylvania origin, Elijah Hill, father of our subject, having been born in Westmoreland county of that state in 1824. In 1859 he removed to Ohio, and for many years had charge of coke ovens in connection with the industries at Salineville, an occupation which he adhered to until his death in 1889. He married Rachael A., daughter of James Cowan, and all the five children resulting from this union are still living, their names being: James G., Arthur D., Elijah W., George W. and Chester C.

Elijah Watson Hill, third in order of the above enumerated children, was born at Salineville, Ohio, February 19, 1870, and remained at home until twenty-one years old; meantime, obtaining a good education in the com-

mon and high schools. He had an ambition to complete a full college course, but this desire was unfortunately made impossible of realization by the death of his father, which compelled him to immediately seek a means of livelihood. His first business venture was in the confectionery business at Homestead, Pennsylvania, to which place he removed shortly after his marriage in 1891. The period of his residence there was marked by the severe riots and consequent bloodshed which made Homestead a familiar word all over the world. The conditions, however, brought about by this desperate struggle between capital and labor, made the place a very undesirable one for the pursuit of ordinary business, and Mr. Hill, after trying it a year, had enough of the experience to last him, so he disposed of his interests and hunted a more congenial location. Coming to East Liverpool he secured employment in a grocery store, and after holding that situation four years was elected in 1897 to the office of justice of the peace. He served a term of three years in that position, and during his tenure disposed of about one thousand cases, of which only two were reversed on appeal to the higher court. While holding the office of justice he commenced operating in real estate as a side line, but since the expiration of his term this has constituted his main business. In 1898 and again in 1900 he was nominated as a candidate for the legislature on the Republican ticket, and made the race each time, but was defeated in both instances, owing to the numerical preponderance of the opposition party. Aside from these excursions into the political field, Mr. Hill has not been an aspirant for office, but has devoted his attention to his real estate business, which he has built up and extended to satisfactory proportions.

In 1891 Mr. Hill was married to Miss Cora Ellen, daughter of Francis Rogers, of Salineville, and has two children: Janet F. and Roger C. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church, and his fraternal connections are with the Elks, Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

#### DR. ROBERT H. BARNES.

Dr. Barnes was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. His early education was in the primary schools, and in 1866 he was graduated at the Elder Ridge Academy, in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He took up the study of medicine, and in 1870 graduated from the Old Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. In 1882 he located in Youngstown, Ohio, where he has since continued his lucrative and representative practice. In 1872, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, he was married to Crissia A. Lemgerger, a daughter of Charles Lemgerger, and to them were born four children, as follows: Harriett W., Charles J., Lizzie M. and Myrtle C.

The father of Dr. Barnes was born in Dorsetshire, England, and bore the name of John Barnes. He came to America with his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Chencon, and ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity, came to bless their home. Of these five now survive: Charles, Anne, wife of Jacob Scharretts; John F.; Mary, wife of J. T. Williams; and the subject of this narrative.

His father was very successful as a wagon and carriage builder, and after arriving in America lived until the time of his death in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

James W. Barnes, now deceased, brother of Dr. Barnes, was a drum-major in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil war, and served actively for a year, during which time he was noted for his bravery and devotion to the cause. He died in the year 1895.

Dr. Barnes is a Republican in politics and for many years has taken a warm interest in the success of the party. He has been president of the Mahoning County Medical Society and a member of the Ohio State Medical Society. He has also been prominent in the Knights of Pythias and the Methodist Episcopal church, in both of which he has for many years been an influential member. In his advancing years Dr. Barnes has found a warm place in the hearts of all, for he has ever been anxious to alleviate suffering and to brighten the lives of those with whom he has come in contact.

#### ANN GODWARD.

Mrs. Ann Godward is the widow of Joseph Godward, who settled in this part of the country forty-five years ago, making a home in the midst of the woods. She is a native of Cheshire, England, and came to this country when twenty years old, in 1851. The first four weeks of her American residence were spent in New Jersey, where on October 11, the same year, she was married to Joseph Godward, who had been born in Yorkshire, England, in 1822, and came to America in the same year that his wife did. He was a weaver of linens by trade and had first settled in Greenville, Pennsylvania, but he soon joined in coal mining with his brother Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Godward started out with small means, but the present farm, with its excellent improvements and well cultivated fields, on which they settled in 1857, bears evidence of their thrift and industry. In 1881 he erected a comfortable and pleasant dwelling, which, however, he did not live long to enjoy, for he was stricken by the hand of death on December 16, of the following year. He was a free-thinker as regards religion, but both he and his wife had been reared in the faith of the Episcopal church. He was a Republican voter, but had no aspirations for office.

Five sons and six daughters were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Godward, and nine of them grew to maturity. Elizabeth died at the age of fourteen months; Hannah is the wife of E. W. Bailey, in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, and they have five living children; Edward, a farmer in this township, has two sons and five daughters; Martha died unmarried at the age of twenty; Mary Ann is the wife of Richard Williams, in Youngstown, and has one son; Benjamin lives in Youngstown and had two daughters; Salina died at the age of sixteen; James lives on a farm adjoining the old homestead and has three sons; Robert lived only seven years; Thomas, at home with his mother, conducts the farm; and the eleventh in order of birth is Minnie, who is a saleslady in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON PETTIT, M. D.

A record of forty-three years of active practice as a physician in one locality is one which is not excelled by many in the medical profession, and the town of Petersburg, in Mahoning county, is honored by the presence of the old and prominent physician, Dr. Pettit. It would require no effort of the imagination to picture many of the incidents which would enter into such a long life,—visits to the aged of several generations ago, known as the soother of pain to many throughout their lives, presiding at the birth of many who have since had children and perhaps grandchildren; and then the long trips in summer and winter which would have worn out one of less stern mold;—all these things make Dr. Pettit an ideal member of the profession and a figure so familiar to all the residents within a circuit of ten miles from Petersburg that his taking off would seem the visitation of a calamity.

The Pettits go back to England for their origin, grandfather John Pettit having been born there in 1750. He was a farmer, and lived to the good old age of ninety-eight. One of his children was Samuel; Nathaniel, the second, was a Pennsylvania farmer; John V. was a wealthy and prominent attorney and land owner in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he was accidentally killed at the age of forty, unmarried. This Samuel mentioned above was born in a suburb of Philadelphia, Penningtonville, and died in Lisbon, Ohio, in 1871. He married Anna Alford, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, being married at the age of eighteen. She died in Petersburg at the age of eighty-seven, and three daughters and two sons of her ten children are living.

It was of these parents that the son George Washington was born, in Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1828. He was reared on the old farm, and had a common school education. At the age of twenty-two he began

the study of medicine with Dr. George L. McCook, and in 1852 he was graduated from the Cleveland Medical College with the degree of M. D. Of course the first thing to do was to open an office in some town and wait for patients, and he made his first choice of location in Marlboro, Stark county, Ohio, where he was a young but successful practitioner for six years. He came to Petersburg in 1860 and has held the fort ever since, having outlived the only physician resident there at that time, Dr. Perry Swisher. He drives two or three good horses, and has been here so long that he knows every man, woman and child on his circuit.

While Dr. Pettit was residing in Marlboro he was married, in April, 1858, to Miss Emily Stevens, a native of New York and the daughter of Ebenezer Stevens, who was a merchant and died at the age of sixty-six; his widow lived to be eighty, and they reared twelve children. Myra, the first born to the Doctor and his wife, died at the age of two months; Helen is the wife of John Dabselle, a gold miner at Cripple Creek, Colorado, and she has lost two children; Harry is a bright young business man who also resides in Cripple Creek. Mrs. Pettit died in 1890 at the age of fifty-six, and since then Dr. Pettit has been fortunate in having his niece, Myra Glosser, to act as his housekeeper. She is the daughter of his sister Helen Pettit, who married Jonathan Glosser and died in 1876, leaving six children; her father now resides in Crestline, Ohio, and has his second wife and two children. Dr. Pettit is a Republican and a very public-spirited man, and besides his own nice home is the owner of other village property. He has been one who has not been crazed with a desire for wealth, has always taken life easily while at the same time accomplishing more than the average individual, and now when the hours begin to slip faster he still enjoys with a zest unknown to many younger and more careworn in the struggle of life.

#### DANIEL STEINER.

Daniel Steiner has well earned the proud American title of a "self-made man," for in the active world of business he has overcome difficulties and obstacles, and entirely unaided has worked his way upward until he is now numbered among the most prosperous business men of the city. He was born in Massillon, Ohio, on the 4th of July, 1876, being a son of Robert Steiner, who claimed Switzerland as the country of his nativity, his birth occurring in Flüelen, canton of Uri, on the 2d of May, 1844. On the 28th of October, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Kunz, who was born December 9, 1843, and was a daughter of John Jacob and Urina (Branett) Kunz, the former of whom owned a small farm, and was also en-

gaged in the manufacture of weaver's reeds. John Jacob Kunz died in 1862, in his forty-eighth year, while his wife survived until 1865, passing away at the age of fifty-two years. Mrs. Steiner had but one sister, who remained in Switzerland. Ten children, eight sons and two daughters, blessed the union of Robert and Laura Steiner, as follows: Sophia, who died in 1864, when but one year old; Henry, who was born in 1864 and was drowned on the 11th of June, 1882, in Ohio, when in his eighteenth year, this sad event occurring less than three years after the death of his father in the same manner in Kansas; Arnold, who was born February 6, 1866, and is a resident of Massillon, Ohio, having one little daughter; George, who was born in March, 1870, and is a resident of Youngstown, being the father of one daughter and two sons; William, who was born April 10, 1872, is engaged in the meat business in Lowellville and has a son and daughter; George Gustave who was born October 21, 1874, is a resident of Youngstown and has a little son; Daniel is the subject of this review; Andreal, who was born October 15, 1878, died March 4, 1901, at the age of twenty-two years; a little daughter, who was born August 12, 1869, died April 2, 1871; and Jacob E., born on the 6th of July, 1880, died December 2, 1883. Robert Steiner, the father of these children, was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the aid which his widow received from this fraternal order after his death assisted her in rearing her children and giving them educational advantages, but the sons were early inured to hard labor and proved valuable aids to their mother in her struggle for existence.

Daniel Steiner began his business career as a stable boy when fourteen years of age, entering the employ of Lewy Brothers in Youngstown, with whom he remained for six years, and during that time the highest wages he received was fifteen dollars a month, the greater part of which he gave to his mother. On the 15th of December, 1895, the Young brothers purchased the stable and made Mr. Steiner the manager of the business, the latter to receive twenty-five dollars a month in remuneration for his services, but on the expiration of three months he and his brother purchased the stable, their entire cash capital at that time consisting of less than three hundred dollars. The business, however, proved a success from the beginning, but at the expiration of sixteen months the brother became dissatisfied, and the partnership was dissolved, our subject, who had not yet reached mature years, retiring from the firm with four hundred and fifty dollars. His next employment was with the Meehan Boiler Works Company, he later entered the employ of Dr. A. M. Clark and subsequently filled the position of coachman for John C. Wick, until February 28, 1900, when he purchased his present

livery business, the purchase price being sixteen hundred dollars. In order to become the owner of this establishment Mr. Steiner was obliged to assume an indebtedness of twelve hundred dollars, but at the end of seven months he was able to discharge this obligation in full, and his stock is now valued at twenty-five hundred dollars. In addition to his prosperous business he also owns a pleasant and commodious residence, located just across the street from his stable, and this was purchased in March, 1901. Success has abundantly rewarded his efforts, but the high position which he now occupies among the leading business men of Mahoning county has been attained through his enterprising spirit and determined purpose.

On the 28th of December, 1899, when he had reached his twenty-second year, Mr. Steiner was united in marriage to Miss Minty Heffinger, a native daughter of Lowellville. Her father, John Heffinger, died in this city. In his fraternal relations Mr. Steiner is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, while politically he is allied with the Republican party, but at local elections votes independent of party ties. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and both he and his wife are connected with the Protective Home Circle, and are worthy members of the Presbyterian church.

#### WILLIAM H. MCGINNIS.

It is a pleasure to pay tribute to one who has not been content to work exclusively for himself or those dependent upon him, but with a spirit of true philanthropy has devoted a large part of his time to enlarging the sphere of human knowledge and the advancement of science. While the work of any one individual is of necessity comparatively small, the sum total of their efforts and discoveries constitutes our stock of positive knowledge, the possession of which alone differentiates the savage from the civilized man. It will be to the lasting credit of Mr. McGinnis, whose career is now to be briefly described, that he has devoted all of his leisure time, and some that he could ill spare from his business, to the acquisition of knowledge for his fellow man, and the enrichment of the stores accumulated in the various departments of science for the welfare of the human race.

The family in America was founded by William McGinnis, who was born in county Down, Ireland, about 1750, and came to the United States about 1782, dying in Pennsylvania prior to 1817. He left a son and a grandson of the same name as himself, the latter being born at Staunton, Virginia, September 12, 1796; he died at Mt. Jackson, Pennsylvania, in 1873. Still another William McGinnis, son of the last named, was born in Mt. Jackson, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1824, and on March 4, 1847, was





*W<sup>m</sup> H. McGinnis*



Mary M. Mc Ginnis



married to Lydia Welk, of New Middletown, Mahoning county, Ohio, whose death occurred August 29, 1848. In 1857 Mr. McGinnis went to Kansas and took part in the border troubles there before the war, his death occurring on March 6, 1899, at Valley Falls, Kansas.

William H. McGinnis, son of the last mentioned parents, was born at New Middleton, Ohio, December 21, 1848, and remained in the place of his nativity till thirteen years old. In April of 1861, when the guns of the south were turned on Fort Sumter, he came to Youngstown and has been a resident of that city ever since. In his younger years Mr. McGinnis was employed in the iron mills of the city, but for the twenty-five years prior to 1896 was engaged as a salesman. In 1896 he was elected clerk of Youngstown township, obtained re-election at the expiration of his term in 1898, and in all served four years in that office. On November 5, 1901, he was elected recorder of Mahoning county by a majority of over seventeen hundred, and was installed in that office September 1, 1902. Mr. McGinnis is prompt, courteous and obliging to all who have occasion to do business with him, and consequently his friends are legion.

At intervals, almost from the inception of his independent career, Mr. McGinnis has availed himself of every opportunity to serve science, to whose noble cause and exalted aim he is most ardently devoted. Nor have his efforts gone without recognition or appreciation in the scientific world. In April, 1899, he was elected a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and attended the annual meeting of that body held in Columbus, Ohio, in August of the same year. This honor came unexpectedly, and was enhanced by the fact that its recipient was the first man in eastern Ohio singled out for such distinction. But it was fully deserved, as Mr. McGinnis has contributed much of value to the institutions of his own state and to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington. He exhibited a large number of interesting specimens at the Chicago World's Fair, and collections all over the country have been enriched by his contributions in various departments of science, especially in geology and mineralogy, to which he has devoted much time.

Perhaps one of his greatest achievements in scientific discovery, and one of which Mr. McGinnis can well feel proud, was the bringing to light by him of the specimen of the fossil head of the musk ox which is now on exhibition in the State University at Columbus. Professor Orton, state geologist of Ohio, says in a letter: "Mr. Dear Mr. McGinnis—I wish to congratulate you upon the valuable discovery you have just made. This is the third specimen discovered in the United States, and the only one ever found in Ohio. This

species has been extinct now for over four thousand years. You have the honor of having discovered one of the rarest and most valuable fossils ever found in Ohio, and by and through you is this institution greatly enriched. You have the sincere thanks of the board of managers of this institution for your valuable gift.—Kindly and Sincerely, Your Friend, Edward Orton.—February 26, 1899.”

On April 19, 1902, Mr. McGinnis was the principal speaker before the meeting of the Horticultural Society at Ravenna, Ohio, and delivered a scholarly address of much interest on “Mineralogy as a Moral Science.” He set forth with much cogency the contributions of this branch of science to the sum total of human knowledge, dwelling especially upon its value to agriculture and other useful arts.

For, on every rock on which we tread,  
Are written words, if rightly read,  
That will lead us from earth's fragrant sod  
To Holiness, to Hope and God.

On February 23, 1865, Mr. McGinnis was united in marriage to Mary, daughter of Morgan Morgans, a native of Ebbew Vale, South Wales; she came to America with her parents in 1855, when but eight years old. Of the seven children born of this union the only survivors are: Grace May, wife of Jesse E. Woods; Ford B., who married Miss Annabell Kennedy; and William Wade, who lives at home. Their eldest son, Charles E., was accidentally killed, on November 8, 1887, while in the discharge of his duty as assistant miller at the City Flouring Mills in Youngstown; he was twenty-two years of age. The other children died in infancy.

Mr. McGinnis resides with his family at Violet Banks, a cosy home pleasantly situated at 1020 Orange street, Youngstown, Ohio, to which his friends are drawn in numbers not only because of its social atmosphere, but also by its interesting mineralogical museum. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis are both members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the official board, and principal of the junior department of the Sunday-school, in which he is deeply interested. His wife is a member of the ladies' aid society of the church, and is a woman whose heart goes out in tender sympathy to those in distress, and her many kind deeds of charity, unostentatiously performed, will ever be remembered by those whom she has befriended.

Mr. McGinnis' fraternal connections are confined to membership in Robert E. Johnson Lodge No. 614, K. of P., the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he has been

allied with the Republican party since his boyhood, and his loyalty to the best interests of that party and his true patriotism and love for the flag of his country have never been questioned. He has frequently been a delegate to the conventions of the party, and is always found defending its principles and laboring for its welfare. From 1861 to the present time he has been a resident of Youngstown, in whose growth and progress he has taken great pride, as from a hamlet he has seen it grow to a city of seventy thousand.

#### JAMES R. EWING.

The well developed farm of James R. Ewing indicates a life of industry and enterprise. Everything about the place is neat and orderly, and the commodious and substantial buildings are surrounded by well tilled fields, wherein good crops are raised annually, while in the pastures are found good grades of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep, the sale of which materially increases his income. James R. Ewing has led a life of activity, and he is justly classed with the leading agriculturists of his community.

Mr. Ewing was born in Jackson township, Mahoning county, October 1, 1852, a son of Gibson Ewing, who was also a native of the same township, born July 23, 1818. The grandfather was John Ewing, who with his brother Archibald, natives of Ireland, came to Austintown township, Mahoning county, about 1803. They were also accompanied by their mother and sister. Archibald entered a claim which became known as the old Ewing homestead. The family camped the first night beneath a walnut tree, which was their only shelter, but soon a log cabin was built and the family began life here in true pioneer style. The sister became the wife of Robert Kirkpatrick, while Archibald continued to cultivate the old home place, and John Ewing located in Jackson township upon the farm later owned by Mr. Kimmel. He wedded Margaret Orr and reared a large family.

Among their children was Gibson Ewing, who was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life. On the 19th of May, 1842, he wedded Margaret Riddle, who was born in Mahoning county, September 18, 1823, and they became the parents of twelve children; seven sons and five daughters, of whom six grew to years of maturity. Samuel John, who was born July 17, 1844, died May 2, 1863, when nearly nineteen years of age. He had enlisted in Company F, Forty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and being wounded, was brought home, where he passed away, his remains being interred here. Martha Ann, born August 7, 1846, became the wife of D. R. Johnson, and died September 17, 1902, leaving a daughter. William S., born December 14, 1848, died September 24, 1851. Robert J., born May 24, 1851, died at the

age of five months and fourteen days. James R. is the fifth of the family. The next were twins, a son and a daughter, who died in infancy. Rutherford, born October 9, 1858, died at the age of twenty-two years. Mary E. is the wife of Frank Clemens and resides on the old homestead where the parents began their domestic life in a log cabin, and the same farm was at one time owned by the grandfather. Sarah M. is the wife of H. S. Klingman, a merchant of Ellsworth Center, Ohio. Ella died about 1866, when a year old. The twelfth child, a little son, also died in infancy. Gibson Ewing, the father of this family, became a well-to-do farmer, and owned two farms, comprising nearly three hundred acres of land. The mother had inherited one hundred acres, but the remainder was secured through the earnest efforts and co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Ewing. They also gave their children good educational privileges, and three of their sons became teachers. The mother died in January, 1872, and the father departed this life February 11, 1890, when seventy-one years of age.

James R. Ewing attended the district schools and supplemented his early educational training by study in the Poland Academy. His business training was received upon the home farm, where he remained until his marriage, assisting his father in the work of the fields. On the 23rd of October, 1873, he wedded Miss Mary Lynn, who was born in Jackson township, April 7, 1854, a daughter of Levi and Mary J. (Moherman) Lynn, both of who are now deceased, her father passing away in 1881, while her mother died January 1, 1896. In their family were four daughters and four sons, all of whom are living and are married, and have children with the exception of one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing began their domestic life in Jackson township, where they now reside, having one hundred acres of land, which belonged to the old Riddle homestead. To the farm they have added until it now comprises one hundred and fifty-one acres, and Mr. Ewing is successfully carrying on general farming. He also does a dairy business, having twelve cows for this purpose. He likewise raises from sixty to seventy-five head of sheep annually, and fattens from twenty-five to forty porkers for the market, these being of the Berkshire, Poland China and Chester White breeds. He raises corn, wheat and oats, the corn yielding from seventy-five to one hundred bushels to the acre. In 1877 Mr. Ewing erected his house, which he rebuilt in 1902, converting it into an attractive residence. The large barn was built in 1883 and an addition built in 1899, so that it is now forty-five by seventy-six feet, with a basement under the whole. This all indicates that the farm is a modern and well improved property, well equipped, and the appearance of the place is indicative of the supervision of a painstaking owner.

