

taught three terms before he came to the county. Mr. Yocom has been twice married. His first marriage was to Rhoda Webster, daughter of Daniel Webster, an old and respected citizen of Clay County. To this union were born five children, viz., Daniel W., Reuben J., William T., Sarah J. and Rhoda A. His wife died May 8, 1847. In 1848, he married Mrs. (Adams) Garrigus. Four children were born to this union, viz., Mary, Rachel, Francis and Armilda A., only the last one of whom is living. These are the most important events in the life of one of the most prominent men in Clay County.

LEWIS TOWNSHIP.

JOHN R. BLEDSOE, Trustee of this township, is the sixth son of Isaac and Margaret (McBroom) Bledsoe, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, and of English and Irish descent respectively. He was born in Greene County, Ind., October 11, 1842, whence he removed with his parents to Ogle County, Ill., in 1848, where he remained two years, then returned to Indiana, where he abided until his eighteenth year, when he began the blacksmithing trade, which he now conducts. With but limited advantages in youth, he has studied and observed, until he has now a fair education, having already taught a writing school. In 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was made a Corporal and served until July, 1865, having been engaged in the campaign of Gen. Sherman, from Resaca to Atlanta. July 20, 1864, at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, he received a gunshot wound through the arm, which disabled him for a time. He was next in Gen. Hooker's division, and has been for seven days without laying aside his gun. April 23, 1868, he married Isora, daughter of James T. and Elizabeth (Tucker) Foreman, to which marriage succeeded two children—Rachel L. and Dilla. Mrs. Bledsoe died February 5, 1875, and September 28, 1880, he married Sarah Trinkle. In 1874, Mr. Bledsoe was elected Justice of the Peace in Vigo County, and in 1882 Trustee of this township. He is possessor of sixty-three well-improved acres, with good dwelling, barn, etc. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and W. M. of Lodge No. 29, also a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and an earnest Democrat.

REV. DR. ABSALOM BRILEY was the eldest son of James and Melinda (Newkirk) Briley, the former a native of South Carolina and of English descent, the latter of Kentucky, and of German lineage. He was born February 21, 1823, being the first white child born in what is now Lewis Township, Clay County, Ind. He was reared upon a farm, and at the neighboring schools acquired the rudiments of an education, to which he has added by extensive reading, and is now a learned and intellectual man. As a practicing physician, he stands at the head of the profession in Lewis Township. The Doctor is also a regularly ordained Elder in the church of the United Brethren in Christ, and his sermons are noted for their purity of diction and power of eloquence, and his opinions on all subjects of local or general interest receive the consideration to which their merit entitles them. As a farmer, he owns and

manages 130 acres of fine land, well improved and stocked. His library is probably the most extensive in Clay County, containing, in addition to a fine selection of medical works, a large quantity of classical and miscellaneous reading. In August, 1842, Dr. Briley was married to Mary Ann Carroll, who bore him four children, viz., Marinda L., Albert G., Sarah E. (deceased), and an infant, unnamed (deceased). Mrs. Briley died January 5, 1848. August 2, 1849, Dr. Briley married Martha A. Stewart. Seven children have been born to this union, viz., Flavius J., Florina P., Lena E., Margaret A., Zene T. (deceased), Evaline M. and Laura B. In the winter of 1866, the Doctor contracted articular rheumatism, which deprived him of the use of his lower limbs. Politically, Dr. Briley is a Republican; has been since the organization of the party. He is universally respected.

GEORGE W. BROWN, farmer and stock-raiser, is the fourth in the family of Daniel and Polly Ann (Ballard) Brown, natives of Kentucky and of English descent. He was born in Hendricks County, Ind., January 23, 1842, attended the public schools of the day, and was reared on the farm of his parents. In the spring of 1871, he came to and settled on the farm he now occupies. February 2, 1864, he married Johanna, daughter of John and Mary Jane (Hatchett) Shirley, by which union he became the father of eight children—Madison O., Emma A. (deceased), Robert J., Viola May, Ira (deceased) and Irene (twins), Daniel W. and John H. Mr. Brown has been successful, and has redeemed from the wilderness a good farm and home, containing many and varied improvements. In 1880, he was elected Justice of the Peace, but did not serve. He is a member of Vigo Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M. He is a liberal patron of all progressive and charitable measures. In politics, he is Democratic, and gave his first Presidential vote for Gen. McClellan.