Mrs. Ewing is the second child and eldest daughter of Levi Lynn. The eldest is Warren Lynn, a farmer of Johnston township, Trumbull county. The third is H. H. Lynn, a manufacturer and dealer in lumber in North Jackson; he is married and has one son and one daughter. George A. Lynn is a druggist of Paulding, Ohio, and has a daughter. John A. Lynn resides in Cleveland, Ohio, and has two daughters. Lulu is the wife of George Carson, of Newton township, Trumbull county, and has one son. Annie is the wife of William Corson, of Galesburg, Michigan. Jessie is the wife of Bert Mansell, of Warren, Ohio, and has one son. To Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have been born four children. Harmon R., an attorney of Sebring, Ohio, is married and has one son. Austin R. is a shipping clerk in a paint factory in Summit county, Ohio. Renwick L. is assisting in the operation of the home farm, and George K., a youth of sixteen, completes the family. Mr. Ewing belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and in politics is a Republican, now serving the fourth term as township trustee. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and in the county where they have spent their entire lives they are widely and favorably known.

#### GEORGE E. McNAB.

By no means least among the business firms of Youngstown, Mahoning county, Ohio, is that of Guess & McNab, whose large merchant-tailoring and clothing establishment is the center for the buyers of men's wear, and contributes not a little to the enterprise of the town. The junior member of this firm belongs to a family which had been known in Ohio before that commonwealth took on a separate political existence, for it was about the year 1799 that James McNab, who was born in Scotland, after living for a time in Washington county, Pennsylvania, took up his abode in what was then Trumbull county, but now Mahoning county, at a point near Poland. He was a successful farmer in that neighborhood till his death. His wife was Mary Latimer, and she was the mother of Latimer Boyd McNab, who was born near Poland in 1820, and is still living in that vicinity, retired. He married Mary Hahn, and their five children were as follows: Lamira, widow of Robert Featherstone; Charles W.; J. B.; M. C.; George E.

It will be noticed that George E. McNab is the last of his parents' children, and he was born at Poland in September, 1854. It will be one of the lasting distinctions of this little village that it was one of the scenes of the younger life and political career of the late lamented President McKinley, and Mr. McNab recalls with pleasure the fact that a great part of his earlier instruction was received at the hands of Mrs. Andrew Duncan, then Miss

McKinley, the sister of the future President. When George was sixteen years of age, the family moved to Salem, Ohio, and there he gained his first experience in business by clerking in a dry-goods store for three years. In 1873 he went to Youngstown, and was a clerk in one of the dry-goods houses there for six years, at the end of which time he had gained the experience and the necessary courage to embark in business for himself. So, in January, 1880, he entered business as a merchant tailor in partnership with J. B. Housteau, and for the next six years they were associated in this enterprise, at the end of which time Mr. McNab bought out his partner. He was alone for the following six years, and in 1892 the present firm was formed, and the men's furnishing and clothing department was added, so that Guess & McNab are now in the forefront of the business interests in their line in Youngstown.

On June 9, 1880, Mr. McNab was married in Youngstown to Miss Emma W., the daughter of Edward Bell, and the names of the four children of this union are Clara B., Mary L., Helen E. and George E., Jr. Mr. McNab's political belief is that of the Republican party, and in fraternal circles he has risen to the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and is an Elk, and is a trustee of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. Furthermore, he has taken an active interest in educational matters. In 1899 he was appointed a member of the board of education to fill out the unexpired term of D. P. Holmes, and in April, 1899, he was elected as a regular member, and re-elected in April, 1901.

#### GEORGE T. FARRELL.

There are few young men in Columbiana county, Ohio, who have been favored with a greater degree of confidence and public esteem than has attended the career of George T. Farrell, who fills the honorable position of mayor of the prosperous city of Lisbon. He is widely recognized as a Republican leader who labors earnestly for the success of the party, while close study has given him a keen insight into the important political problems, and his interest in the issues of the day that affect the national weal or woe is of the highest.

The birth of Mr. Farrell occurred on the 31st of May, 1876, in Lisbon, Ohio, and he is a son of James D. and Mary (Maloney) Farrell, who came to this commonwealth from the county of Roscommon in Ireland, in 1845. The educational advantages of George T. were secured in the public schools. His close application to the study of law, under the direction of Attorney C. S. Speaker, resulted in his admission to the bar of Columbiana county in March, 1898, and his ability and fitness for public life were almost immediately

recognized, for in 1900 he was elected mayor of Lisbon, to which position he was re-elected in 1902 and again in 1903, being the present incumbent. His hold on municipal affairs has been strong, and his administration has been successful, and judging from the past a brilliant political future awaits the young mayor of Lisbon.

On the 27th of June, 1900, Mr. Farrell was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Cavanagh, of this city. In political matters he gives an earnest and efficient support to the principles of the Republican party, and his fraternal relations connect him with Salem Lodge No. 305, B. P. O. E. Both he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church, and they are held in the highest regard by all who enjoy their acquaintance.

#### FREDERICK T. MILES, M. D.

In the great competitive struggle of life, when each man must enter the field and fight his way to the front or else be overtaken by disaster of circumstance or place, there is ever particular interest attaching to the life of one who has turned the tide of success and has shown his ability to cope with others in their rush for the coveted goal. Dr. Miles is recognized as one of the most able and successful of the younger practitioners of medicine and surgery, and has also achieved success in the political world, being the present postmaster of the little city of Salem.

The birth of our subject occurred in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1868, he being the son of Thomas and Rebecca (Bell) Miles. The father was a native of West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1822, and his death occurred in 1890, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine years, having passed his entire life as an agriculturist on a tract of land entered by his father, Thomas Miles, Sr., in the early part of that century. The last named came from Plain Grove, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in the latter part of the eighteenth century and entered a tract of five hundred acres, a part of which still remains in the possession of the family. His death occurred in Mercer county when he had reached the age of seventy-one years. He is remembered to have been a leading citizen of his community, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife bore the maiden name of Polly Tredaway, and by her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Acquilla, deceased; John; James, also deceased; Norris, a resident of Royalton, Minnesota; Ellen, the wife of Hugh Miles, of Warren county, Pennsylvania; Clara, the wife of Morrison Lewis, of Lawrence county, that state; Rebecca, the deceased wife of Robert Young, of Little Falls, Minnesota; and Betsey, the wife of John Clinge, of

Poland, Ohio. To Thomas and Rebecca (Bell) Miles were born eight children, as follows: John, Mary, Jane, Nancy, Clara, Alice, Maggie (deceased) and Frederick T.

Frederick T. Miles secured his literary training in the high school of West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, and in Allegheny College, while his medical studies were pursued in the medical department of the Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio. Immediately after his graduation in that institution in 1892, he located in Salem, Columbiana county, where he has since been numbered among the general medical practitioners, and in the community he is highly esteemed for his many excellent traits of citizenship. He is a diligent student, and endeavors to keep abreast of the times in everything relating to discoveries in medical science. The Doctor is a staunch Republican in his political affiliations, and for a number of years has taken an active interest in the affairs of his party. On the 6th of March, 1900, he was appointed by the late President McKinley to the position of postmaster of the city of Salem, the duties of which he is now filling to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Dr. Miles was married in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Helen P. Satterfield, a representative of an old and honored pioneer family of that county. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Masonic order. Although young in years, he is held in high esteem in the community, and the prominent position which he has taken in the public eye augurs well for a bright future.

#### MYRON AUGUSTINE NORRIS.

This gentleman is one of the foremost members of the Youngstown bar, and since establishing himself in his profession has taken a leading part in the public and social life of Mahoning county and as a lawyer has won several brilliant forensic battles. Mr. Norris traces his ancestry back to the early settlement of the New England states. His grandfather Eliphalet Norris was a soldier in the Revolution, having entered the ranks of the continental army when a boy of seventeen. His son Jairus was a native of New Hampshire, but at the time Myron Augustine was born to him he was a resident of Ash-tabula county, Ohio, being in limited circumstances.

Myron Augustine Norris was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, September 24, 1849, and as his father died before he had arrived at manhood, he was early thrown upon his own resources. His education was such as could be received in the common schools and about one year at a college in Willoughby, Lake county,—not a great fund of learning for the future law-



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yer. He made the best of his advantages, however, and at the age of sixteen began teaching school, for the next two years dividing his time between teaching, attending school, and working on a farm. His school days were ended at his eighteenth year, but he continued with his pedagogical labors until he was twenty-two. In 1871 he began reading law in the office of Judge W. P. Howland, of Ashtabula, and in September, 1872, he was admitted to the bar at Cleveland, and in the following spring began the practice of the profession at Kent, Ohio, having to break his way through the usual obstacles in the path of a young practitioner. In a short time, however, he was enjoying a prosperous business, and remained at Kent until 1884, at which time he formed the acquaintance of General T. W. Sanderson, of Youngstown, who induced him to come to the latter place. Under the firm name of Sanderson and Norris a general practice was carried on for some years, but in time their business became more and more concerned with corporate interests.

Mention should be made of several of the important cases in which Mr. Norris has been involved as counsel. He represented Kent against a manufacturing corporation for the recovery of sixty-five thousand dollars, which the council had donated the concern as a bonus for establishing their plant at Kent. The council was claimed to have exceeded its constitutional powers in levying taxes for other than public purposes, and Mr. Norris established a precedent which is far-reaching and will in a measure prevent similar misuse of the public funds. He represented the plaintiff in the case of *Day vs. Pittsburg, Youngstown & Chicago Railway Company* and the *Pittsburg, Cleveland and Toledo Railroad*, in a dispute over the title of the land occupied by the *Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal Company*, and which had been abandoned for canal purposes. The case finally went to the supreme court, which handed down a decision to the effect that when the land had been abandoned for canal purposes it reverted to the original owners from whom it had been appropriated, and that the trustees of the canal could not sell it to the railroad. In the case of *Andrews vs. the Ohio Gas-Fuel Company*, the law was confirmed in Ohio that a gas company must keep its gas under control, and is responsible for damages whenever accident occurs, though the company may not have been negligent.

Mr. Norris has been interested in the success of the Republican party since he was old enough to vote, and in 1872 was a supporter of Horace Greeley. While a resident of Kent he served as city solicitor. In 1892 he was a presidential elector, and in 1896, at the Republican convention held in St. Louis which nominated McKinley, he was an alternate delegate from his

district. On January 5, 1876, Mr. Norris was married to Miss Mary E. Howdon, a native of Kent, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children: Katherine A., Martha E. and Eleanor L. Mr. Norris has served as president of the Rayen Club of Youngstown, and is a member of the fraternal orders of Masons and Elks.

#### CHARLES ROBINSON TRUESDALE.

Among the leading members of the bar of Mahoning county, Ohio, is Charles Robinson Truesdale, who has ably represented its interests as prosecuting attorney upon two different occasions, and is an honored survivor of the Civil war and one of the valued citizens of Youngstown. The birth of Mr. Truesdale was on a farm in Boardman township, Mahoning county, Ohio, on September 15, 1841, and he is a son of Alexander and Harriet (Leach) Truesdale. The former was born in Pennsylvania in 1797, where his father had settled after his service in the Revolutionary war. Alexander Truesdale was a farmer all his life, locating in Ohio, where he died in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Truesdale had a family of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity, and three of whom still survive, as follows: William W.; Lucy J., the wife of Sheldon Jacobs; and our subject. One son, Joseph, was a private in the Second Ohio Cavalry, and was killed at Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1862. The mother of this family died in 1866.

Until he was twelve years of age, Charles R. Truesdale remained in Boardman township, and then accompanied his parents in their removal to Youngstown township, where he attended the country school and assisted on the farm until the outbreak of the Civil war. With loyal devotion to his country Mr. Truesdale enrolled his name in company E, Second Ohio Cavalry, in July, 1861, and faithfully performed a soldier's hard duty until he was mustered out of the service at Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1865, rising in rank from private to corporal. Mr. Truesdale took part in many of the great battles of the war: Knoxville, Tennessee; the Wilderness; Spottsylvania; Cold Harbor; Petersburg; Reams Station; Yellow Tavern; Bethesda Church; and many minor engagements. He was not wounded, but in July, 1864, had his horse shot from under him, at Monocacy Junction, and was captured there. As a prisoner he was first taken to Danville, Virginia, thence to Libby Prison, where he was held for seven horrible months before he was exchanged at Annapolis.

Upon his return from the army Mr. Truesdale completed his interrupted education, entering the Western Reserve College, and graduated there in 1871, subsequently beginning the study of law. In 1872 he was admitted to the bar

at Warren, Ohio, and immediately located at Youngstown, Ohio, where he has since enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. From 1874 to 1876, and again from 1879 to 1883, he served as prosecuting attorney for Mahoning county. His ability is recognized through both city and county, and he is regarded as a leading member of his profession.

In 1872 Mr. Truesdale was united in marriage with Miss Louisa A., a daughter of Nicholas and Phoebe (Kirk) Jacobs. The two children of the family are Phoebe K., who graduated from Vassar College in the class of 1899; and Joseph R., who is a member of the class of 1902, at Princeton College. The fraternal associations of Mr. Truesdale are with the Masonic bodies and with Tod Post No. 29, G. A. R.

#### CHARLES HENRY WEBB.

The subject of this sketch, though starting life under every disadvantage of orphanage and poverty, has managed by hard work and economy to establish himself in the world and reach positions both of trust and profit. Originally a blacksmith, and accustomed to make his living by the hardest kind of manual labor, he rose steadily and has been repeatedly honored by his fellow citizens by election to offices of responsibility, including those of trustee and justice of the peace. His father, Francis Webb, was an Englishman, married Mary Davis, of the same country, and by her had five children, of whom those surviving are: Emma, wife of a Mr. Thomas; John; Charles H.; and Ellen, wife of a Mr. Thurman.

Charles Henry Webb, third in age of these survivors, was born at Bristol, England, in 1846, and by the death of his father in 1848 and his mother a year later, was left an orphan at three years of age. When ten years old he was sent to an aunt in Nova Scotia, who took care of him for two years, after which he found refuge for six years with friends in Canada. While in that country he learned the blacksmith's trade, which afforded him a livelihood during his subsequent residence at Cleveland, Ohio. Securing a position in the nut and bolt factory in that city, he worked there for five years, and then sought a new location at Youngstown. Shortly after his arrival he secured employment in another nut and bolt factory, located at Youngstown, and continued to work there for the five following years. This ended his active career as a mechanic, as at the end of the period mentioned he was called by the people to a different kind of employment. The office of trustee of Youngstown township having become vacant, Mr. Webb was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of eight months, which he did so acceptably as to lead to his election for the full term of four years. At the

expiration of that time he was re-elected for a second term, which was followed by election to the office of justice of the peace. He served three years in that position, and in April, 1901, got another endorsement of his official conduct by being re-elected for the term which he is now filling.

Mr. Webb was united in marriage, at Kingston, Canada, with Mary Davis, of that city, and they have had four children, of whom the only survivor is Isabella, now the wife of Fred Donaldson, of Youngstown. Mr. Webb is a member of the Episcopal church, of the Knights of Pythias, and his political connections are with the Republican party.

#### GEORGE FRANCIS ARREL.

One of the representative members of the legal profession in Youngstown, Ohio, is George Francis Arrel, who has been identified with the public life of this city since 1868, and who has occupied a number of responsible positions. Mr. Arrel is of Irish ancestry, his great-grandfather having been born in Ireland. He was the founder of the family in America, locating after his emigration in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. There his son John was born, who migrated to Ohio in 1800, married Martha Stewart, reared a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, and died in 1848. He took part in the war of 1812, and the records show that he was a man of prominence and was held in great esteem.

David Arrel, son of John, was the eldest of the family of his parents, and was born in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, in 1803, and resided there during a long and useful life. In 1830 he married Martha Moore, who was the daughter of James Moore, and they had a family of four children, as follows: William, deceased; Margaret, the wife of James M. Pence; John; and George F., of this sketch. The mother of our subject died in 1872, but the father survived until 1888.

The birth of George Francis Arrel was on the family farm, in Poland township, Mahoning county, on October 1, 1840, and until he was eighteen years of age he remained at home, assisting his father and attending school. Later he enjoyed educational advantages at Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and graduated at this institution in June, 1865. His inclination was in the direction of the legal profession, and he remained in Warren, Ohio, for one year, in the study of law, in the fall of 1866 entering the law department of the Albany University. In 1867 he was graduated, was admitted to the bar in August, 1867, and located in Youngstown, in May, 1868. Since that time Mr. Arrel has won a prominent position in his profession. In 1870 he was elected city solicitor, and was re-elected,

holding the office for four successive terms. In 1880 he was elected judge of the court of common pleas, and his course was justified by a successive re-election for five terms, serving until February, 1887. His services have been retained by a number of the railroads, and he is highly valued as a safe advisor where large corporation interests are at stake.

On October 18, 1876, Mr. Arrel was united in marriage with Miss Grace Tod, the daughter of Governor David Tod, and the two children of this union were a son and a daughter, David and Frances Maria.

#### GEORGE HANSON DICKSON.

The Dicksons have resided west of the Allegheny mountains for over a century, or since 1801. John Dickson, the grandfather of the present generation, settled among the woods of Mahoning county, Ohio, where he took up four hundred acres of land from the government, improved a farm of two hundred and fifty acres and built a house of logs. This was afterward burned, and was replaced with a frame dwelling which was erected eighty years ago. John Dickson was three times married, having reared six children, four sons and two daughters, by his last wife, while he had two children by his first wife, and none by his second. The family were Presbyterians in religious belief.

George Dickson, the father of our subject, was born on the old home place, and spent his life there, dying at the age of eighty-two years. He married Martha Isabell McBride, and seven sons and two daughters were reared, a record of whom is as follows: J. D. died at the age of fifty-four years, leaving two sons and two daughters; Alexander died at the age of fifty-one, leaving two sons and four daughters; William, who was in a Missouri cavalry regiment during the Civil war, was compelled to make a forced march when sick with the jaundice, causing his death at the age of thirty-six, his remains being brought home from Sedalia, Missouri; the fourth child was George H.; Andrew J. died in Iowa in 1901; Mariah died at the age of twenty-three; Isabelle was the youngest of the family to die, passing away at the age of seventeen; Cowden, now in California for his health, has three sons and two daughters; James H. died in 1900, leaving a wife and a daughter. The mother of these children died in 1860, and Mr. Dickson was then married to Mrs. Walker, who survives him and makes her home in Poland.

George Hanson Dickson was born near Lowellville, April 9, 1839, and remained at home until he was twenty. All the children were given good school advantages, two of them attending an academy, and after completing

his education George took up the trade of a carpenter. He has met with gratifying success in this line, has built many residences in the county and was a contractor in Iowa for two years. He has acquired considerable property, and is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his previous efforts.

On the 4th of March, 1863, Mr. Dickson was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Dubes, who was born in Poland township about 1841. John, the first son of this union, is a yard master at a furnace near Pittsburg, and has a wife and one son; George H. has followed in the footsteps of his father and is a carpenter in Struthers, and has a wife and two children; Frank C., a telegraph operator above Pittsburg, is married; Alton M. is a young man of seventeen residing in Struthers. Mrs. Dickson died in 1898, and Mr. Dickson took as his second wife Mrs. M. L. McGill, widow of Samuel McGill and the daughter of James S. and Jane (McComb) Cowden. Mr. Dickson owns the old farm, which has been reduced to eighty-two acres, but in 1900 he built his present dwelling house in Lowellville, where he is very pleasantly situated. He is a Republican, but has never desired office, and he has traveled over fifteen states, but in his judgment none compare with the grand old state of Ohio.

#### ANDREW W. SCHILLER, M. D.

Though only resident at Salem for about nine years, Dr. Schiller is a native Ohioan, and has spent his entire life in the state. He has been practicing medicine at different points for over twenty years, and wherever located has achieved standing as one of the worthiest and most painstaking members of his honorable profession. Being well educated, progressive in his methods and studious of all the latest discoveries and innovations in medical science, supplemented by popular manners and courteous address, he has never lacked either for friends or clients at any period of his busy career. Though of German origin, the family has long been identified with different states of the Union, and several generations back became thoroughly Americanized. Christian and Magdalene Schiller, who were natives of Stuttgart, Germany, started on their voyage to the new world in 1817, but met with shipwreck and drifted to the coast of Norway. After much tedious delay and considerable privation another start was finally made, but this time the voyagers reached the shores of the United States without further accident. They settled at Philadelphia, where the father went into business, and there they remained during the balance of their lives. Their son, Israel Schiller, who was born at Stuttgart, February 14, 1809, was about eight years old when the ocean trip was made, and shared with his parents the dangers and sufferings

incident to shipwreck. He remained with the family at Philadelphia until the fifteenth year of his age, when he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and became a contractor and builder. In 1832 he removed to Mahoning county, Ohio, settled on a farm in Springfield township and followed agricultural pursuits until failing health induced him to retire to Petersburg, where he lived in quiet until his death, which occurred in the spring of 1891. Israel Schiller was a man of good business qualifications, of industrious habits, and possessed a force of character which insured him general esteem and a position of influence in his community. He married Eleanor Haron, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1814 and in girlhood came to Mahoning county with her parents, who settled in Springfield township and followed the occupation of farming. Israel and Eleanor (Haron) Schiller reared a large family of children, concerning whom the annexed brief biographical notes will prove of interest. Maria, the eldest daughter, married Carter Hathing, and had three children: Ella, Henry and Albert. Martha, the second daughter, has passed away. Gideon, the eldest son and a druggist at Petersburg, married Lizzie Stevenson and has three children: Israel, Maude and Paul. Kate, the third daughter, is now the wife of George W. Penn and the mother of three children: Clement, Albert and Mabelle. Saville, the fourth daughter, resides with her mother at Petersburg. Silas, the second son, became a prominent physician at North Lima, Ohio, and married Ellen Wilker, by whom he had four children: Frederick, Dorothea, Harley and Grace. Eliza H. became the wife of Tobias Reight. Tobias, the third son, married Elizabeth Dressel. Della, another daughter, is in the millinery business at Petersburg. John H. married Lizzie Konesal, by whom he has two children: Gertrude and Carl. Ira died at the age of thirty-seven years.

Andrew W. Schiller, the youngest of this interesting family of children, was born on his father's farm in Mahoning county, Ohio, July 27, 1860, and remained with his parents on the old homestead until he reached his majority. He had the benefit of a good academical education in the college of Newcastle, Pennsylvania, after which he began the study of medicine under his brother, Dr. Silas Schiller, at North Lima. Entering the Western Reserve Medical College in 1879, he received his degree from that institution in the class of 1882 and immediately thereafter returned to North Lima, where he had charge of his brother's practice for one year. In 1883 he located at Greenford, and after practicing there with flattering success for ten years came to Salem in 1893 and has there continued to grow both in popularity and practice until he is now recognized as one of the progressive and advanced physicians of the country.

May 2, 1883, Dr. Schiller was united in marriage with Miss Attie, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Beard) Fleckinger, of Mahoning county, and this union has resulted in the birth of three children: Arthur W., Edna I. and Royal L. Dr. Schiller's rank as a physician is emphasized by the fact that he is a member in good standing of the Ohio State, the Mahoning County, and the Union Medical Associations. Under Cleveland's administration he held membership on the board of pension examiners and gave general satisfaction by his conscientious and skilful discharge of the duties of that position. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran church, and his fraternity connections are confined to membership in the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of which order he has always taken a zealous interest.

#### ROBERT T. IVORY.

The most elaborate history is perforce a merciless abridgment, the historian being compelled to select his facts from manifold details. This applies to specific as well as to generic history, and in the former category biography is placed. In every life of honor and usefulness there is no dearth of incident, and yet, in summing up the career of any man, the writer must needs touch only the more salient points, giving the keynote of the character, but eliminating all that is superfluous to the continuity of the narrative. Within the pages of this work will be found individual mention of many prominent and influential citizens of Mahoning county, and it is well that a perpetual record should be thus left concerning those who have been identified with the advancement and material interests of this section. In the case at hand we touch briefly upon the career of one of the younger generation of business men, and one who has attained distinctive preferment through his ability and discrimination in the management of affairs of scope and importance. Mr. Ivory is incumbent of the position of superintendent of the Youngstown Park and Falls Street Railway Company, whose enterprise represents a public utility of marked value, and we are pleased to offer a resumé of the life history of this capable and popular official.

The grandfather of Robert T. Ivory was Peter Ivory. He was born in the parish of Street, county of Westmeath, Ireland. He was a mechanic and worked eleven years for the British government during the reign of George III, for the last five years of this period being head foreman of the Athlone Barracks. In the Irish rebellion of 1789 he fought in two battles and was taken prisoner, but was soon released owing to his extreme youth. He married, in Ireland, Catherine Rogers, of county Longford. He did not care to remain a subject to Great Britain, and as he was in comfortable cir-



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cumstances, in 1817 he came with his wife and one child, Mary, to America. In 1819 he purchased the farm and built the residence in which he lived till his life came to a close, November 11, 1849; on this farm the present thriving town of Westview, Pennsylvania, sprang up. He was known as an honest and prosperous citizen, and was thoroughly respected in his community. He was a Democrat in political belief.

His son, Peter Ivory, Sr., was born in February, 1819, in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, near what is now known as Grant and Diamond streets. He was a popular and well known resident of Allegheny county, and for twenty-five years was justice of the peace. He was engaged in different pursuits, being a contractor for the government during the Civil war, and was at one time with the firm of Ryan and McGran, railroad contractors, who built the greater portion of the Pennsylvania over the Allegheny mountains. He bought and sold a great deal of property, but he left to his children all the land which had formed the original heritage from his father. His wife and five children still retain this valuable tract of two hundred and ninety acres, finely improved, situated just outside of the city of Allegheny. Mr. Ivory was married in 1863 to Joanna Conway, of Conway, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and she still survives her husband. Peter Ivory was one of the prime movers in the building of the Allegheny and Perrysville plank road, was director and secretary of the company, and was president of the Perrysville and Wexford Plank Road Company. His death occurred in 1896, and the five children still surviving are: Minnie; Robert T.; Catherine, wife of M. A. Grant; Thomas C.; and Eleanor.

Robert T. Ivory is a native son of the old Keystone state, having been born near Allegheny, Pennsylvania, on the 28th of August, 1866. He remained on the homestead farm until he had reached the age of fifteen years, and received his elementary school training in the district schools, and later continued his studies in the public schools of Allegheny. He then entered Curry Institute Union Business College, in Pittsburg, where he completed a thorough course of general and technical order and graduated in June, 1884. Upon leaving school Mr. Ivory entered the employ of the Pittsburg Electric Supply Company, where he was retained as bookkeeper for eighteen months, and then began his career in the street railway business with A. E. Townsend, of the firm of Townsend and Brown of Pittsburg, Mr. Brown being the present lieutenant governor of the state of Pennsylvania. For the first year he was bookkeeper of the company, but was then promoted to the position of general foreman, in which capacity he continued for a period of six years, and became thoroughly familiar with the practical details of equipping

and operating street railway systems. During this time he superintended the construction of the following roads: Pittsburg, Knoxville and St. Clairsville; Pittsburg South Side; Pittsburg and McKees Rocks; Second avenue line; Pittsburg and Birmingham; Sharpsburg extension; Penn avenue; also roads in and about Allegheny. He superintended the construction of roads at Uniontown, Braddock, McKeesport, Washington, Newcastle, Wheeling, and at Montgomery, Alabama.

After severing his connection with the firm of Townsend and Brown,—Mr. Townsend retiring in 1892,—Mr. Ivory entered the employ of Jolly Brothers and built the Bellaire and Martins Ferry line, a distance of twelve miles, in fourteen weeks' time. He then accepted a position with William Wharton & Company, incorporated, of Philadelphia, the oldest company of street railway contractors in the United States. He held the responsible office of superintendent of outside construction, and in this connection had charge of the building of all but two of the depots of the Philadelphia Traction Company, among them the Belmont avenue, Grays Ferry, Lehigh avenue, Chestnut street and the Walnut street depots. He continued in the employ of this firm for two and a half years, and then went to New Orleans, where he remained for three months as superintendent of the Canal and Claiborne Street Railway construction; he then built and equipped a line of three miles' length in Reading, Pennsylvania; and for the following two years was superintendent of construction of street railways with the firm of Booth and Flinn of Pittsburg, after which he entered the employ of Swan and McAfee, general contractors in Allegheny, by whom he was retained as superintendent of the grading and paving of streets. Six months later he was sent to Youngstown to superintend the construction of the Youngstown Park and Falls Street Railway, which road he completed in May, 1899. On July 8, of the same year, he succeeded A. Kennedy Ashworth as manager and superintendent of the company, which is his present position.

Mr. Ivory is known throughout the country as an expert in his branch of business. On one occasion a traveling man asked the proprietor of a certain hotel in a Pennsylvania town, who the man was who seemed to have charge of the building of the street railway. After being informed that it was Mr. Ivory, he remarked: "I have seen him so often in different parts of the country that I now look for him wherever I see a street torn up and track-layers at work." Mr. Ivory has done splendid work for the Park and Falls Company, and has labored indefatigably for the success of the firm and the comfort and convenience of the public.

In 1887 Mr. Ivory was married in the city of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania,

to Miss Alice Graham, a daughter of William Graham, a well known citizen of that place, and she was a niece of Senator James L. Graham. One son was born of this union, Thomas C. The family reside on Earl street in Youngstown. Mr. Ivory gives his support to the Democratic party, as did his grandfather and father, and he holds membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

#### JOSEPH DAVIS.

The subject of this sketch, whose name is given above, has been engaged in the practice of law at Youngstown about sixteen years and has achieved a creditable standing at the bar. He has devoted himself exclusively to his profession, realizing the truth of the old maxim that the law is a "jealous mistress" and will abide no rivals. Hence he has avoided the "entangling alliances" of politics and other temptations, with the result that he has done well in business while making many friends and few enemies.

He is of Welsh extraction, his ancestors from time immemorial having been inhabitants of that portion of Great Britain so famous in history under the name of Wales. William W. has figured through the family history quite conspicuously, at least four of the ancestors having borne that name. William W. Davis, our subject's great-grandfather, held a commission as captain in the British army and was killed while fighting in one of his country's battles. His son William W., the third, was born in Wales in 1775, and was the first of the family to emigrate to America, his death occurring at Palmyra, Ohio, in 1868. He also left a son named William W., who was born in Wales in 1809, came to the United States in early manhood and became both an active and useful citizen of the Buckeye state. He was a machinist by trade, and not only an excellent workman but possessed of the organizing and executive talent. He was one of the first to establish an iron mill in Ohio, and later, when this pioneer experiment failed, he built a buggy factory at Palmyra, which he carried on in connection with farming until 1866. In that year he disposed of his buggy business and devoted his whole attention to agricultural pursuits. He was married in Wales to Jane R., daughter of Ebenezer Evans, who became the mother of his eight children, of whom the survivors are Edward O., John W., Joseph and Jane. Mrs. Davis died in 1889, and her husband, after surviving her four years, ended his busy and blameless life in 1893. Three of his sons, William W., Edward O. and John W. enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, and served honorably until discharged.

Joseph Davis, third in age of the living children, was born at Palmyra,

Portage county, Ohio, in 1850, and grew to maturity on his father's farm. He received an excellent education, and, beside the primary instruction in the local schools, he had the benefit of attendance at Hiram and Mt. Union Colleges. He finished at the latter institution in 1872, after which he engaged as a teacher in the schools at Palmyra and continued in that occupation for two years. In 1875 he secured employment with a safe manufacturing firm, and represented the company as a traveling salesman for the following five years. In 1880 he began the study of law at Palmyra, pursued it diligently for several years, and in 1886 was admitted to the bar at Columbus. Shortly thereafter he located at Youngstown, where he has since devoted himself to the uninterrupted practice of his profession.

In 1887 Mr. Davis was joined in wedlock with Miss Clara L., daughter of Theodore R. Mason, an old citizen and Civil war veteran of Palmyra, Ohio. This union has resulted in the birth of two daughters: Helen L. and Josephine M. Davis. Mr. Davis is not connected with any church organization, but is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

#### JOHN M. RYAN.

John M. Ryan is well known as a representative of the business interests of East Liverpool, where since 1885 he has been engaged in street contracting. He was born in the District of Columbia in 1852, and comes of Irish ancestry, as the family name indicates. His father, Michael Ryan, was born in county Tipperary, Ireland, in 1820, and when a young man resolved to seek his fortune in America. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic in the early forties and in 1852 became a resident of Jefferson county, Ohio. In 1869 he took up his abode in East Liverpool, where he passed his remaining days, his death occurring in the year 1890. Forty years before this, in 1850, he had been united in marriage to Honora Carney, and they became the parents of eleven children, eight of whom reached years of maturity while seven are now living, namely: John M.; Bridget, the wife of James Dugan; William E., deceased; Margaret, the wife of Thomas Pryor; Mary, the wife of John T. Kelly; Annie; Patrick G.; and Michael V. The mother of this family did not long survive her husband's death, but passed away the year following, in 1891.

John M. Ryan was brought to Ohio in his infancy, his parents locating in Jefferson county, where he remained until 1869, when he came to East Liverpool. His educational privileges were extremely meager. He was never able to attend school after he attained the age of ten years, but through practical experience, reading and observation he has greatly broadened his

knowledge. In his youth he worked in the mines, and as he advanced in years he was also advanced in the positions he occupied, because of his reliability, his diligence and his faithfulness. In 1885 he began contracting on his own account for general brick work, and has since followed this pursuit, gaining a liberal patronage because of his excellent workmanship and his fidelity to all the terms of an agreement. His life has been one of untiring industry, and it is this which has formed the foundation of his success.

In the year 1879 Mr. Ryan was united in marriage in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary L. Murray, and they have five living children: Edward J., Francis N., Helen, Thomas J. and Leo S. They also lost two children, Nora and John, who were the fourth and fifth respectively in order of birth, and who died in infancy. Mr. Ryan holds membership with the Knights of Columbus and with St. Aloysius Total Abstinence Society. In his political views he is a Republican, and, while he firmly believes in the principles of the party and does all in his power to promote its growth and success, he has never sought or desired office. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which barred his path and has reached the goal of prosperity. Widely and favorably known, his life record should serve to encourage others who are forced to enter upon a business career as he did, empty-handed and without the aid of influential friends.

#### A. C. WILSON.

A. C. Wilson was born in Shalersville, Portage county, Ohio, on the 17th of November, 1847, a son of Charles Wilson, who was born in 1809. He lived to the age of fifty-seven years, and was a prosperous farmer. His wife bore the maiden name of Esther C. Hancock, and to them were born two children beside the subject of this narrative—Corintha, the wife of J. A. M. McLeod, and Elliot Murat Wilson. The paternal great-uncle was Asa Thompson, who served long and valiantly in the American Revolution.

A. C. Wilson continued to reside at the place of his birth until he was about seventeen years of age, when he went to Hiram, Ohio, and there attended Hiram College. He afterward went to Oberlin College, in both of which he acquitted himself very creditably, and by his study and industry qualified himself for teaching. This vocation he took up at Newton Falls, Ohio, where he continued for about five years as superintendent of schools. From there he went to Seville, Ohio, again assuming the office and responsibilities of superintendent, and for about three years thereafter, at various

places, occupied other responsible positions of like character. While carrying on this arduous work he took up the study of medicine, and in 1882 was graduated in the medical department of the Wooster University at Cleveland, Ohio, after which he located in Youngstown, and in 1889 took a post-graduate course in the city of Philadelphia, under Dr. Kelley, famous in the medical world for his learning and ability. He also took a course in the Polyclinic, after which he returned to Youngstown, and about two years later took the post-graduate course at the Johns Hopkins University. Going from there in 1892 to Chicago, he began the practice of medicine in that city, and occupied the chair of theory and practice in the Harvey Medical School, which he held for about two years, after which he again returned to Youngstown, Ohio, and has since been engaged in a general and successful practice at the place.

In 1876 Mr. Wilson was married to Belle Hoffman, who six years afterward died, leaving an only child, a daughter named May Bell. In 1893 he was again married, while in Chicago, to Mathilda (Maier), widow of Joseph Weisel, with whom he has since lived very happily. Dr. Wilson is a Republican, and, while not actively engaged in politics, has always upheld the principles of the Republican party. He belongs to the Knights Templar and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of no church, but accords his hearty support to all work for the upbuilding of humanity, whether religious or not.

#### RANNALS S. BROWNLEE.

Rannals S. Brownlee, one of the successful agriculturists and large stock dealers of Mahoning county, who resides on his fine farm on sections 8 and 9 in Coitsville township, was born October 22, 1842, on an adjoining farm. He is a son of John and Jennie (Patterson) Brownlee, the former of whom was born in January, 1806, in Scotland, and died in Ohio in 1887, at the age of eighty-one years. He was a son of Joseph A. Brownlee, who died in Scotland. The mother of our subject was born in 1811, in Scotland. After marriage, about 1831, John Brownlee and wife settled on the farm where our subject was born, buying one hundred acres for seven dollars per acre, this land being but poorly improved. Later he owned two hundred acres. They had a family of seven children, and all grew to maturity except one. Margaret died at the age of fifty years; Ellen died at the age of fourteen years; Jane, widow of Emmett Marstelar, has three daughters and five sons, and lives in Mercer county, Pennsylvania; Alexander died in the army, where he contracted disease, in 1863, aged twenty-four years; James P. also died in the army; Rannals S. is the subject of this

sketch; and W. W. owns the old homestead farm, consisting of two hundred and eighty acres, and has six children. The mother of this family passed away in 1889.

Rannals S. Brownlee was reared on the farm, and obtained a good common school education. His father proposed to send him to college, but his tastes were more in the direction of an agricultural life. On May 18, 1869, he married Miss M. E. Bailey, of this township, and three children were born to this marriage, namely: Jennie E., who married W. A. Palmer of Jamestown, New York; Bessie E., who is the wife of Dr. H. Bookwater of Columbiana county, Ohio, and they have one son; and Margaret, who is a young lady at home, a graduate of the Coitsville high school, and attended Oberlin College, but did not graduate; she is highly accomplished, especially in music.

Mr. Brownlee owns one hundred and seventy acres of fine land, on which he has erected two sets of buildings and three barns. He has been engaged in stock dealing for a long period, is also a wholesale butcher and sells his meat in Youngstown. He keeps some fifteen head of cattle, three of horses, and but sixty sheep since the demand for wool has fallen off. In politics Mr. Brownlee is a Republican, and has served in a number of local offices very efficiently. He has been township trustee some four terms and assessor for two terms, and is treasurer and trustee of the Presbyterian church, to which the family belongs. The family is one which has long been most highly regarded in this locality, and is prominent in social and business life.

#### ADAM HAHN.

Adam Hahn, who is a retired farmer at North Lima, Beaver township, was born on this farm in the old house which was built by his father in 1818, the date being December 24, 1821. His father was John Hahn, who was born in 1785 in Baltimore county, Maryland. He married Sophia Lawrence, who was born in 1800 in Saxony, Germany, and came to America at the age of two years, an orphan. She was reared by Philadelphia Quakers into modest young womanhood, and was John Hahn's second wife, marrying in 1820. The first wife of John Hahn was a Miss Sponseller, and the three children of that union were: Sophia, born January 21, 1816, married J. C. Bowman and died aged eighty-two years; Henry was born in 1817 and died an octogenarian; and John, born in 1819, died in the seventies.

Our subject was the first child of the second marriage, the others being: Frederick, born in 1823, died at Green Spring, Ohio, in 1878, aged eighty years; Sarah married Jonathan Mowen and died in 1873, the first death in

the family; Elizabeth, born in 1827, married her cousin, Elias Hahn, and left two daughters, who live in Minnesota; Catherine, born in 1830, died in 1903 at Cleveland, and was buried at Lisbon, Ohio, the wife of George Ogle and the mother of four children; Andrew, born in 1833, resides in Leslie, Michigan; Emery, born in 1835, also of Michigan; and Ellen, Mrs. Snyder, of North Lima, has two daughters and two sons. The father of these children died in the spring of 1858, but his widow survived until 1886, dying aged eighty-six years. In religious belief the family was Lutheran. The ancestors, Jacob and Michael Hahn, came to America and took part in the Revolutionary war, Michael being wounded. Later he settled in the south, and one of his descendants became governor of Arkansas. Many were wealthy slaveholders.

Adam Hahn was given as good educational advantages as the time and locality afforded, and he supplemented his early instruction by a winter in the public schools after he had attained manhood, paying his way, as he was then beyond school age. He was reared to the hard work of the farm, and remained at home until 1853, when he went to Michigan and entered a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of government land, his deed being signed by President Pierce. For this land Mr. Hahn paid forty cents an acre, and the same land he sold for forty dollars an acre, which was the foundation of his fortune.

On March 6, 1855, Mr. Hahn married Mary Ann Heck, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1831, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Snook) Heck. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn lost an infant son and have two daughters, Minerva and Laura, the latter still residing at home. The former married Charles F. Stafford, who was born at North Lima and is a son of Samuel and Harriet (Werner) Stafford, the former of whom died aged sixty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Stafford reside on the farm, and they have five children, namely: Leroy Hahn, a student of high standing at Heidelberg University at Tiffin, a member of the class of 1906; Mildred Myrtle, a recent graduate from the North Lima high school; Hazel Beatrice; Vera LaRue; and Robert Bruce. For a number of years Miss Laura Hahn was one of the successful and popular teachers of this neighborhood. In politics Mr. Hahn is a Republican, and is a prominent and representative citizen. He has served as school director, and was elected a justice of the peace, the latter honor being declined. Fraternaly he belongs to the Sons of Temperance. Religiously the family is connected with the Reformed church. Few men in the township are more highly regarded for integrity of character. During many years he was a very prominent farmer and is now one of the county's capitalists.

## THOMAS PEAT.

Thomas Peat, a prominent and substantial citizen of Youngstown, Ohio, residing at 617 West Woodland avenue, was born in Staffordshire, England, April 26, 1849, and is a son of James Peat, who was born there October 21, 1820. The grandfather, James Peat, was born in the same shire in 1783, where he died aged eighty-two years. This ancestor was an engineer by profession, and had charge of engines in a large factory. He married a Miss Bowden, and they had five children, as follows: Hannah married, first, William Waters, and, second, Captain Jones; James was the father of our subject; Mary married Thomas Danks; Thomas emigrated to Troy, New York; and Isaiah still lives in England. He was one of the engineers in the building of the Great Eastern. The mother of these children survived until ninety years of age.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Ann Lawrence, but later took the name of her grandfather Cox, and on June 1, 1846, at Dudley, England, married James Peat. They lived in England until 1856, when Mr. Peat came to Saugerties, New York, with some five other capable workmen, under contract to introduce the new puddling methods in iron manufacture. Two years later he sent for his family, and they came in 1859. They resided in various iron centers in the state of New York and other parts of the country, and Mr. Peat also worked at Wyandotte, Michigan. The mother died there and is there buried. She was born March 1, 1827, and died in September, 1887. The father died in 1888 at Youngstown, but was buried by the side of his wife at Wyandotte.

Thomas Peat is the only member of his parents' family who grew to maturity. Mr. Peat was reared a mechanic and has been connected with the firm of Ward, Kay & Company for a period of thirty-seven years, the firm after a number of changes being known as the Lloyd-Booth Company, Department of the United Engineering & Foundry Company. For the past fifteen years Mr. Peat has been the efficient superintendent of this concern, having begun at the bottom of the ladder.

Mr. Peat was first married in this city to Annie Maria Morgan, who was born in Wales and was a daughter of John M. and Ann (Griffith) Morgan, old residents of Youngstown. Mrs. Peat died May 2, 1886, having been the mother of one son and two daughters, namely: Nellie, wife of John Corell; James I., a mechanical engineer having a prominent position with the American Tin Plate Company at Pittsburg; and Alice, who died aged sixteen years. The second marriage of Mr. Peat was to Sarah Cordelia Ashbaugh, who was born at Worthington, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter

of William and Eliza Ann (Weaver) Ashbaugh, one of six children born to her parents, viz.: W. N., an attorney and clerk of the board of education; Mrs. Peat; Charles C., a furrier at Detroit, Michigan; Lawrence Vernon, the owner and publisher of four newspapers, residing at St. Paul; Mable T., wife of E. O. Howard; and Homer T., of Kansas City, Missouri. All are married, and the parents still reside at Youngstown. Mrs. Peat was well educated in the schools of the localities where the business of her father called the family. By trade he is a tinner, but has also been engaged in the oil business.

Mr. and Mrs. Peat have one son, now fourteen years old, a bright and intelligent youth, still a student. Fraternally Mr. Peat is an Odd Fellow. Politically he is a Republican, and has been prominently identified with the affairs of the city, serving one term on the city council, and he was also a member of the board of trustees for the water works, a position he filled for six years. Both he and his wife are active members of the Epworth Methodist church, of which he is an official member. The present pleasant family home was built twenty-two years ago, but has since been remodeled and modernized. Mr. Peat owns other valuable property, and is one of the stockholders in the company with which he has so long and honorably been connected.

#### CARROLL THORNTON.

The Thornton family held its first seat in America in New England, and Grandfather Thornton was a native of Rhode Island, whence he came to Ohio and spent the remainder of his life in farming. His son, William Thornton, was born in 1830, and now resides in Youngstown, Ohio. He was an engineer for many years, but for the past twenty years has been engaged in farming. His wife was Julia Hamilton, and they became the parents of five children: Anson; Carrie, wife of J. M. Davis; Carroll; Charles; and Jesse.

It is with the second son of this family, Carroll, that this biography has to deal. He is a native of the city in which he has since risen to such a prominent place in business circles, and was born February 20, 1861. He remained in the public schools of the city till he was fourteen years of age, and at this early age began earning his own living by working in the bolt works of Arms, Bell and Company, where he was an industrious employe for the following six years. In 1881 he took employment with the United States Express Company as a driver of one of their wagons and continued this for seven years. In 1887 he procured advancement in this line by being made the agent for the Erie Express Company at Corry, Pennsylvania, where



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he remained five years, and then returned to Youngstown to assume the same duties here for the Wells Fargo Company. It was while he was connected with the express business that he gained an insight into the possibilities of his present enterprise, and a year after his return to Youngstown he purchased a laundry plant that had been in operation for some time, but whose trade had run down through mismanagement. Mr. Thornton at once took hold of the business with the zest characteristic of the man, and the fact that he has given every detail his personal supervision and has dealt fairly and squarely with his customers, is the ground for the success of the enterprise, which has repaid his efforts better than he ever hoped at the start. It is one of the largest laundries in operation in this section of the country, and, notwithstanding the use of the latest labor-saving machinery, eighty-two people are required to perform all the work involved. One circumstance should not be omitted in speaking of Mr. Thornton's successful business career, and that is that he owes it all to his own efforts, for he has made his own deeds and character the stepping stones to his present position.

In 1881 Mr. Thornton was married in Corry, Pennsylvania, to Miss Bertha Stewart, who died two years later, leaving one child, Josephine S. In 1899 he married in the same city Miss Ada W. Miller, whose father, Manassas Miller, was a soldier in the Civil war from the beginning to the end, and from then till his death, January 25, 1899, was a Methodist minister; her mother, Maria J. Miller, is a resident of Oil City, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton have a son, William Wallace. Mr. Thornton is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner and belongs to St. John's Commandery No. 20, at Youngstown. He also affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As to his political creed he is a Republican in national questions, but locally supports the men who, in his judgment, are the best fitted for the position to which they aspire.

#### ALEXANDER S. McCOLLUM.

Alexander S. McCollum, one of the successful farmers of Youngstown township, was born in Austintown township, April 7, 1846, and is a son of Ira McCollum, who was born on the same farm, January 17, 1810, and died January 1, 1890. Ira's father was John McCollum, one of the pioneers in Mahoning county, and was the first white settler in Austintown township in 1800. His wife was the widow Hampson *nee* Ayres. She had five children by her first marriage and five sons and two daughters by her second marriage, all of whom came to adult age. These grandparents died in ad-

vanced years, not long apart, and their remains lie at Cornersburg, in Canfield township.

The mother of our subject was formerly Hannah Kyle, and she was born on this farm in a log house at the foot of the hill, in 1808, and was a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Stewart) Kyle, who were married in Pennsylvania. Joshua Kyle was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and came to Youngstown township and settled on Mill creek, building the first saw mill in this vicinity. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 under General Harrison. His wife, Mary Stewart, was a native of Ireland, leaving that country at the age of six weeks. Some of the timbers in the dam of the sawmill, of second growth of white oak, now one hundred and five years since it was cut, are in possession of our subject and are still sound. The latter took them out of the stream some seven or eight years ago in building the bridge abutments. He has sent pieces to relatives at Kansas City, Denver, Colorado and other places. The grandfather died two years before his wife, in 1842. Their graves are in a private yard on the farm. They were good and worthy people, honored and respected. Mrs. McCollum was one of twelve children, and all grew up to manhood and womanhood.

Our subject was the sixth member of his parents' family, the others being: Harrison; Angeline, who died in 1856, aged twenty-one years; Thompson, born in 1837, died in 1898, leaving four orphan children; Mary K. is the widow of John Brickley, and has two sons and two daughters; Elizabeth was the wife of B. L. Pierce, of Niles, and died May 9, 1876, aged thirty-three; and Lois J. is the wife of James A. Raney, of Mahoningtown, Pennsylvania, and they have three sons and two daughters. The mother of this family died in the old stone house, at the age of seventy-four years. This home was built by Grandfather Kyle in 1818, and at one time he owned a tract of six hundred acres of land, and at death he left four hundred and fifty acres.

Alexander S. McCollum was reared to farm work, but was given educational opportunities at the district schools and at Hiram College. On November 19, 1868, he married Miss Mollie A. Osborn, who was born in Canfield township, April 23, 1849, and is a daughter of Abraham J. Osborn, who was born November 2, 1822, and still enjoys the blessings of health. Mr. Osborn married Harriet Strock, and they had three children, namely: Laura J., who married George Strock, and who resides on the old homestead; Mrs. McCollum; and Allen C., who died in June, 1877, at the age of twenty-four years, leaving two sons. Mrs. McCollum's mother died in 1885, aged sixty-five years.

Our subject and wife were called upon to part with one little daughter, Blanche, in 1876, at the age of ten months. The surviving children are: Edith, who is the wife of P. H. Wehr and has four children; Nora, who is the wife of Elmer Miksell; and James A. James A. was born on the same day of the month, April 7, as his father, and is now aged twenty-one years. He resides at home and is employed in the rolling mill. In politics Mr. McCollum is a stanch Republican, and has ably served the township in many positions, as assessor and on the school board. He is a man who is thoroughly respected in his community as one of its representative citizens.

### JOHN BAPTISTE HOUSTEAU.

John Baptiste Housteau, a merchant tailor at Youngstown, Ohio, erected his large residence in 1886 at 1011 Mahoning avenue. He was born on the Rhine, in France, June 15, 1821, and is a son of John Housteau, who was born also in France, in 1749, and died at Toronto, Canada, aged one hundred and fourteen years. He was married five times, and our subject remembers seven of twelve children, the three now surviving being himself and a brother and sister: Mrs. Jane Wade, who resides at Muscoda, Wisconsin, aged one hundred and four years, still retaining her faculties, the mother of a large family; and Edward, two years his junior, a resident of North Dakota.

Our subject escaped from his home in Paris as a stowaway on a ship, when only nine years old. In the spring of 1831 he landed at New York, and he can recall the time when the present site of Castle Garden was but a swamp and morass. He attended the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill monument, and he can recall the time when not a single railroad crossed the state of New York. His life has been full of adventure, and he has seen much military service. He belonged, as lieutenant, to Company I, Thirteenth New York Regulars, in the Seminole war in Florida, and was captain of the first Zouave regiment organized in New York for service in the Civil war, and raised the first company. He served all through the war and arose to the rank of colonel and acting brigadier general, being promoted for gallantry.

On April 19, 1870, he married Miss Stephenia Siefert, who was born in 1850, near Baden Baden, Germany, and is a daughter of Fabian and Agnes (Unser) Siefert. Five children have been born to them: John Augustus, a paper-hanger in this city, has one son; Joseph Lamartine Grant is the cutter and manager of the tailoring establishment at 45 North Phillip street, and has two children; Carrie Agnes is the wife of James Bright; Fabian Con-

stantine is a rail inspector in the iron mill; and Jeanette Stephenia, a bright high school student in the class of 1905.

Mr. Housteau was engaged in New York as a clothing manufacturer from 1870 to 1875, and was cutter in a large establishment. He came first to Youngstown in 1869, and has owned stores here at various times, but since 1886 has been permanently located here.

Few men have had more adventurous lives than General Housteau, and few at the age of eighty-two years could show so few scars. He suffers from a weakness of eyesight, but otherwise is as hale and vigorous as a man of sixty-five. His long service in the Civil war and its attendant trials left him incapacitated for a short time, and it seems as if he must have led a charmed life to have escaped death on many occasions. He lived through several months at the prison pen of Andersonville under sentence of death, but finally escaped. He has never accepted office, although he has always been active in political work. Despite his age he was made grand marshal and took twelve thousand men to Canton during the McKinley campaign. Fraternally he is a member of the orders of Elks and Knights of Pythias. He organized Tod Post No. 27, G. A. R., and is one of the vice commanders.

#### IRA R. HAZEN.

Ira R. Hazen, a prominent agriculturist and stock-breeder, located on the Highland View stock farm near Youngstown, Ohio, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1862, and is a son of Smith M. Hazen, a resident of Beaver county, who was also born on the old farm on which his father settled. This was academy land, and cost thirty-seven cents an acre.

Grandfather Samuel Hazen was born in 1791 and died in 1856, and was a son of a Revolutionary soldier. The family is probably of German extraction. The mother of our subject was Mary A. Nye, and she was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1835, and is a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Seth) Nye, farming people on the land where Ellwood City now stands. The Nye family came from England. The parents of our subject were married March 5, 1857, and six of their seven children are still living, one daughter, Ora, dying aged two years. The others are: Edwin P. resides at Fort Madison, Iowa, engaged in business as a dentist, and has two daughters; Elwin S. is a leading farmer of Beaver county, Pennsylvania; Ira R., of this sketch; Austin P. is a farmer in Beaver county and has one daughter; Samuel Grant, named for General Grant, lives on the

old homestead farm of one hundred and forty acres, and has one son; and Bertha A., who is the wife of R. G. Brown, of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, has six children. The parents of these children reside on a portion of the old farm in a handsome brick residence built in 1835, Mr. Hazen being one of the wealthiest farmers in the locality. He assisted his sons when they started out for themselves, and has the satisfaction of knowing that all are well established and have become men of means and importance. The Hazen family has been noted for its strict adherence both to the tenets of the Baptist church and to the principles of the Republican party. Smith Hazen has very often been urged to accept public office, but he has never consented, although he has long been on familiar terms with some of the great leaders in his state, notably Senator Quay, who from his early years has been a welcome guest.

Ira R. Hazen was educated in the common schools and the old Beaver Academy, and taught one term at the age of eighteen. All the children had educational advantages, and Edwin graduated at Geneva College and owned one-half of the American Dental College in Chicago. He has a fine office and several men in his employ. Our subject remained at home until near his majority and then went on a trip, partly of business and partly for pleasure and sight-seeing, through Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory and Nebraska, remaining away two years.

On January 22, 1890, Mr. Hazen married Miss Elzena Whitmer, who is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Zeigler) Whitmer, who still reside on their small farm near Youngstown. Our subject and wife reside on the old homestead farm where Mrs. Hazen was born, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres, which grandfather Whitmer settled on when he came from New Jersey sixty years ago. Mr. Hazen does general farming and takes much pride in his fine Holstein cattle. He keeps about twenty head of cows, and disposes of milk to a neighboring creamery, of which he was one of the leading promoters. The old brick residence is in good repair, and it is Mr. Hazen's custom to improve both house and grounds every year. It is an ideal country home for two very interesting children, Miss Flossie, born April 1, 1891, a bright student with musical ability; and Samuel S., born December 17, 1892, a manly young American of the best type. Mr. Hazen has served three years as township trustee, but is no aspirant for office of any kind. He is a staunch Republican because he believes in the principles of that party. Both he and wife are members of the Reformed church. The family is one of the solid, intelligent and representative ones of the county.

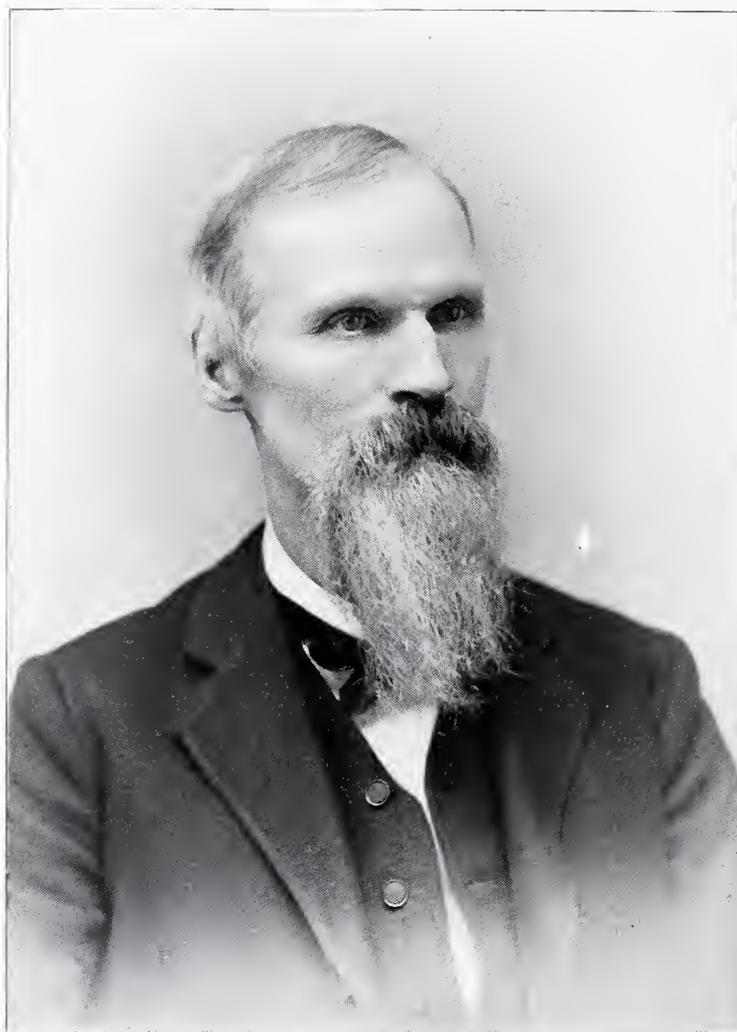
## MRS. ELLEN (SHEEHY) WILSON.

Mrs. Ellen (Sheehy) Wilson, of Youngstown, Ohio, is the widow of the late George C. Wilson, who died at his pleasant rural home in this city, June 10, 1897, aged sixty-two years. Mr. Wilson was a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and was born January 12, 1835. His father was Edwin Wilson and his mother Nancy Moore, both members of respected families of the north of Ireland. His grandfather was born on the ocean while the family was en route for America. Mr. Wilson was reared on his father's farm until the age of twelve, when he began caring for himself, and was a self-made man. In 1856 he first met the highly esteemed lady whose name heads this sketch, and they were united in marriage in 1859.

Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of John Young Sheehy and Anna (Kimmel) Sheehy, the former of whom was born on this farm in 1805 and the latter at Brier Hill, Youngstown, in 1809, on the Kimmel farm. The parents married in 1828 and spent all their lives here in the peaceful employments of agriculture. The father died in May, 1844, aged thirty-nine years, leaving his widow with five children, namely: Robert, who died in April, 1900, on Belmont avenue, leaving two sons, John Y. Sheehy and William W. Sheehy; Ellen, Mrs. Wilson of this sketch; Lois first married Charles Medbury and had one son, Frank Barclay Medbury, and married, second, J. W. Ross; Annie married T. J. Lewis, of Youngstown; Daniel, Jr., resides on Wilson avenue, and has sons, Daniel C. and George W. The mother of these children married twice more, first, Joseph Kennedy, and, third, Alexander Truesdale, the avenue of this name having been named in her honor, as was Wilson avenue in honor of George C. Wilson. The mother died January 26, 1892, aged eighty-two years.

George C. Wilson was never a man of robust constitution, and was not able to enter the army as a fighter during the Civil war, but he was no less useful as a faithful worker in the paymaster's department, and later was transferred to the quartermaster's office, and had full charge of all river transportation at Louisville, Kentucky, during the war. Many years of his life were spent at Louisville, Kentucky, and from there they came in April, 1866, to the old home farm. The farm of fifty-three acres was Mrs. Wilson's father's share of the four hundred her grandfather owned. He was a surveyor and helped to survey the lands of this county for the Connecticut Company, and took up or bargained for one thousand acres, but secured only four hundred, as that was all he could get a good title for. Much of this old home farm has been bought by the railroad company, and the indications are that it is all doomed to the same purpose, when Mrs.





*Geo. C. Wilson*



Mrs Geo. C. Wilson



Wilson and her daughter will reluctantly leave this beautiful old spot with its charming surroundings of shade and fruit.

Mrs. Wilson's mother was a woman of mental, moral and physical strength, and transmitted many of her characteristics to her children. Mrs. Wilson has but one heir, a foster daughter, Elizabeth Thomas Wilson, who was born in Wales at Blanford, Monmouthshire, and came to America when a little girl. Her mother died leaving four children, and her father brought his little daughters to this country. She is a noble woman and a tender daughter and companion to Mrs. Wilson. During years of invalid life, when Mr. Wilson needed much loving care and attention, she vied with her foster mother in giving it, and increased the affection they long ago had learned to have for her. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson belonged for years to the First Presbyterian church. Fraternally he was a Master Mason, and that order took charge of his funeral obsequies.

#### JEREMIAH AND WILLIAM CREPS.

Jeremiah and William Creps are twin brothers, and are counted among the prominent and successful farmers of Beaver township, Mahoning county. They were born December 26, 1834, in York county, Pennsylvania, and they were sons of George Creps, who was born April 3, 1799. The latter died in April, 1882, aged eighty-three years, and was a son of George Creps, who was born in Germany. Grandfather Creps was a soldier in the war of 1812 and later was a successful farmer. He was a devout Lutheran in religious faith. His seven children were the following: John, who lived to be more than eighty years old; Mrs. Elizabeth Groff reared five children and lived into the eighties; Ludwig; Samuel; David; George; and Katie, all of whom were noted for longevity.

The mother of these twin brothers was Susan Groff, who was born in York county, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1801, and died in 1876. She was the mother of eight children, of whom three died young, and there were two sets of twins. Leah was born February 15, 1824, and is the widow of Adam Condo, who died in 1863, aged forty years, leaving two sons and two daughters; twin infants died in infancy; George W., born December 20, 1829, died in 1869, a bachelor; Jeremiah and William, of this sketch; and Jacob, born July 17, 1836, who gave his life for his country on the bloody field of Chickamauga, and fills an unnamed grave, but he is not forgotten. George and Susan (Groff) Creps were married May 15, 1823, and settled in Beaver township in 1836, two miles west of Youngstown. Although they were in humble circumstances, they were honest and

industrious people, and sent several of their sons to fight for their country. Their daughter, Mrs. Leah Condo, is well known in this locality and is much esteemed. She lost her oldest child, Susan, at the age of five years, but has three surviving: George, a fine specimen of manhood, who resides in Beaver township; Jacob, of North Lima; and Sarah, at home. They reside on the fertile farm of eighty-three acres, which is the property of all. In religious belief they all are Lutherans.

Jeremiah Creps was a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the following battles: Franklin, Tennessee; Chickamauga; Missionary Ridge; Dandridge, Tennessee; Rocky Face Ridge; Resaca; Adairsville, Georgia; Cassville, Georgia; New Hope Church; Pine Mountain; Muddy Creek; Kenesaw Mountain; Peach Tree Creek; siege of Atlanta; Jonesboro, Georgia; Lovejoy Station, Louisiana; Spring Hill Farm; and Nashville. At the battle of Chickamauga he suffered a wound in the knee from an explosion, and this has given him rheumatic trouble ever since. Mr. Creps possesses a noble record for long service and bravery, which is recognized by the government by awarding him a pension of seventeen dollars a month.

William Creps married Katie Winans, who died in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 15, 1900, aged seventy years, leaving one daughter, Lestie, who is the wife of Fred Foltzure, of Cleveland.

#### JOHN MOHERMAN.

John Moherman, a highly respected farmer of Jackson township, Mahoning county, was born in this county and is a son of John Moherman, who was born in 1804 in Austintown township. The latter was a son of Frederick Moherman, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, about 1778, and married Mary Horn. They reared nine children, as follows: John; Abraham; Daniel; Robert; Austin; Winchester, now a resident of Austintown township (see his sketch in this volume); Ann, wife of Leonard Woodward; Rachel, wife of George Lynn; and Mary, who died aged nineteen years. Frederick Moherman was a man of property at the time of the Revolutionary war and removed from Maryland to Washington county, Pennsylvania, when sixteen years of age, and came to Austintown township in company with a family named Park to view land. He subsequently returned and purchased one hundred and fifty acres in the southeast corner of the township, and then went back to Washington county and married, finally settling on his Ohio farm. At that time Indians and wild animals were still numerous, and there were yet few white settlers. There were no roads

through the forests, nor mills where they could grind their corn. Their little rude log cabin was isolated, as there was then no county seat or township bounds established. Here amid the most primitive conditions a large family was reared and taught the value of industry and economy.

John Moherman, the eldest son, was born in 1804, and his wife, Mary Cassidy, in 1805, in Newton township, Sussex county, New Jersey. They married in 1835, and reared two sons and two daughters. The business followed was of an agricultural nature, and their crops proved bounteous and their cattle multiplied until they became people of large means for the times. Mr. Moherman owned five farms aggregating about eight hundred acres. The mother of our subject died in middle age, and the father some years later. In politics he was a Democrat during the administration of Andrew Jackson, but later adopted the principles of the Republican party. He gave his children as good educational opportunities as he could, and assisted them to start in life, and they have all prospered.

Mr. Moherman of this sketch is known as one of the able and successful farmers of this locality, and he owns three farms noted for their cultivation and the excellent improvements upon them. He has engaged in mixed husbandry, and deserves the reputation he enjoys of being one of the best farmers in the county. Mr. Moherman married Miss Lida Woodward, a cousin, and two children were born to them, namely: Ward, a young man assisting his father at home; and Mary, whose young life ended at the age of sixteen years. In politics Mr. Moherman is a Republican.

#### JACOB SIMON.

Jacob Simon, a well known agriculturist of Youngstown township, was born in Boardman township, November 9, 1827. He is a son of Abraham Simon, who was born in December, 1794, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and died in Boardman township at the age of seventy-six years. His father, Michael Simon, was born on the ocean, about 1746, and died in 1844, aged ninety-eight years and six months. This patriarch foresaw his death, asking, one day, while in usual health, that his children might be gathered about him, and when they came, he calmly said farewell, and passed away. He was a man of large means, and reared a numerous family from four marriages. Henry Simon, father of our subject, with a brother, were the children of his last wife. Longevity was notable in this family, one uncle of our subject living to the age of ninety-two years, and one aunt to the age of one hundred and six years.

The mother of Mr. Simon was Catherine Crouse, and she was born

March 13, 1799, in Beaver township, and was a daughter of Joseph Crouse. Solomon, the first child of the parents of our subject, was born November 5, 1820, and died in Wood county, Ohio, in 1895. The other members of the family were: John, born January 1, 1823, is a farmer in Boardman township; Michael, born December 10, 1825, died in the fall of 1902; Jacob, of this sketch; Harriet is the widow Connor, and has one daughter and two sons; Elizabeth is the widow of Jacob Bailey, a large farmer; Martha married George Hornical, of Boardman township, and they have one daughter; Delilah is the widow of Azrean, of the same township; and Joshua, of Boardman township, has two daughters and five sons.

In 1855 Jacob Simon came to his present farm, having married Miss Clarissa Osborn on December 20th. She was born in Jackson township, and is a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Chryst) Osborn, who came here from Virginia in 1804. The father was born in 1802, and was a son of Anthony Osborn, who was born in Virginia in 1769. The original Osborn family came from England in the persons of three brothers. One son remained at home, and the property finally fell into chancery, and the heirs never received any portion of it.

Mr. Simon bought this farm of one hundred and forty acres, fifty-two years ago, paying thirty-three dollars per acre. He has brought it to a very fine state of cultivation, by the use of rotation of crops and good machinery, abundant fertilization and careful methods. His crops compare favorably with any in the state, while his large barns and comfortable residence give an air of prosperity to all his surroundings.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon, namely: Enos G., who was born April 20, 1857; and Sabilla. The former lost his sight at the age of fourteen years, but in spite of this affliction is a very intelligent man, cheerful in spirit and valued in his family and community. Like many others who have been deprived of sight, his other senses have been remarkably developed. He married Charlotte Rogers, and they have two daughters. Sabilla Simon married Noble Detchon, of Youngstown, and they have two daughters. Of the Reformed church in religious views, and of the Republican party in politics, Mr. Simon is one of the best representative men of his locality.

#### CAPTAIN DAVID RICHART.

One of the old-time residents of Youngstown, Ohio, one who has survived the raging moil of battle and likewise the ravages of father time, and who has an honorable record in all the departments of life in which he has been called to serve, is Captain David Richart. He might well be termed

a gentleman of the old school, and his popularity among all classes and citizens of Youngstown marks how well he has fulfilled life's early promises and how he has caused the beautiful bloom of hope to remain unseared by time's advance. Captain Richart as a veteran of the Civil war is a member of the Loyal Legion of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is at present living a retired life with his sister, Mrs. Juliet Ellis, and they are both enjoying the utmost regard of many friends and acquaintances. Mrs. Ellis is the widow of the late J. N. Ellis, one of the prominent and honorable business men of Youngstown.

#### NORMAN RIPPLE.

Norman Ripple, who follows the business of blacksmith at Youngstown, was born in Jackson township, September 16, 1849, and is a son of William Ripple, who was born December 13, 1827, and died on his seventy-first birthday, and a grandson of John Ripple, who was born in 1781 in Pennsylvania, east of the mountains, and died in 1867. The mother of our subject was Emily Shafer and was a daughter of Jacob Shafer, who was a pioneer from Pennsylvania to this section. The mother was born June 9, 1828, and was married in Jackson township. Mr. Ripple is one of four children, as follows: Norman, of this sketch; Mary E., born in September, 1851, is the widow of Frank Parks, of Youngstown, and has two sons; Caroline is the wife of John Gilchrist, of Warren, Ohio, and has nine children; and Charles F., who was born in 1857, died November 26, 1897. A curious coincidence is that all these children were born in September and on a Sabbath. The mother died February 14, 1897, and the father December 13, 1898.

Norman Ripple came to Youngstown, November 24, 1869. He shod his first horse that day, having had no apprenticeship, and he has continued in business ever since at 125 West Commerce street. He is regarded as one of the experts in his line, and now employs three helpers and has many of the best customers in the city.

Mr. Ripple was married September 28, 1882, to Miss Carrie Miller, who was born in Youngstown and is a daughter of Francis and Louisa (Hoffman) Miller, both of whom were born in Germany and came to Youngstown in 1851 and married in 1854. The father was a clothing merchant, and was a prominent citizen of Youngstown, a member of the city council and for two terms its president. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had five children, namely: William A.; Theodore F., of Youngstown; Carrie, Mrs. Ripple; Henry; and Frank E., who resides here and has one son. The mother still survives at the age of seventy years. The children of Mr. and

Mrs. Ripple are: Bessie and Grace E., both of whom are graduates of the public schools and are talented in oil and china painting; and Edith, Frank and Florence, all students.

In politics Mr. Ripple is a Republican, but he has neither sought nor accepted office. He owns a pleasant residence at 25 West Rayen street, and in the rear, fronting Wood street, he has a very large boarding barn, sixty-five by one hundred feet in dimensions. He also owns his shop and has a very fine trade. This is a good showing for one who began poor and has made his own way in the world. Better than that, he enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens on account of his promptness and the fine quality of the work he turns out. Fraternaly he belongs to the orders of United Workmen, Ben Hur and Woodmen of the World. He has many friends, and has a family which reflects much credit upon him. He has given his children educational advantages and in every way has been a first-class and representative citizen, and a promoter of the industrial prosperity of Youngstown.

#### FRANK MILLER.

Frank Miller, who follows the business of horse-shoeing at 25 Sixth street, Youngstown, was born in Poland township, March 13, 1856, and is a son of Alexander Miller, who was born in 1824 in Philadelphia and died in this city in 1900. The grandfather was Joseph Miller, who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1795, and died aged eighty-one years in this city. He married in Ireland, and his first child was born on the Atlantic Ocean. The grandmother died aged fifty-six years, and he passed his last days with his sons. He was the first cash purchaser of a farm in Mahoning county, in 1828 buying what is now known as the Cyrus Detchon farm. His first work in Philadelphia was in a stage office, handling baggage. He had five children, two sons and three daughters.

The mother of our subject was Mary Hollibaugh, who was born near Pulaski, Pennsylvania. Three children were born to Alexander Miller and wife, one son and two daughters, as follows: Anna is the wife of David Evans, of Youngstown, and they have two living children; Jennie is the wife of David McElvey; and our subject. The parents sold the farm and came to Youngstown in 1863, buying a home on Boardman street, where Mr. Miller followed his trade of shoemaking. The mother died in 1894, aged fifty-six years, and the father, October 31, 1900.

Frank Miller was reared on the farm until eighteen years old, and had rather limited school advantages. After coming to Youngstown he went with Sheldon Jacobs to learn shoeing of horses and general blacksmith work,

and remained three years. He has made a specialty of horse-shoeing, and has few equals in this section. Mr. Miller now has a good shop and a fine trade of his own, and gives constant employment to two skilled workmen. It is located in a convenient portion of the city, and he numbers among his patrons many owners of some of the most valuable animals in the county. In 1902 he bought his comfortable residence at 1806 South Market street.

On September 9, 1876, he married Miss Wealthy Simpkins, who was born at Orangeville, Ohio, in 1861, and is a daughter of the late esteemed Robert J. Simpkins, who died here in 1891 aged sixty-four years. He is survived by his widow and four children. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller are: Lottie, wife of James Cooper, has two children; Ruby a bookkeeper, at home; and Irma, who is still a student. Mr. Miller belongs to the order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the encampment. He was reared in the Democratic faith, but has been identified with the Republican party for some time, and was a supporter of the late President McKinley, whose sister was once his school teacher. The family belongs to the Christian church.

#### WILLIAM H. LOLLER.

There are occupations in life which partake of the heroic. No one who has ever been a victim of fire, that agency of nature so beneficent when controlled, so absolutely fiendish when allowed its full sway, can ever listen to the loud alarm of the fire bell as it awakes night's echoes without feeling keen distress until the finished call locates the blaze far away in another part of the city. The knowledge that the fire department of the city is efficient and effective in the most trying situations does much to allay this feeling of nervousness on the part of citizens, for they know that the chances are against an extended conflagration. Youngstown's fire department is her pride, and at the head of it as chief is William H. Loller, a young man, but who combines with the vigor that comes with youth the qualities of age.

He was born July 26, 1863, at Millville, New Jersey, and at the age of two years came with his parents to Clayton, in the same state, where he was reared to man's estate. He received an excellent common school education in the public schools of that city, which was supplemented later by a course at the Clayton Academy, where he graduated in 1882. Beginning life for himself he left home and went to Philadelphia, where he secured a position in a dry-goods store as clerk. He followed this business for two years, but it was not of such a nature as to satisfy a disposition which demanded more life and action, as did his. He therefore left the business, and for several years wandered about the country in search of more exciting work.

In 1884 he came to Youngstown, Ohio, and secured a position with the Mahoning Gas Fuel Company, having in his wanderings become somewhat acquainted with the gas-fitting business. He continued with them for a period of two years. During this time he had taken a great interest in the volunteer fire department of the city. It is, and was then the custom to draw the members of the regular department from the volunteer fire department, selecting the best men among the volunteers. In 1888 he came into the paid department, and since that time has been on the force. His first work in the department was as a hoseman, and in June, 1900, he was made a captain. His present appointment as chief of the department dates from May 1, 1901.

Chief Loller was married in Youngstown in 1890 to Sarah, daughter of William D. Edwards. In political belief Mr. Loller is a Republican, the only "black sheep," however, in the family, as all of the people of the family on both sides have always been Democrats. Socially he affiliates with the Elks, and is a chapter and Royal Arch Mason, and is an honored member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

The family of which our subject is a worthy member were New Jersey people, his grandfather, James Loller, having been born in that state in 1802. He followed the sea, being captain of a vessel, and was drowned in a terrible storm off the island of Cuba. His son, the father of our subject, was also named James, and was born in Tuckahoe, New Jersey, in 1825, and died in the village of Clayton, New Jersey, in 1882. He was a glass-blower by trade, and had gone into the hotel business some time prior to his death. He married, in 1854, Beatrice Maley, to whom were born three children: George, deceased; Flora R., wife of Howard Gray, of Millville, New Jersey; and William H., the subject of this sketch. The mother of this family is still living, residing at Clayton, New Jersey.

#### REES L. JONES.

The gentleman above mentioned, who for many years has been one of the foremost citizens of Youngstown, is a contribution to America from the ancient land of Wales, which, though it has not sent so many emigrants as some other countries have, makes up in quality for any lack in quantity. Wherever the Welsh are found they prove good and industrious citizens, being especially useful in the mechanic arts, in several lines of which Wales has long been famous. And it may truthfully be said that that worthy little country has never contributed a more worthy son to the citizenship of any community than Mr. Jones, whose career forms the subject of this biography.



Reed L. Jones



Rees L. Jones was born in Dowlais, Glamorganshire, South Wales, October 1, 1849, and when about six years old went with his parents to Middlesborough, Yorkshire, England. His father, John M. Jones, died December 8, 1865, while a resident of the place last named, and in 1867 his widow, accompanied by her children, emigrated to America. They located at Norristown, Pennsylvania, where Rees L. obtained employment in the rolling mill of Colonel William Schall and Sons, and remained there four years. From that point he went to Philadelphia and worked in a rolling mill there from 1871 to 1879. His next move was to Bay View, Wisconsin, where he held the position of roller for the Bay View Rolling Mill Company, but he remained there only a few months and in 1880 came to Youngstown, which was to prove the scene of his future activity. He first entered the employ of the Brown-Bonnell Iron Company in the capacity of roller on a twenty-two inch mill, was later transferred to an eighteen-inch mill in the same capacity, and one year afterward to a twelve-inch mill, where he served with credit to the company and distinction to himself for twenty-one years, the length of service itself being a glowing testimonial to his steady and industrious character. He left this employment to enter upon his duties with the Valley Works of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, where he is employed at present in one of the more responsible positions and is adding to his already excellent success.

Aside from his regular duties he has figured conspicuously and usefully in the educational, social and business life of the community. In 1889 he was elected to the city council from the third ward, and his two years' service amply proved his aptitude for public business. In 1893 he was made a member of the board of education, and served in that capacity most acceptably for five terms, during two of which he held the position of president of the board. Mr. Jones was one of the incorporators of the Dollar Savings & Trust Company, also an incorporator of the Brown-Bonnell Relief Association, organized to relieve the injured and bury the dead. His mother died in Philadelphia shortly after her emigration to this country, and of her ten children only two survive besides himself. These are John M. Jones and a sister named Jane, who is now the wife of James N. Clayton, of Norristown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Jones is a member of the firm of Jones and Beynon, retail meat dealers, who carry on an extensive business on the south side. He has not only shown great ability in the particular industry to which he has devoted so many years of his life, but has, in various transactions, evidenced good business judgment and foresight. On more than one occasion he has displayed qualities of unselfish heroism which should place him among

the world's elect and chosen. Only two or three years ago he succeeded in shutting down a runaway engine, at the imminent risk of his own life, and thus saved much property to the company and averted disaster to many lives.

In 1871 Mr. Jones was married at Norristown, Pennsylvania, to Mary V. Erwin, by whom he had the following children: Meredith T., who follows the same line of business as his father; Daniel E., who is the foreman roll turner of the Valley Works of the Republic Iron and Steel Company; Elizabeth, a graduate of music and a professional pianist, is the wife of Thomas J. Helrigle, Jr.; and Margaret is the wife of William N. Saxton, a cousin of Mrs. William McKinley. Mr. Jones' second marriage was with Alice M. Moran, by whom there is one child, John Clayton. In addition to his own children, Mr. Jones has an adopted son, whom he named after himself, Rees L. Jones. His religious affiliations are with the First Baptist church at Youngstown. He is a member of Western Star Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter No. 93; and St. John's Commandery No. 20, K. T. In 1877 he became a member of Delaware Lodge No. 42, A. A. I. S. & T. W., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and since 1880 has been a member of Youngstown Lodge No. 14, of this order. He was its treasurer, in which position he served for five years, and was the president for seven terms and represented Youngstown Lodge in the national convention five times. He is also a past chief ranger of the Foresters of the World. Whether in business, among the fraternities, or in church or social affairs, no man stands higher at Youngstown than Rees L. Jones.

#### JOHN McVEAN.

For forty years Mr. John McVean has been contracting for the large firm of Brown-Bonnel Company of Youngstown, a record not often surpassed by even the most persevering of men, and if one were to seek some cause outside of inherent character for this rather extraordinary career, the fact that Mr. McVean is the son of Scotch parents might account in some measure for such persistent and unremitting effort along one line; and, not to spoil the moral sequel, it is gratifying to mention that Mr. McVean has profited in an unusual degree by this course of single-minded endeavor, and can be counted among those to whom fortune has given an unwonted amount of material prosperity.

The worthy parents mentioned above were Donald McVean, born at Edinburg, Scotland, and Catherine McGregor, of a Highland Scotch family. They came to Canada about 1845, and to Youngstown, Ohio, in 1862. Don-

ald McVean was a farmer, and died in Youngstown in 1879, while his wife passed away at the age of fifty-four years, both having been consistent members of the Methodist church. Of their children, Jessie died in Canada at the age of eleven years, but the others came to the United States, and are as follows: Catherine, who married in Canada, died leaving a family; Archibald went to the far west about 1865; Elizabeth resides in Youngstown; Alexander died in Youngstown, leaving a family; John is the subject of this biography; James is a resident of Niles, Ohio; Christine is the wife of John Williams, of this county; and Daniel died in Youngstown, leaving a family.

John McVean was born in Canada, March 7, 1848, and enjoyed a fair amount of schooling in Canada and in Youngstown. The year following the arrival of his parents in the latter place, in 1863, he entered the Brown-Bonnel rolling mill, and the month of August, 1903, completes his forty years' continuous service for the company. During much of this time he has had about fifty men under his charge, and, in view of the labor disturbances which are constantly upsetting the industrial situation, it is highly complimentary to Mr. McVean's management that he and his men have never yet had a serious misunderstanding or mishap. Mr. McVean has acquired ample means, and of late years has indulged his love of outdoor life by running a farm and raising stock. In 1896 he erected his present nice residence at 108 Lane avenue, and is also the owner of the Pleasant View stock farm, of one hundred acres in Coitsville township, and one of the best places of the kind in the vicinity. In 1897 he completed a large stock barn, forty by seventy, with a basement, and the visitor would at once be struck with the evidences of progress and modern advancement in everything about the farm. He has a number of high-grade shorthorn and registered Jerseys on his place, and a number of premiums have been awarded his herds when placed on exhibition. Besides the horses which he keeps on the farm, he uses about twenty-eight in his business in the city.

Mr. McVean remained at his parents' home until September 21, 1874, which was the date of his marriage to Miss Mary Jane Raleigh, who is a native of Rome, New York. Her parents were Richard and Margaret (Smith) Raleigh, the former of whom was born in county Limerick, Ireland, and the latter in Canada. They were married at Rome, New York, in April, 1855, and in 1867 Mr. Raleigh went to Kansas and was killed there by the Indians. His widow, left with five children and without means, showed her true nobility and strength of spirit by keeping the family together, despite the threatenings of poverty, and succeeded in giving them all a fair education, for which they will always revere her name and call her blessed.

She lived to see this task accomplished, and died in 1889 at the age of fifty-two. Her five children were: Mary Jane, who became Mrs. McVean; Morris, of Warren, Ohio; Ellen, of Youngstown; Margaret, who married Patrick O'Mara, of this city, and has five children; and Emmet, who died at the age of twenty-eight, unmarried.

Twelve children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McVean, as follows: Margaret, the wife of Dr. J. P. Kenney; Jessie, at home; John graduated from Pittsburg Holy Ghost College in the classical course, and is now a chemist in the blast furnace for the Republic Iron and Steel Company; Mary is a graduate from the Ursuline Academy, Villa Angela, Nottingham, Ohio; Donald is a machinist with the Republic Iron and Steel Company; Raymond; Joseph; Ruth; and Edward; all of whom live at home with the exception of the married daughter, and the three deceased children are Richard, Helen and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. McVean still have all the appearances of youth and vigor notwithstanding the labor of the passing years, and they have a most pleasant and hospitable home, where reign peace, plenty, cheerfulness and contentment. Mr. McVean is an independent voter, and at various times has cast his ballot for the Democratic, Republican and Prohibition parties. He, with his family, is now a member of the Catholic church, and they enjoy fully the respect of the entire community.

#### FRANK S. MERWIN, M. D.

The subject of this review has attained prestige in his chosen profession, and as one of the able representatives of the same he merits specific recognition in the list of those sterling physicians and surgeons whose careers come up for consideration in this volume. The Doctor is established in the practice of his profession in the city of Youngstown, Mahoning county, and here his ability has not failed of marked appreciation, for he controls a clientele of distinctively representative character.

Dr. Merwin was born in the village of Nelson, Portage county, Ohio, on the 29th of September, 1868, and he is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the Buckeye state. His paternal grandfather, Leland P. Merwin, was a native of Onondaga county, New York, where he was born in the year 1803, and there he was reared to the age of eighteen years, when, in 1821, he set forth to seek his fortunes in the wilds of Portage county, Ohio, where he entered a tract of government land, heavily timbered. He reclaimed and placed under effective cultivation a good farm, becoming one of the successful and influential men of his locality. He passed the rest of his life on his homestead, where he died in the year 1886, at the venerable

age of eighty-three years. He ever commanded the confidence and esteem of those who knew him, being a man of strong individuality, utmost sincerity and sterling character. In 1824 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary King, and they became the parents of fifteen children, of whom three sons and four daughters are living at the present time. The Merwin family was established in New England in the colonial epoch, the original American ancestors having come hither from England. The great-grandfather of the Doctor was Jesse Merwin, who was born in Connecticut, and who removed thence to the state of New York, where his death occurred.

Van Buren Merwin, the father of the Doctor, was born in Nelson, Portage county, on the 12th of January, 1837, and he was there reared and educated, having assisted his father in the clearing and improving of the homestead farm. In 1889 he removed to Brookfield township, Trumbull county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for a period of six years, after which he was similarly engaged in Vienna township, that county, for about an equal interval of time. In 1881 he removed to Youngstown, and here he is now incumbent of a position in the works of the American Bridge Company, representing one of the important industrial enterprises of the state. On the 1st of January, 1867, Van Buren Merwin was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Dilley, daughter of Samuel Dilley, who was a prominent farmer of Portage county, and of this union were born four children, of whom two survive, Frank S., the immediate subject of this sketch; and William C., who is a resident of Youngstown, Ohio, where he is engaged in the electrical works.

It should be noted in this connection that the father of the Doctor rendered valiant service in support of the Union during the dark and stormy epoch of the war of the rebellion. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and proceeded to the front with his command, with which he was in active service until 1865. At Keller's Bridge, West Virginia, he was captured by the Confederate forces under General John H. Morgan, and he was held as a prisoner for some months. He continued in service thereafter until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge, being mustered out at Sandusky, Ohio, in September, 1865.

Dr. Frank S. Merwin was but one year of age at the time when his parents removed from Portage county to Trumbull county, and there he grew up under the invigorating discipline of the farm, waxing strong in mental and physical vigor and securing his early educational training in the country schools. Upon the removal of the family to Youngstown, in 1881,

he continued his studies in the excellent public schools, being graduated in the high school as a member of the class of 1886. He was thereafter engaged in farm work and clerking at intervals until 1889, when, in harmony with his clearly defined plans for his future life work, he matriculated in the medical department of the Western Reserve University, in the city of Cleveland, where he completed a thorough technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1893, receiving his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thus thoroughly fortified for the work of his chosen profession, Dr. Merwin returned to his home in Youngstown and established himself in general practice as a physician and surgeon. He has been very successful in the building up of a general practice, and takes rank among the able and popular representatives of his profession in Mahoning county. He holds membership in the State and County Medical Societies, and is known as a close and appreciative student of the sciences to which he is devoting his attention, keeping in touch with the advances made and utilizing in a discriminating way such methods and remedial agents as meet the approval of his judgment.

In politics the Doctor gives a staunch allegiance to the Republican party, and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Christian or Disciples church, while fraternally he is a valued member of both the lodge and canton of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Knights of Pythias and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In his home city, on the 4th of April, 1894, Dr. Merwin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Barclay, daughter of Robert Barclay, and she died in 1896, leaving one son, Clayton B. On the 28th of November, 1900, the Doctor married Miss Nellie Turner, daughter of Edward H. Turner, a well known and honored citizen of Youngstown. The Doctor and Mrs. Merwin take a prominent part in the social life of their home city, where their friends are in number as their acquaintances.

#### WILLIAM ROSS CLARK, M. D.

During his fourteen years' residence in East Liverpool Dr. Clark has been prominently identified with the professional business and political life of the community and city. As a member of the board of pension examiners for many years, practicing physician, and active in fraternity and church work, he has been more or less in the public eye as a progressive and enterprising citizen. He is a son of Robert Sample Clark, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1811, and later became prominent both in politics and business. His earlier years were devoted to farming, but later in life, having entered poli-

tics in Belmont county, he was twice elected auditor, and after serving two terms retired from active pursuits and died in 1891. He had two children. Robert M. Clark, the eldest, married, and died in 1878, leaving four children: Chalmers, Ross, Harry and Robert. Chalmers, the second son, died without issue. Robert S. Clark was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Hettie M. Hazlett, *nee* Stillwell, by whom he had three children: Ella, who married Rev. Clovis Pringle; Hugh, who was accidentally killed in infancy; and William R., the subject of this review. By her first marriage with Mr. Hazlett, Mrs. Clark had five children: Robert S.; Margaret, widow of Mr. Gaston; Isaac H.; Mattie, widow of Mr. Wood; and Sadie, wife of J. N. Rogers.

William Ross Clark, youngest child by his father's second marriage, was born at Morristown, Belmont county, Ohio, in 1857, and remained in the place of his nativity until the twenty-first year of his age. After obtaining his primary education in the Morristown schools he attended the Washington and Jefferson College in Pennsylvania during the term of 1876-77. Later he entered the Columbus Medical College at the Ohio state capital, and was graduated there in the class of 1881. During the following year he took a special course at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York, and thus well equipped for the practice he located at his old home for the prosecution of his profession. He remained at Morristown about six years, during which time he served one term as mayor, and in 1888 came to East Liverpool, where he resumed medical practice, and has since made his residence in that city. In 1894 he was appointed a member of the pension examining board at Lisbon and has held that position for the last eight years. He was married in 1886 to Miss Fannie, daughter of Dr. McKelvey, of Morristown, Ohio, but has no children. Dr. Clark is a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Masonic fraternity and the Eastern Ohio Medical Association.

#### CHARLES M. REILLY.

Charles M. Reilly, who resides at his comfortable home at 118 Lane avenue, is one of the old and well known residents of Youngstown, Ohio, and is a reliable as well as prominent dealer in real estate. He was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, near the banks of the Juniata river, August 14, 1846, and is a son of Cornelius and Margaret Dixon (Lynch) Reilly, the latter of whom was born December 25, 1801, in Ireland, and died October 10, 1873.

Cornelius Reilly was born in county Cavan, Ireland, March 16, 1800.

By trade he was a stone mason. He left Ireland on account of religious intolerance, and after locating in Pennsylvania engaged in contracting, and built one of the ten planes of the Alleghany and Portage Railroad, which he operated some twenty years, or until the state abandoned it. It was a paying enterprise, and he made enough money to buy a good farm in the Juniata valley, where he settled about 1856. His eldest son Owen was here killed by an explosion, while operating this plane as an engineer, at the age of twenty-two years. Philip D. died in infancy. Mary Ann is the widow Mack, and lives with her family at Altoona, Pennsylvania; Ellen died in infancy; John D. is a resident of Youngstown, a survivor of the Civil war and has four sons and three daughters; James H. resides on the old farm in Pennsylvania, a survivor of the Civil war; he was terribly wounded by a canister shot weighing four hundred grains, and he carried the ball for many years, and this wound gave him great pain from 1862 until 1897, when it was finally removed by the use of the X-ray; he has a family of four sons and three daughters. William F. resides near Pittsburg and has four sons and three daughters; Margaret J. is the wife of John A. Libzinger, resides at Glen White, Pennsylvania, and has three sons and two daughters. Charles M. is the subject of this sketch. The father and sons were all Democrats in their political faith, but they belonged to the Stephen A. Douglas wing of the party and were opposed to the idea of secession. The father retained his strength and vigor, and at the age of eighty-two years was able to attend to the breaking in of the colts on the farm. His death took place at the age of eighty-six, in 1886. Both parents belonged to the Roman Catholic religion, and this is the religious faith of the family.

Charles M. Reilly attended the common schools, and was but sixteen years of age when he enlisted for service in the army, where his record is one of brilliancy, he having taken part in twenty-eight regular battles and many skirmishes. He was wounded at Slater Mountain, Virginia, at Gettysburg and Five Forks, and spent some six weeks in hospitals. For valor at Five Forks he was brevetted captain of a company of the First Pennsylvania Infantry. As mentioned above, he is a Democrat, and has been prominent in party councils. He served as a member of the city council for three terms, and then refused to run, but the three contesting parties all voted for him, and it was said that his own was the only vote in his ward that he did not get, but he positively declined the honor. Mr. Reilly has also served on the board of education.

On May 28, 1867, he was married to Miss Emma Augusta Woods,

sister of John Austin Woods and a daughter of William and Mary (Shelby) Woods, and granddaughter of Daniel Shelby, who settled here in 1796. A family of twelve children was born to this marriage: William Cornelius is general superintendent of the Youngstown Iron Sheet & Tube Company, and has four sons and three daughters; Sedgwick A., a reporter for the press, lives in Cleveland; Carl Woods is secretary of a clothing company of Youngstown, and has one son; Edgar Joseph is editor of the local paper devoted to the iron and steel interests; Mary Emma is a bookkeeper; Gallitzin is chief superintendent of the Youngstown Iron Sheet & Tube Company; Lucy M. is at home; Albert Alexis is shipper for the Republic Iron & Steel Company; Myron C. is a mechanic under his brother; Ada Ellen is a stenographer; Irene Patrick is a student, baptized on St. Patrick's day; and Grace Gertrude.

Mr. Reilly has lived in Youngstown since 1866, when he came from the old farm, and began in the Brown-Bonnel mill as roll turner, which occupation he followed until 1885, when he embarked in the real estate and insurance business. His office is located on Bentley avenue, where he has a plat of eighty lots. In 1891 he built his comfortable residence. Mr. Reilly attends to all of the details of his business himself, dealing in his own and other property. He has been blessed in many ways, prosperity has shone upon him, and there is not yet one vacant chair in his family circle.

#### GUS TRENLE.

For eight years Mr. Trenle has occupied the position of manager of the East End Pottery of East Liverpool, and his thorough understanding of the business, its requirements and the possibilities in this line have made him well qualified for his position. He was born in Cincinnati in 1861, and was there reared, belonging to a family of eight children who were born to Thomas and Rose (Garen) Trenle. His father was a native of Germany, born in the year 1818, and after arriving at years of maturity he was married in that country to Rose Garen. They emigrated to America, and became the parents of eight children, five of whom reached years of maturity. These are: Josephine, the wife of John Herman; Bertha, the wife of John Kemmen; Gus, of this review; Frank, who died in December, 1899, at the age of thirty-four years; and John P. The father of these children departed this life in 1874. He was a lumber merchant, having carried on business along that line for a number of years.

Gus Trenle, pursued his education in the schools of Cincinnati until fourteen years of age, when he entered upon his business career in the capac-

ity of an employe of George Scott & Son, owners of a pottery. He remained in their service for seven years, during which time he thoroughly mastered the trade both in principle and detail. In 1881 he came to East Liverpool, where he has since made his home, and here entered the Globe Pottery in the capacity of presser. He was connected with the enterprise for four years, and then for seven or eight years was employed as a "jigger" by the firm of Knowles, Taylor & Knowles. On the expiration of that period he was offered the position of manager of the East End Pottery, in 1894, and has since been in control of this plant, which under his capable direction is operated successfully. He has a very thorough understanding of the business, is a good judge of clays, and his accurate knowledge of this department of industrial activity, combined with his ability to control those who serve under him, has led to the success of the enterprise with which he is now associated.

In 1884, in East Liverpool, Mr. Trenle was united in marriage to Annie Ridinger, a daughter of Samuel Ridinger, and they now have four children: Edna, Blanche, Nina and Margaret. The family attend the services of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Trenle contributes to its support, although he is not a member of the organization. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is true to its beneficent and helpful teachings. From a humble capacity in the business world he has steadily worked his way upward through his own enterprise and capability, and to-day he occupies a creditable position in connection with the important industrial interests which have had so much to do with the prosperity and progress of East Liverpool.

#### ROBERT E. RAYMAN.

Professor Robert E. Rayman, who has gained prestige in educational circles, and who for the past six years has been the efficient superintendent of the city schools of East Liverpool, was born upon a farm in Pickaway county, Ohio, on the 2d day of July, 1859. He traces his ancestry back to Germany, where his great-grandfather, John Rieman, was born in the eighteenth century, the place of his nativity being Heidelberg. Coming to America he took up his abode in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he largely devoted his life to the proclaiming of the gospel as a minister of the Lutheran denomination. Since the establishment of the family in the new world the name has undergone a change in its orthography, although the grandfather of Mr. Rayman, Daniel Rieman, retained the original spelling. The latter was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was a carpenter by occupation.



*R. C. Rayman*



Among his children was Daniel Rayman, the father of Mr. Rayman. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1842, and throughout his entire life carried on agricultural pursuits. In early manhood he moved to Pickaway county, where in 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Withrow, and they became the parents of nine children, eight of whom reached maturity, and are yet living. These are: Robert E.; Elmer E.; James M.; Walter S.; B. F.; Fannie, the wife of John Finney; Margaret, the wife of James Ackers; and Lucy, the wife of James Schladell. One daughter, Harriet, is now deceased. During the Civil war the father offered his services to the government in response to the call for men to serve for one hundred days, joining the army in 1864. He was a member of the United Brethren church.

Upon the home farm Mr. Rayman spent the first eighteen years of his life, and during that period assisted in the work of the fields as his years and strength would permit. He also attended the district schools near his home, and through the years 1877-78-79 pursued the teacher's course in the Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. He also began teaching in Fairfield county, where he continued teaching for eight terms, covering four years, and in the interim he attended Otterbein University and the Northwestern Ohio Normal School, being graduated from the latter with the degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1884. In 1892 the degree of Master of Science was conferred on him, and in 1896 that of Master of Arts, both honors coming from Ada College. After his graduation from the normal school with the class of 1884, he turned his attention to educational work, accepting the position of principal of the public schools of Lithopolis, Ohio, where he continued teaching for forty-three months, conducting summer normal classes there in addition to the work of the regular school year. He then removed to Logan, Ohio, to accept the superintendency of the schools there, and after nine years' service, which proved very satisfactory to the public, he resigned in order to become superintendent of the East Liverpool schools. He came to this city in August, 1897, and has since continued in charge of the public schools of the city. He is practical and progressive, and under his guidance the schools have made marked advance along lines highly commended by the citizens of this place. He seems to exemplify in his work the spirit of Sydney Smith's definition, that "the real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that will ameliorate, not destroy; occupation that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, and life more dignified and useful." Mr. Rayman is also interested to some extent in business enterprises in

this city, being the treasurer of the Englewood Lime Company and the secretary of the Ceramic City Mining and Milling Company.

In 1884, in Clearport, Ohio, Mr. Rayman was united in marriage to Miss Eva Shaeffer, a daughter of Noah Shaeffer, and they have two daughters, Rowena Edna and Esther Marie. The family occupy a leading position in the social circles of the city, where true worth and intelligence are received as passports into good society. They attend the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Rayman and his family are active members, and in his social relations he is a Mason and is also connected with the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a Republican, with comprehensive understanding of the leading questions of the day, and in matters of citizenship he is loyal and progressive. Mr. Rayman is an active member of the Ohio State Teachers' Association and also of the National Educational Association. The latter is one of the most influential educational organizations in the United States.

#### NANCY A. ARMSTRONG.

Miss Nancy A. Armstrong, a resident of Crabtree Creek, Youngstown township, and a most highly esteemed lady in this section of Mahoning county, was born March 8, 1844, at Youngstown, and is a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Robb) Armstrong, the latter of whom had been the widow of Amos Loveland. Miss Armstrong's parents were married in June, 1843, at Weatherfield, Ohio, and the three children born to this union were: Miss Nancy, of this sketch; Rebecca, who died in infancy; and Mary, born August 20, 1851, married John F. Mitchell, and died of bronchial consumption, August 19, 1900.

David Armstrong, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, at the forks of the Slippery Rock creek and Wolf creek, in 1747, and died in 1811. His wife was Sallie Harris, and she died in 1816, aged fifty-six. They reared these children: Thomas, George, David, Rebecca, Polly, Roland, Archibald, Samuel, Betsey Anna. The family, with one exception, was disposed to pulmonary complaints.

Samuel Armstrong, father of Miss Nancy, first married Jane Ervin, and they had five children, as follows: Henry, born in July, 1830, died in 1855, leaving one son; Henrietta died in childhood; Rachel married a soldier, who died in Washington, D. C.; Sarah married L. J. Jacobs and died early; and William. Samuel Armstrong was born in 1803, and died in his old home in February, 1853, and his wife, who was born in 1807, died here April 10, 1894. Samuel Armstrong came to Youngstown before his first marriage and engaged in building and contracting, and was one of the first

to open up a brickyard here. Many of the early houses in this city were built of brick of his burning, and they yet stand solid and secure. In 1847 he sold his brickyard and bought a farm of one hundred and six acres in Youngstown township, paying for it the sum of two thousand dollars. He proposed to build here a fine new residence, but he was advised by his wife to first build a commodious barn with which to house the crops, and this he did in 1849. It still stands, with new additions and improvements. The father never lived to build the new house, and the present residence is one of the oldest in Youngstown or the township. The mother had owned a farm at Weatherfield, and this she sold and put the money into this place, one of great value at the present day. Here Miss Nancy has lived over half a century, and it is very dear to her. Its original size has been reduced, but still is sufficiently large for all her wants. One feature on the farm is the old spring at the foot of the orchard, situated beneath a magnificent oak, which shades its waters while it draws its life from the same. Many shade trees still stand, and during the summers, the bees are busy in the branches of the locusts. The old home is not only one of rare historic interest but also of great beauty, and a perfect picture of it in its summer glory or winter dignity would make immortal fame for an artist.

Miss Nancy Armstrong received a good common school education, and also walked into Youngstown to enjoy better advantages, but delicate lungs prevented too great exercise or much exposure. She also taught school at Brier Hill and Crabtree Creek. Like her beloved parents, she adheres to the strict Sabbath day Presbyterian faith, and is careful in church observances. Her farm is managed by her brother-in-law, John S. Mitchell, who has proved a kind and helpful brother. The family is one which is held in the highest esteem all through the county.

#### NATHANIEL GARDNER DABNEY.

Nathaniel Gardner Dabney was one of the first pioneers at Youngstown, Ohio. He was born at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1776, and died in 1814 at Youngstown, Ohio. His father was Dr. Nathaniel Dabney, and was born about 1750, and married Elizabeth Gardner, who was a daughter of Samuel Gardner, a prominent merchant at Salem and a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1732. Samuel Gardner's wife was Esther Orne, who was a daughter of Timothy and Lois (Pickering) Orne, of Salem. John Pickering wedded Sarah Burwell, who was a daughter of Lieutenant John and Lois (Ivory) Burwell, and John Pickering (2) married Alice, daughter of William and Alice Flink.

Dr. Nathaniel Dabney was lost at sea on his return voyage from Europe to America in 1784, and his widow, born in 1750, married James Bridges, of Andover, Massachusetts, and after his death married Ebenezer Stephens, of Andover, Massachusetts. Children were born to each marriage, all of whom became distinguished. She died in 1834, aged eighty-four years. Dr. Nathaniel Dabney was a physician and apothecary in Salem, and was a descendant from Robert and Elizabeth Dabney (D'Aubigny), who were French Huguenots. They fled to England in 1685 and settled at Boston prior to 1717, this being the earliest record of the family there. Robert, John and Cornelius emigrated from England about the same time. The family is now to be found in almost every state in the Union, the original spelling of the name having been D'Aubigny. Charles Dabney, father of Dr. Nathaniel, married Elizabeth Gardner, December 13, 1739. He died in Boston in 1756, aged thirty-eight years. She was born in 1717 and married, second, Dr. Hurlow, of Boston, and died in 1807. Dr. Dabney was under obligation to England for the kindness extended his ancestors, and hence could not take up arms against that country in the Revolutionary war, and he went to France until the war was over, losing his life on his return voyage as noted above.

#### GODFREY HABEGGER.

Godfrey Habegger, one of the progressive residents of Austintown township, Mahoning county, Ohio, owns and operates a fine farm of forty-eight acres, part of which is known as the Miller place. He is not only a farmer, but also a first-class mechanic, and has spent twenty years in one shop. Mr. Habegger is a native of Switzerland, where he was born in 1864. In 1881 he came to the United States and completed his apprenticeship to the blacksmith trade, which he had begun in his native land. He located at Youngstown, Ohio, and has lived in its vicinity ever since. For twenty years he has been in the employ of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and by honesty, integrity and good workmanship made himself a very valued man. At present he is in the employ of the Ohio Steel Company, and is recognized as one of their best general workmen.

In 1896 Mr. Habegger was united in marriage with Miss Louisa, the daughter of Frederick and Martha Karlin, and to this happy union four children have been born, namely: Martha, born in 1897; Ida, born in 1898; Fred, born in 1899; and an unnamed baby in 1903. Mrs. Habegger was born in Switzerland in 1874, and came to Ohio with her parents. They settled on the farm adjoining the Miller place, which Mr. Karlin now owns and operates. Frederick Karlin was born August 19, 1849, and learned the car-

penter's trade in his native land, and was also an excellent cheese-maker and farmer. Upon first locating in this county they settled at Alliance, and for some years he and his sons engaged in farming in the vicinity of that city, and then embarked in steel manufacturing, but, as before stated, he came to Austintown township in 1892. His wife bore the maiden name of Madeline Langercher, and she and all their children were born in Switzerland. The members of the Habegger and Karlin families are all Lutherans or German Reformed Lutherans, and are highly esteemed in the neighborhood by a large circle of friends.

### JOHN W. ROGERS.

The picturesque and prosperous county of Monmouth, South Wales, is a portion of Great Britain which has long held high relative precedence in connection with the great iron industry, and from its confines, after receiving excellent discipline in the various details involved in the mining and manufacturing of this great natural product, have come to America many men who have here found ample opportunity for the practical and successful exercise of their abilities along the same line of industrial enterprise, while the prestige of American commerce has been materially advanced through the able and discerning efforts of such representatives of the British isle. Mr. Rogers, who is now incumbent of the office of secretary and treasurer of the Youngstown Steel Casting Company at Youngstown, Mahoning county, has the distinction of being a native son of Monmouthshire, though his parents emigrated thence to the United States when he was a mere child, so that his training is purely American, and he is imbued with that progressive spirit which is so characteristic of our great republic. He has developed marked business and executive ability, and has risen to a position of prominence in the industrial affairs of the Buckeye state, as is implied in the office which he now holds.

John W. Rogers was born in the town of Tredegar, Monmouthshire, in 1864, being a son of John and Celia (Lewis) Rogers, both of whom were born in Wales, the year of the former's nativity having been 1838. They became the parents of three children, John W., William R. and Richard T. The devoted wife and mother was summoned into eternal rest in 1871, when her eldest son, the subject of this sketch, was a lad of but seven years, and the father subsequently was again married, and had one daughter, Nellie. John Rogers is a pattern-maker by vocation, and is now a resident of the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, having emigrated to the United States with his family in the year 1868. He is a son of Richard Rogers, who likewise was

born in Wales, where his entire life was passed, the lineage of the family tracing back for many generations in that country.

John W. Rogers was about four years of age when his parents came to America, the family locating in the city of Beloit, Wisconsin, where he received his early educational training in the public schools, completing a course in the high school. In 1877 the family returned to Wales, where they remained about a year, and in 1879 they came to Youngstown, Ohio, where our subject secured employment in the Brown-Bonnell rolling mill, his initial services being rendered in the capacity of "hooker," and he continued in the employ of this concern about three years, at the expiration of which he became a salesman in the boot and shoe establishment of Turrell & Cornelius, in this city. He was thus engaged until 1896, when he became chief deputy clerk in the office of the probate judge, Hon. George E. Rose being the incumbent at that time. He rendered efficient service in this capacity, and was retained in the position under Judge J. Calvin Ewing until June, 1902, when he resigned, for the purpose of accepting his present responsible office as secretary and treasurer of the Youngstown Steel Casting Company.

In 1892 Mr. Rogers was elected to the office of township clerk of Youngstown township, serving until 1896, and thus he has figured as a factor in public affairs, of a local nature. Mr. Rogers is an appreciative and valued member of several fraternal organizations, namely: the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Independent Order of Foresters, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, of which Mr. Rogers is likewise a member. In 1886 Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Wilson, daughter of John Key Wilson, of Girard, Ohio, and they have three children, Worthington Otis, Harriet Celia and Clifford.

#### CALVIN PIERCE.

Calvin Pierce, of Youngstown, who has just passed the seventieth milestone of his life's journey, deserves mention not only on account of his loyal services in the war of the rebellion and for his long retention among the employes of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, but because of his descent from one of the old families of the United States. He is the son of Jonas Pierce, a successful Massachusetts farmer, and of Martha Edgell Pierce, and he and his father are descendants in the eighth and ninth generations, respectively, of John Pierce (Pers), who came from Norwich,

Norfolk county, England, and was one of the first settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts.

Calvin Pierce was born in South Gardner, Massachusetts, July 7, 1833, later moved to the west, and in October, 1853, entered the employ of the Ohio Chair Company at Newburg, Ohio. He was getting well started in life when the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted from Cuyahoga county, Ohio, October 4, 1861, to serve three years. He was mustered into service, November 27, 1861, at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, as a private of Captain Charles P. Jewett's Company G, Forty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Col. James A. Garfield, commanding. On May 2, 1862, Mr. Pierce was promoted to second sergeant, March 25, 1863, to orderly sergeant, July 11, 1863, to second lieutenant, May 25, 1864, to first lieutenant, and from July 30, 1863, to November 12, 1863, was acting adjutant. He received an honorable discharge on December 2, 1864, at the expiration of his term of service.

Mr. Pierce was in the internal revenue service for about four years; in March, 1865, was employed as assistant assessor of internal revenue of the ninth division, eighteenth collection district of Ohio; he was postal clerk from Buffalo, New York, to Toledo, Ohio, during the year 1872, and was appointed agent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad in 1873 for the station of Youngstown, Ohio, and he energetically and conscientiously filled that position for nearly thirty years, resigning December 15, 1902, and is at present pensioned by the railroad company on account of ill health.

Mr. Pierce is a member of the Republican party. With his excellent record during the Civil war, he naturally takes much interest in the Grand Army of the Republic, and belongs to Tod Post No. 29, Department of Ohio, and is also a member of the Loyal Legion. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masonic Order and the Royal Arcanum. December 7, 1865, Mr. Pierce married Cordelia F. Lockwood, in Cleveland, Ohio, and of this union were born Herbert E., Lillian F. and Alice L., but Lillian F. is the only one surviving infancy. Mr. Pierce has no cause for regret as he looks over his career of useful activity, and he is profoundly respected by all the citizens of Youngstown.

#### ADDISON MARSHELL CLARK, M. D.

Two generations of this branch of the Clark family have been identified with the great profession of medicine. Mathew Henderson Clark, the father of the well known Youngstown physician, was a skilled and popular practitioner at Washington, Pennsylvania, where he carried on his practice for

forty years, and he also served for one hundred days in the Civil war, in 1863. He was born in Washington county, of that state, in 1810, and lived to be sixty-eight years of age. He married Rebecca Blaine Marshall, (also spelled Marshall) and they had four children: Margaret, the wife of Howard Hazlett, of Wheeling, West Virginia; A. M. Clark; David W., of Boston, Massachusetts; Janet M., residing at Washington, Pennsylvania. The mother of these children died in October, 1901.

Addison Marshall is thus the second in his father's family, and was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1857. He passed all his younger years in the town of Washington, where he received good common school advantages. He next took a full literary course in the famous old school, Washington and Jefferson College, where he was graduated in 1877. As he had decided that medicine was to be his profession, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed the course and received his degree of M. D. in 1880. He was appointed interne at the West Penn Hospital at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and the following year was spent in that institution in the acquirement of additional knowledge and practical experience. He then came directly to Youngstown, and from the date of the opening of his office there in 1881 until the present he has been an energetic, conscientious and increasingly successful physician.

In 1887 Dr. Clark was married at Youngstown to Reinette, daughter of John W. Ford, of Albany, New York. The two children of this union are Margery and Edward Ford Clark. Dr. Clark is not a politician in any sense of the term, but he rejoices and takes a keen interest in the welfare of his party, the Republican. He is one of the foremost Masons of the vicinity, having taken the thirty-second degree of that ancient order. In the line of his profession he belongs to the Mahoning County Medical Association and to the Cleveland Medical Society. He attends the Episcopal church.

#### WILLIAM P. DUNLAP.

William P. Dunlap is a descendant of one of the pioneers of Mahoning county, Ohio, his grandfather William having been among the first to settle in that locality, near what is now known as Mineral Ridge. William married Rachel Frazer, and they owned about four hundred acres of land. The grandmother was a native of Germany. In religion they were strict Presbyterians. The grandfather always advocated all measures he deemed would advance the best interests of the community. The children born to this worthy couple were: Jonathan, Rachel, Josiah, Stephen, Chauncy, Perry,

Mary A. and Peggy A., the last two being twins. These children all grew to be of importance, and stood well in the estimation of their neighbors.

Of the above mentioned family Jonathan was the father of our subject, and was born in Trumbull county in 1808. He chose for his occupation the life of a farmer, and he owned one hundred acres of fine land, with which he was very successful. In 1852 he removed to Hancock county, Ohio, and there owned one hundred and sixty acres. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Philips, and to them were born eight children, namely: Sally, Eli, William P., Harlow, Lemuel, Oliver, Mary, and one that died in infancy. These children were all born at Mineral Ridge, and of them only two are now living, while the father died in 1868, and his widow in 1878.

William P. Dunlap was born in Mineral Ridge, August 13, 1832, and was reared and educated there. When young he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1850 began working at that calling, continuing along that line until quite recently. In 1855 he was married to Miss Sarah Blunt, and there was one child, Addie, born to them. Mrs. Dunlap died in 1867. In 1868 Mr. Dunlap married Miss Harriet Van Vlut, and by her he had these children, namely: Richard H., Elma L. Jones, Clyde, Minnie A. and Eva E. Mrs. Dunlap was born in Pennsylvania in 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are consistent members of the Christian church of Mineral Ridge.

The farm owned by Mr. Dunlap consists of fifty-five acres, and he also owns a fine farm south of Mineral Ridge, which has been in his possession since 1874. During his life in the township, Mr. Dunlap has served as trustee of the township, and is a man who stands very high in the estimation of all who know him.

The Van Vlut family is an old one in Ohio, and it is traced back to German origin. The grandfather of Mrs. Dunlap owned about two hundred acres of land and reared a family of twelve children. In the family of his son Richard there were four children, all of whom are living. The members of this old and substantial family are numbered to-day among the progressive, enterprising and wealthy people of the several communities in which they make their homes, and those who have any connection with the family may be proud of the stock from which they have sprung.

#### THOMAS JOSEPH MALLOY.

Thomas Joseph Malloy is the efficient roller at the Mahoning Valley rolling mills at Youngstown, and his residence is at 38 Madison avenue. He was born December 28, 1858, at Marietta, Ohio, a grandson of Michael Malloy, who was born in 1806 and with his bride came to America from

Ireland in 1824. The name of his wife was Margaret Quigly, and they reared two daughters and six sons, one of these, Peter Malloy, still being a resident of Marietta, where the grandfather of our subject died. He was a contractor on public works at Philadelphia and Marietta, reaching the latter place from Pittsburg on a raft.

The father of our subject was also named Michael, and was born in Philadelphia, October 14, 1831. His wife was Bridget Hines, who was born in 1840 in county Galway, Ireland, and came with her parents to America in 1853. She was the daughter of Edward and Mary (Malloy) Hines, the former of whom was a college graduate, and was a fluent speaker both in the English and Gaelic languages, and was also a fine Latin scholar. He was engaged in government work in Cincinnati, and died in Alabama in 1891, aged sixty-one years. Mrs. Bridget (Hines) Malloy, who was married in Cincinnati at the age of fifteen years, still retains her fine home and other property in Cincinnati, and Mr. Malloy died in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1891.

Our subject is the eldest of the six children born to his parents, the others being: Edward, an iron worker at Cincinnati, has eight children; Mary married William N. Leffel, and died at the age of twenty-two years, leaving two daughters; Bernard died aged two and one-half years; Hannah is the wife of Samuel Gray, of Cincinnati; and Bernard (2) died aged six months.

Thomas J. Malloy was educated in the schools at Marietta, although he ended his school days at the age of thirteen years as he wanted to go into the iron mills. He became a straightener in the Marietta mills, and then went to Portsmouth in the same capacity, then to Ashland, Kentucky, and then to Parkersburg, Virginia. Here he had charge of the transfer of cars on the Ohio river, all this time being with his father. Mr. Malloy always earned good wages, and for a long time was accustomed to give his mother the sum of five dollars every day. The family home was changed as the father's and son's work changed from place to place. In 1874 Mr. Malloy returned to Cincinnati and worked as roller, then to Aurora, Indiana, where he remained five years. He worked also at Cleveland and at Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Malloy owns valuable property at Youngstown. His present home is one of luxury and comfort, and he takes much pleasure in his fine library.

On September 11, 1879, he married Miss Sarah Nightengale, who was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1858, and is a daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Heathcote) Nightengale, who came to America in 1870, the father being an iron worker. They reared six children, Mrs. Malloy being the third

in order of birth. Mrs. Nightengale died in Birmingham in 1884, aged forty-nine years, and the father died in 1893, aged fifty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Malloy have lost one little son, Thomas Joseph. The surviving children are: Lulu, the wife of John Conway, of Cleveland, was married at the age of seventeen years, and has two children; Edward Aaron was born April 25, 1883, at Louisville, Kentucky, and he is assistant roller to his father; and Sarah Elizabeth, who was born March 13, 1890, at Birmingham, Alabama, is a bright young lady, very talented in music. Mr. Malloy is a very prominent member of the Order of Elks, in which he has passed all the chairs. He is identified with the Republican party. With his mother he affiliates with the Catholic church.

#### CHARLES WESTLAKE.

Charles Westlake, bookkeeper and expert accountant with the Witch Hazel Coal Company, of Youngstown, was born in this city, February 9, 1854, and is a son of Covington Westlake, who was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1825. His grandfather, Josiah Westlake, was born in England, and there married Hysobeth Willard. She died early, leaving two sons and two daughters, namely: Susan; Covington; Aaron, a resident of Salineville, Ohio, a wealthy retired farmer; Sarah, widow of Andrew Lyons, who left six children. The grandfather was a farmer in Pennsylvania, and died within a few years after coming to Ohio, and was buried on the spot now occupied by the court house square. Later his remains were removed to the beautiful city cemetery.

The mother of our subject was Laura J. Dabney, and she is a daughter of Gardner and Catherine (Van Wye) Dabney. The Dabneys came from France, and the name was originally D'Aubigne. They were early citizens at Boston, Massachusetts. Gardner Dabney was a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Kiefer) Dabney. He was college bred, and came of intellectual and wealthy ancestry. The family was an early one in the settlement of Mahoning county, Ohio, coming about 1796, and grandfather Dabney was born here in 1807. Our subject's mother was one of six children. She was finely educated, and taught her first term of school at the age of sixteen years. She married Covington Westlake, March 12, 1850, when twenty years old, and they began housekeeping in the house where her father was born, and where her grandmother, Mary (Kiefer) Dabney, died in 1858, aged eighty years. Her grandmother was a native of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania and her husband was one of the first three cash purchasers of land in this section, and owned a large tract, many of the iron and steel plants of the locality be-

ing on the estate, some of which, including the old Dabney homestead, still belonging to Mrs. Westlake. Nathaniel Dabney died at the age of twenty-eight years. His widow never married, but made her home with her daughter Mrs. Westlake, where she died.

Our subject is the fifth of the children born to his parents, two of whom are deceased, an infant and Alice, who died in September, 1892. The others are: Mary, at home; Gardner, of this city, has one son and two daughters; William A., of Warren, Ohio; Charles; Laura J., a graduate of Bethany College, Virginia, and a successful teacher; Catherine, wife of General Wright, a large cattle man of Bee, Nebraska.

Charles Westlake was educated in the schools of Youngstown, and was nineteen years of age when he entered the rolling mills as bookkeeper in the iron business, having qualified himself by a commercial course. He has continued until the present time to be interested in the iron and coal business in different capacities. He was married October 29, 1878, to Miss Edith M. Hughes, who was born in Youngstown, and is a daughter of the late Captain William and Abigail Hughes, old settlers of Youngstown, where the former was for many years a contractor and builder. Mr. and Mrs. Westlake have one son, Charles, Jr., who was born June 20, 1880. He is also an expert accountant, and a chemist and is a young man of more than the usual ability, and is employed in the Youngstown Iron and Tube Company offices.

Mr. Westlake is a Master Mason, and belongs to other fraternal societies. He has been a life-long Republican. His business has called him at various times to do considerable traveling, and he is well known over a wide extent of country. If Mr. Westlake has a fad, it is the playing of draughts, and he is always glad to meet with a competitor worthy of his steel.

#### MRS. KATE (EVERETT) MORRISON.

Mrs. Kate (Everett) Morrison, a most highly esteemed resident of Youngstown, Ohio, residing at 820 Crosman avenue, is a descendant of two old and honorable families, the Dabneys and the Gardners. She was born in Youngstown in 1834, and is a daughter of Peter Shearer and Mary (D'Augbigne, Dabney) Everett, the former of whom was born in Somerset county, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in February, 1794, and the latter at the home of her grandmother in the same county, in 1800.

When the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Morrison came first to Ohio, it was in company with a friend from Pittsburg, the latter of whom was looking for a suitable place to establish a hotel. About 1796 the grandfather purchased a tract of four hundred acres with the idea of founding a town

and embarking in an extensive mercantile business, but the project never came to a fruition on account of the friend failing in business. At his majority the grandfather married and settled on his tract of land in the timber. He possessed ten thousand dollars in cash, but had no experience and would doubtless have failed entirely as a farmer if he had not been assisted and encouraged by his wife. It is related that upon one occasion he went to burning brush, and the fire soon got beyond his control. He tried to put it out by carrying water in his high silk hat, but her more practical mind soon extinguished it by smothering with leaves. If space permitted, many interesting episodes might be related, and some which go to prove the brave and courageous character of these pioneers. The six children born to them were: Elizabeth B., in 1798; Mary, in 1800, Mrs. Morrison's mother; Sophia; Gardner; John; Ebenezer.

Mrs. Morrison's father, Peter Shearer Everett, doubtless belonged to the same family stock, from old England, which produced Hon. Edward Everett. Grandfather Everett was a man of large means, but he was a speculator. He left his son a farm, but the title to this was found defective and the property was lost. Mr. Everett became the overseer for grandfather Dabney, and was accepted as a son-in-law of the latter when he was twenty-one and Mary Dabney was sixteen. A family of ten children was born to them as follows: Gardner Dabney, was born in December, 1816; Mary died aged nineteen years, and this grief caused the death of her older brother; Solomon Kline was born in 1820, dying in the prime of life, and left two daughters and one son; Elizabeth was born in 1822, married William Hafel and died in Jefferson, Wisconsin, leaving six children; John Dabney Everett was born in 1826 and lives retired on his farm at Brier Hill, and has his second wife and two children; Susan was born in 1828, and is the widow of Isaiah Shook and has six children; Lucy died in infancy; Kate, the subject of this sketch, was born October 8, 1834; Mary (2) was born in 1837, and married, first, Rev. Joseph Edwards, and, second, William McGowen; and Clarissa died in infancy. The father died of apoplexy in 1847, aged fifty-three years. The mother passed away in 1861, aged sixty-two years. Through life she had been a woman of delicate constitution, and was tenderly shielded from all possible trouble by her father and husband.

In childhood Mrs. Morrison showed a liking for teaching, her favorite pastime being an imaginary school of dolls. Later she became a teacher of a real school, and was very successful in her endeavors, filling various positions prior to her marriage. In February, 1858, she was united in marriage with John Wesley Morrison, who was born in Delaware county, Pennsyl-

vania, near Wilmington, Delaware, September 26, 1826, and who is now in his seventy-seventh year. His father was Robert Morrison, born in 1790 in New Jersey. His whole life was spent on his farm, which was both in Delaware and Pennsylvania, where he was a large fruit grower. He married Agnes Carter, a family which, with the Bayards and Claytons, were among the first settlers in Delaware from Sweden as early as 1642. They founded the old South Swede church at Wilmington. Mr. Morrison's parents reared all their thirteen children, and the father died aged seventy-three years and the mother in 1872. Mr. Morrison's early schooling was limited to the common school branches. At the age of seventeen he learned the machinist's trade. In 1850 he went to California, but remained there but one year. He was purser of a vessel his father owned. On his return trip he took the Panama fever while on the isthmus, but later, with three others, reached Chicago. Here one of the party died of cholera, and the others hastened away to Minnesota. On February 24, 1858, he married and spent one year at St. Paul, where he was engaged in a forwarding business, being agent for a line of steamers plying between St. Louis and St. Paul on the Mississippi river. A family of one son and three daughters was born to Mrs. Morrison, as follows: John W., Jr., born March 17, 1859, married Anna Adell Hyde, of Farmington, and died March 16, 1899. She was a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Saeger) Hyde, and the mother of four children, the youngest still surviving and in the care of his grandmother, our subject. John W., Jr., is engaged in looking after the family estate and building a large number of tenant houses. Sallie, the second child of our subject, died at the age of three years; Katie died at the age of fifteen months, both of these of diphtheria. Agnes, the surviving daughter of Mrs. Morrison, married Samuel Waterman Luce of Boston, who is a son of Samuel and Harriet (Blake) Luce. This marriage was performed December 22, 1891, with a great social display. Mrs. Luce has lost five children, but has one surviving, Everett, born in 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison liberally educated their children, Mrs. Luce receiving advantages at a seminary in Boston. Since the death of Mrs. John W. Morrison, Jr., they have resided in his home at Youngstown, although they still own a beautiful one of their own on Lincoln avenue.

Following are some of the genealogical records of Mrs. Morrison: General Thomas Gardner (1) born in 1592, married Margaret Frier. General George Gardner (2) married Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon John Horn. General Samuel Gardner (3) married widow Elizabeth Grafton, daughter of Elder John Brown. John Gardner (4), born April 14, 1681, married Eliza-

beth, daughter of Dr. Daniel Wild, and Bethniah, daughter of Edward Michaelson. General Samuel Gardner (5), a prominent merchant of Salem, Massachusetts, married Esther Orne, whose mother was Lois Pickering. Elizabeth Gardner (6) married Dr. Nathaniel Dabney. In the seventh generation Elizabeth Gardner, of Boston, married Charles Dabney.

#### CAROLINE (POWERS) WADDELL.

The family to which Mrs. Waddell belongs is one of the oldest in America. The Le Poers, or Powers, were of Norman stock, and settled in Waterford, Ireland, but Jacob Powers, the original American ancestor, came to this country from Amsterdam, Holland, in 1660. He located in New Amsterdam, in the territory of New Netherland, where he remained until its surrender to the English in 1664, at which time the family removed to Long Island. Jacob Powers became the father of a large family, and at his death left sixteen children and seventy grandchildren. He gave to each grandchild seventy pounds sterling. He became very wealthy, and belonged to the aristocratic element.

Jacob Powers, Jr., a son of the above named gentleman, was born in New Amsterdam in 1662, and there he lived and reared a large family. He became a merchant and trader by occupation. His son Isaac was born in New Amsterdam in 1705, and after reaching manhood moved to the state line, thus residing near the border of three states, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. As a means of livelihood he followed the carpenter's trade. He, too, reared a large family of children, three of whom are sons, John, Jacob and Abraham. The family remained at the state line until 1754, at which time the great conflict between the English and French drove them south to Trenton, near the dividing line of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In 1758 they removed to Upland, now called Chester, Pennsylvania, and four years later a removal was made to Westmoreland county, that state, where they remained until the call was made for troops to serve in the Revolutionary war. The three sons, John, Jacob and Abraham, served against both the Indians and English, and the first named never returned from the war. He was born in 1740. The second son, Jacob, was born in 1742, and with his wife and three sons removed to Linesville, now Maysville, Kentucky.

Abraham Powers, the youngest of the three sons of Jacob Powers, Jr., was born in 1745. In 1797 he came from Beaver county, Pennsylvania, to Youngstown, Ohio, and shortly afterward joined a party of surveyors employed by John Young, the founder of Youngstown. Mr. Power's son Isaac was also one of the surveyors, and is supposed to have been one of the first

two white men to see what is now Lantermans Falls. The father and son took a contract for building the first mill to grind corn, which they were to construct for the sum of fifty dollars, and the structure was to be completed within eighteen months. The mill-stone was procured and dressed by the father, who was a millwright, and was made from a rock found in the vicinity of Lincoln avenue, near Holmes street. This building stood on the present site of the old Lanterman mill. Abraham Powers became the father of ten children, three of whom were Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and after his arrival in the Mahoning valley in 1797 the father purchased for each of the sons a farm along the Mahoning river.

Isaac Powers was born in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of April, 1777, and his farm was located on the south side of the river. Poland avenue now passes through this place, and a large portion of the tract is still owned by his grandchildren. In 1822 he discovered coal on this farm, and he was the first in this region to burn it in his grate, he having by his ingenuity and inventive skill planned and constructed a grate, thus adding cheer and brightness to his home. In 1803 Isaac Powers was united in marriage to Leah Frazee, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1773, and her death occurred on the 4th of December, 1864. She was a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Bradford) Frazee, the former of whom died on the 6th of June, 1829, at the age of seventy-nine years, and the latter passed away February 4, 1834, aged eighty-five years. The Frazees are of English descent, received a land grant of considerable extent from the crown and settled in New York and New Jersey. The family subsequently removed to different parts of the United States, and the name is now found in Ohio, Mississippi, Kentucky, Indiana and California. Jonathan Frazee settled in Poland, Ohio, in 1800, and he and his wife were the parents of three beautiful daughters: Betsey married William Porter, of Champion, Ohio; and Rachel and Leah were twins. The former married William Dunlap, of Weathersfield, Ohio, and the latter became the wife of Isaac Powers in 1803. Mrs. Waddell now has in her possession a picture of Leah, taken a short time before she was summoned to the better world, and the dear old-fashioned grandmother, the sweet peaceful face under a snowy cap, did not seem to share the hardships that fell to the pioneer. It would take more space than is here allotted to tell of the Indian atrocities and hardships in contending with wild beasts which mingled with the trials and pleasures of the grand old forefathers, but the grandchildren pride themselves in being descendants of the honorable and generous old pioneers who were the first to settle south of the Mahoning.

The union of Isaac and Leah (Frazee) Powers was blessed with nine children, of whom seven, five sons and two daughters, grew to years of maturity. The second, Isaac, became a physician and married Margaret Hezlep, by whom he had four children, two now living, John, who served throughout the Civil war, and Elizabeth, the wife of Edward Taylor. The third child, John, also became a physician, and moved to Missouri; he married Isabel Brownlee, and they became the parents of five children, Mary, wife of Noah Caton; Fred, who married Annie Roberts; Leah J., the wife of C. G. Bigger; Isabel M., the wife of B. T. Stauber; and Isaac, who married Mary Moore. The fourth child was Mary Ann, who became the wife of Henry Heasley, and their living grandchild is Mrs. Fannie Jacobs Vaughn. Abraham married Eliza Adair, and of their five children one still survives, James Adair, who married Elizabeth McKinley, of Moselle, Missouri; there are two grandchildren of Abraham and Eliza, Lida Leon Smith, wife of Charles L. Spaulding, of Chicago, and Abraham Powers Smith of New York. The sixth child, Leah Letitia, married John Brownlee, of their five children three are now living, Mary Isabelle, the wife of L. E. Cochran; Lilian Leah, wife of G. M. McKelvey; Alexander Bruce, who married Henrietta Hollingsworth; all reside in Youngstown. William, the seventh child, married Elizabeth S. Brown; of their eight children two are living, Edmund L., who married Gertrude Simpkins, and they reside in Youngstown; Alice, the wife of Lee Slataper, of Alvin Texas. William and Abraham were associated in the coal business. Fleming was the first in order of birth. Isaac Powers, the father of this family, was born when our infant country was struggling for its liberty and independence, witnessed its triumphs, marked its rapid strides, its prosperity and greatness, enjoyed its superior advantages and blessings, lived to see this great nation convulsed by secession and rebellion, the liberty and freedom purchased by the blood of our fathers threatened with subversion, and in the midst of these stirring times he died, passing to the home beyond on the 9th day of May, 1861. A beautiful spot on a hill on his own farm was selected by him in early life for his family's last resting place, and a beautiful white marble monument bearing inscriptions now crowns the spot, walled in by heavy masonry supervised by himself. "Sweet be their rest there till He bids them arise, to hail Him in triumph descending the skies."

Fleming Powers, a son of Isaac and Leah Powers, and the father of Mrs. Waddell, was born on the 6th of December, 1807, and became a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser. He was honest and upright in all his dealings, and was honored for his many sterling qualities. In 1828 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Madden, who was born in 1809, in Poland, and was a

daughter of John and Jane (Thompson) Madden, the former of whom was born in 1760 and died in 1840, while the latter was born in 1766 and died in 1811. They came to Poland, Ohio, from Ireland in 1800, and were the parents of five daughters. The eldest, Nancy, married Abraham DeHuff, who was a farmer and fruit grower, and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. Mary married John Mikesell, a farmer and lumber dealer of Champion, Ohio, and their three children are: Elizabeth, who married George W. Rupp, of Cleveland; Mary Ellen, who married Hiram Shaffer, of Champion, Ohio; and Clinton DeWitt, of Warren, this state. The third daughter, Martha, married Isaac Rush and removed to Illinois, and their family are all deceased. Margaret never married; she was a beautiful weaver and designer on linen and woolen fabrics, which in those days was an accomplishment. Elizabeth was the fifth daughter, and became the wife of Fleming Powers. She was but two years of age when her mother died, after which her father purchased a farm on Flint Hill, where he resided until his death in 1840. His daughter Margaret died in the same year; father, mother and daughter are buried in a quaint old burying ground in Poland. To Fleming and Elizabeth (Madden) Powers were born four children. The eldest, John Atlas, deceased, served throughout the entire period of the Civil war, was a member of Company E, Twenty-third Regiment, of Poland; he married Maria DeHuff and had one daughter, Bertha. The second child, Mary Jane, became the wife of Charles L. Fithian; they have five children, three sons and two daughters, Emma Jane, who married John C. Orr, a prosperous merchant of Parnassus, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; Lizzie Alice, at home; James Bruce, who married Grace Caufield; John Atlas, who married Jennie Miller; D. Robert, who married Gertrude Cartwright; all are residents of Youngstown. Caroline Waddell is the next child in order of birth. The fourth child is Cassius Madden, who served with his brother John Atlas throughout the Civil war; both served in the regiment with William McKinley. Mrs. Mary Jane Fithian and Mrs. Elizabeth S. (Brown) Powers were the first organists in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, in 1856, playing alternately. Fleming Powers was called to his final rest on the 11th of May, 1867, and his wife survived until the 4th of February, 1877. Both were members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, and they are now buried in Oak Hill.

Caroline Powers, familiarly known as Callie, was married on the 20th of December, 1865, to Alexander Findley Colquhoun Waddell. He was the son of Robert and Margaret (Colquhoun) Waddell, in whose family were eight children, Robert, William, James, John, Andrew, Mary, Margaret and Alexander. The parents passed away in death in 1870, aged respectively

eighty-five and eighty-seven years. Alexander, or Sandy as he was more familiarly known in the family, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on the 18th of December, 1838, the year in which Queen Victoria was coronated, and there spent the early years of his life. On the 7th of April, 1864, he sailed up the beautiful Clyde to embark on the St. Andrew to cross the wide Atlantic, and after a rough and stormy voyage landed in Portland, Maine. On the 3d of May he came to Youngstown, Ohio, being a guest of his uncle, John Colquhoun, who was manager of the Morris Coal Company, which was located on the Powers farm in the Mahoning valley. Shortly after his arrival Alexander F. C. Waddell entered the employ of the Westerman Iron Company, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, but soon afterward returned to Youngstown, where he engaged in the coal and oil trade on his own account. In 1881, however, the Standard Oil Company purchased his business, but retained him as their manager, and with this company he served until his death, which occurred on the 18th of April, 1901. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Hillman Lodge, F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite, the Mystic Shrine, and was a thirty-second degree Mason. In his fraternal relations he was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Politically he was a stanch Republican, was an honorary member of the Young Men's Christian Association, and his religious views connected him with the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Waddell was a broad-minded man, rejoicing in the prosperity of others, was especially concerned in young men, and would always exert any effort to advance the interest of a progressive and honest lad starting on life's road.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Waddell was blessed with six children, namely: Libbie Victoria; Margaret Colquhoun; Robert Ovando, who in 1872 died in infancy; Mary Ivy, who died in 1896; Vancee Powers, deceased in 1879, in infancy; and Fleming Powers, who is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, has been secretary of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school for four years, and is a stockholder and director of the Youngstown Tailoring Company. The daughter Mary Ivy was an artist of wonderful natural ability. The family are all members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, of which their great-grandfather, Isaac Powers, was one of the five founders, and this is the centennial year of the church, which will be celebrated in October.

This sketch of one of the oldest and most progressive families of eastern Ohio can inadequately convey the importance of the influence which they have exerted in social, political, religious and business affairs for the past century, and the pioneer names which have been mentioned will be revered as long as the early history of Ohio forms a portion of the chronicles of this great nation.

## EPHRAIM RUHLMAN.

The Ruhlman family was established in this country by the great-grandfather of the subject of this biography, who came from Germany. Grandfather George Ruhlman was a native of Pennsylvania, and settled in York county, Pennsylvania, where he was a well-to-do farmer. He married a Miss Riggle, and they reared two sons and three daughters, one of the sons, George, having married, but lost his only child.

The other son, Lewis Ruhlman, was born about 1793, in York county, Pennsylvania, and after his marriage, he and his wife both having inherited a small property, he began a successful career, having been worth at one time eighteen thousand dollars. He built and conducted a distillery in Ohio, to which state he had come in 1831, and it was the largest of the eight distilleries in Beaver township, Mahoning county. He also engaged in merchandising and stock dealing, but this venture proved disastrous, and he and his eldest son, who was his partner, met with heavy losses. In 1817 Lewis Ruhlman married Margaret Hinkle, who was born about one year later than her husband, and they had eight sons and two daughters; Jesse was a farmer in Indiana, where he died in old age, survived by only one daughter of his eight children; Amos, a cooper and farmer in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, active in mind and body despite his eighty-three years, is a widower and has five children; Ephraim, the third son, is the subject of this sketch; Sarah, the widow Buzzard, lives in North Lima with her only daughter; Matilda, the wife of Solomon Clinker, of North Lima, has a son and daughter and grandchildren; George died in this township leaving a widow and three sons; William, a shoemaker and farmer of Marion county, Ohio, has five sons; Henry died at the age of twenty; Lewis died in Springfield township, Mahoning county, in advanced years, leaving a son and daughter; Eli is a widower in Cleveland, living with his only son.

Ephraim Ruhlman, the oldest resident in Beaver township, Mahoning county, and one of its most respected citizens, was born in Manheim township, York county, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1821. In 1831, when the family made their migration to Ohio, the boy Ephraim drove the two-horse team, behind his father with the four-horse team, and on Sunday morning, May 1, 1831, the Ruhlman family, consisting of father and mother and seven children, arrived at their future home of one hundred and fifty-six acres, one mile south of North Lima, for which the purchase price was two thousand dollars, one-half down, and the rest in two yearly payments. Ephraim, owing to the primitive civilization into which he was thus thrown, had but limited advantages in the way of schooling at the subscription schools. At the age

of twenty-one he married, and then began life for himself, for six months on a home farm, as a tenant for three years in one of his father's houses, and in 1846 he bought a hotel in North Lima, and on May 18, began keeping tavern in that town. He was the genial landlord for twenty-four years, and for fourteen years dispensed drinks over the bar, but was himself never under the influence of liquor. Mr. Ruhlman, besides other property, owns a farm of fifty-five acres two miles north of North Lima, which he rents, and two houses and lots in the village. He was reared in the Democratic faith, but is now a staunch Republican, and has cast his vote that way since the candidacy of John C. Fremont, his first presidential ballot having been given to James K. Polk. He was township assessor four terms, township trustee two terms, and was school director for thirteen years. He was brought up in the faith of the German Lutheran church, and later he and his wife became members of the Evangelical church.

In 1842 Mr. Ruhlman was married to Miss Rebecca Buzzard, who was also born in York county, Pennsylvania, in March, 1821, and was a daughter of Jacob S. Buzzard. Jacob, the oldest son of Ephraim and Rebecca Ruhlman, died in North Lima, May 12, 1903, aged two days over sixty years; Elizabeth Ritten, his first wife, died in middle life, having lost a son, Ephraim, at the age of four, and leaving three children, Henry Ruhlman, of St. Louis, Clarke, in Kansas City, Missouri, and Ella, also in Kansas City; Jacob had a second wife, and she survives with her one daughter, Emma, a child of ten years. L. B. Ruhlman, the second son, is a physician of North Lima, and was educated in Poland Academy and received his technical training at the John Scudder School in Cincinnati, where he graduated at the age of twenty, in 1877; he practiced at his native town for one year, for five years was in Austintown, and in 1883 returned to North Lima and has been in successful practice ever since; he was a teacher for eight terms, studied law in his own office, but did not apply for admission to the bar, and was justice of the peace for six years. George W. Ruhlman is a farmer and contractor near North Lima. John Ruhlman is interested with the latter in the Telephone and Trolley Suburban Railroad, and is also in the real estate business in Youngstown. All this interesting family are numbered among the most influential citizens of Mahoning county.

#### JOHN GAULT.

John Gault, who follows farming in Jackson township and has served as county commissioner of Mahoning county, was born in the southwestern part of the township on the old home farm, where his mother is now living at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and where his parents began house-

keeping in 1835. His father, Robert Gault, was born there, and it was upon that farm that the grandfather, Robert Gault, Sr., settled when he came to Mahoning county from Washington county, Pennsylvania, with his father, Andrew Gault, about 1800. In 1814 the grandfather was drafted for service in the second war with England and reported at Cleveland, where he was taken ill. He started, however, with his command for Detroit, but died and was buried near Rocky river, about eight miles from the public square in Cleveland. He died in October, and his son Robert Gault was born the following December. His wife bore the maiden name of Charlotte Bowman, and after being left a widow she married a Mr. Hudson and reared a family in the west.

Robert Gault, the father of our subject, having arrived at years of maturity, was married on the 9th of December, 1835, to Marjorie Ewing, who was born in Jackson township, Mahoning county, June 3, 1816, a daughter of John and Margaret (Orr) Ewing. Her father was a native of Ireland, and landed in New York in 1800, after which he went to Pennsylvania and thence came to Ohio. Robert Gault, from the age of two years, had been reared by his grandfather, whose farm adjoined that which Robert's father had left him, and when twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own land, living there until his death, which occurred January 20, 1893, caused by a falling tree, which he went out to see felled. He was a prosperous and progressive farmer, and owned at one time five hundred acres of land. He possessed great energy and enterprise, and was always honorable and straightforward in his business dealing.

To Robert Gault and his wife were born twelve children, all of whom reached adult age with the exception of one daughter, Caroline, who died in early girlhood. All of the others married with the exception of Andrew, who entered the Union army, and lost his arm near Dallas, Georgia, and then died of blood poisoning. He was then but nineteen years of age, and his remains were brought back to Mahoning county and interred in the southeastern part of Jackson township. The others of the family are John; Margaret S., the wife of Thomas H. Belland, of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the mother of three children; Alexander, of Struthers, twin brother of Margaret, and the father of one living daughter; Mary Ann, the wife of J. A. Smith, of Struthers; Martha Jane, who became the wife of David A. Wilson, and died in Youngstown in 1893; Gideon, who was born November 6, 1846, and is a farmer of Trumbull county, and has two sons; Samuel S., who was born March 11, 1848, a farmer of Ellsworth township, Mahoning county, who had four children, of whom a son and two daughters are now living; William, who was born March 28, 1850, and is living upon land that his father owned, and

has one child and lost one; Gibson, who is an enterprising farmer living on the old homestead, which has been in possession of the family for a century; and Robert E., who lives upon a farm adjoining the old homestead, has been twice married.

John Gault obtained an academic education, and at the age of nineteen years began teaching, which profession he successfully followed through four successive winters. He was married September 5, 1861, to Miss Louise M. Johnston, who was born on the farm where he now lives, a daughter of John and Caroline (Roberts) Johnston. Mrs. Gault became the mother of three children: Joseph G., a farmer of Union county, Ohio, who is married and has two living sons and a daughter; Lula O., the wife of Rev. J. Elwood Lynn, a minister of the Disciples church of Springfield, Illinois, by whom she has a son and a daughter; and George F. A., who is a civil engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and resides in Allegheny, is married but has no children. The mother of these children was killed in a railroad wreck at Rittman, Ohio, September 10, 1888. On the 30th of September, 1890, Mr. Gault married Mrs. J. P. Sampson, who died June 21, 1899, at the age of sixty-one years. On the 5th of March, 1901, Mr. Gault wedded Mrs. Margaret J. Armstrong, the widow of John Armstrong and a daughter of Joshua and Matilda (Fife) Copeland, the former a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Columbia county. Mr. Copeland was born in 1813, his wife in 1815, and her death occurred when she was sixty-two years of age. In their family were two sons and five daughters, Mrs. Gault being the eldest. She has one living brother, Calvin Copeland, a farmer of Trumbull county, Ohio.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gault are devoted members of the Presbyterian church, and he is Republican in his political views. He served as county commissioner for two terms, was re-elected almost without opposition, running three hundred ahead of his ticket, a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him by his fellow citizens.

#### CHARLES F. HARRIS.

Among the leading city officials of Youngstown is Charles F. Harris, who now occupies the important position of city commissioner. Beginning his public service in the humble vocation of a patrolman, he soon established a reputation for attention to duty and ability in its discharge, and after several years' service was advanced to the rank of lieutenant, where he showed great discernment and competence in the direction of his subordinates. Lately being installed as city commissioner, he has maintained his former reputation for energy and efficiency.

He was born on a farm in Poland township, Mahoning county, Ohio, in the year 1856, and there remained until arriving at the age of twenty years, attending the local schools of the township. His first work on entering the business world was for the Pennsylvania Company, constructing telegraph lines for about five years. Leaving this he opened a retail coal yard at Haselton near Youngstown, which he conducted very successfully until in June, 1895, when he left this business to accept a position as patrolman on the Youngstown police force, attaining to the position of lieutenant in May, 1901, and in June, 1902, he accepted his present position as city commissioner. In 1878 he was married in Bedford, Ohio, to Jeanette, daughter of T. Percy, and to them five children were born, as follows: Clyde C., Clara, Hugh H., and twins, John and Annie.

His father was Theodore Calvin Harris, born in Coitsville, Ohio, in the year 1826. He was by trade a carpenter, and spent the declining years of his life upon a farm as an agriculturist. His wife, Sarah, was the daughter of Samuel Stambaugh, and they had three children besides Mr. Harris of this review: Henrietta, widow of John Aughenbaugh; Benjamin F.; and Lucy, wife of Samuel Dillon. The grandfather of Mr. Harris was Nehemiah Harris, and he was born in Virginia, while his father was a native of Wales, who came to Maryland later in life, where he died.

Mr. Harris has long been active and prominent in Democratic circles, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, where he is highly esteemed. Throughout his business and political career Mr. Harris has ever won the respect and admiration of all about him.