WILLIAM M. BRUSH, farmer, was born in Rockcastle County, Ky., February 7, 1819, and is the eldest son of John and Mary (or Polly) Brush, natives of Kentucky, and of Dutch-Irish descent. His parents settled in Harrison Township, this State, in March, 1831; remained one year; removed to Owen County, and thence, in 1857, to Iowa, where they afterward died. William's opportunities for learning were very meager, but the best was made of what he had, and he has improved himself by systematic reading. October 3, 1841, he married Anna, daughter of John and Elizabeth Cooprider, a union productive of eight children—John W., James K. P. (deceased), Mary Elizabeth, Henry J., Eliza Ann, Miles F., William C. and Elzora (deceased). Mr. Brush was Trustee of Harrison Township, whence he moved, in September, 1879, to this township, and located on his present farm in 1881. He has 160 acres of land on the Eel River bottoms, 100 of which are cultivated; it contains a good residence, barns, fencing and the like. Mr. Brush has been a successful man. In 1866, he began the first circular saw mill in Harrison Township; continued the same for five years, and then resumed farming. In 1880, he served as census enumerator for this township. He is a strong Republican, having voted for John C. Fremont in 1856. He and wife are devout members of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM L. BUCKALLEW, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Crawford County, Ind., June 6, 1827, and is the eldest son of James and Mahala (Holt) Buckallew, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, and of Scotch and Welsh descent respectively. His parents removed to and settled in Harrison Township the year of his birth, and in 1835 came to

this township, where they both ended their lives. William was brought up on the home farm, and commenced life on his own account at twenty-two years of age, having acquired sufficient knowledge to teach in the public schools. October, 1850, he married Elizabeth Goble, a union cemented by three children—James D., Sarah E. and Joel T. Mr. Buckallew is a member of Jasonville Lodge, No. 530, A. F. & A. M., in which he has held many offices. In 1852, he was elected Justice of the Peace of this township, and re-elected three succeeding terms. In 1865, he was elected Assessor; in 1866, Township Trustee for three years; in 1878, County Commissioner, and re-elected in 1882, which office he now holds. Mr. Buckallew has been successful in his efforts, having the ownership of eighty-two splendid acres, after having given forty to each of his children. His land is well cultivated, improved and stocked. He is a Democrat, and a worthy gentleman and citizen. Mrs. Buckallew belongs to the Baptist Church.

JOHN BURNS, farmer and stock-raiser, is the oldest son of Henry and Jane (Stuart) Burns, natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch descent, and was born in Washington County, Penn., July 28, 1832, whence he came to this State in 1855, and settled a short distance from his present home site. He soon after removed to Greene, and thence to Clay County, and located where he now resides. John was reared to farming, received a fair education, and taught two terms after removing to this commonwealth. September 28, 1854, he married, in Pennsylvania, Caroline Coulson, to which union were born four children—Henry C., Annie M., Susan C. and Uriah C. Mrs. Burns died June 5, 1874, and March 21, 1875. Mr. Burns married Melinda J. Cochran, daughter of Asa and Pherby Mahan. Mr. Burns was a soldier in the Union army, having enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until March 4, 1864, having contracted rheumatism while on duty. He votes the Greenback ticket, and in 1876 was a candidate for County Commissioner, two years later for Township Trustee, and still later for Township Assessor. Mr. Burns is the possessor of a handsome farm of eighty acres, all in good cultivation, improved with residence, barns, fencing and the like, and also well stocked with horses, cattle and sheep. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DANIEL BUSH, farmer and stock-raiser, is the seventh child of Guy and Elizabeth (DeFoe) Bush, natives of New York and Kentucky respectively. He was born in Vigo County, Ind., August 17, 1838, whence his parents moved to Missouri in 1842, remained four years, and returned to this State and settled in this township, adjoining the farm now occupied by our subject. Guy Bush died about 1845. Mrs. Bush is yet living on the old farm place, seventy-six years of age. Daniel was reared on the farm, where he remained until he was of age, with but little schooling. March 23, 1862, he married Mary Ann, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Frakes) Pierson, which union produced three children—Tilman Otis, Earnest Guy, and Harland Clifford (deceased). Mr. Bush inherited \$50 from his father, with which he purchased a horse, the basis of his fortune, which by his own exertions he has acquired. He is the owner of 280 acres, making one of the finest farms in the township, containing many necessary improvements and well stocked, among which are some of the finest blooded animals. He is a liberal, benevolent man, an excellent citizen and a strong Democrat, who cast his first vote for President for Stephen A. Douglas.

BENJAMIN COPPOCK, farmer, is the only child of John and Mary (Duncan) Coppock, natives of South Carolina, and was born in Miami County, Ohio, September 15, 1832, whither his parents had emigrated, and whence he was brought to this township in 1842. He was reared to the plow, and from the neighboring schools he acquired the rudiments of an education. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, Eighty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the war was ended, having participated in the battles of Thompson Station and Cassville, Ga., whence he was sent to the convalescent camp at Chattanooga, and again assigned to duty in Gen. Sherman's great campaign and march to the ocean, and was discharged at Alexandria. Mr. Coppock has been thrice married—November 24, 1853, to Zeresh Puckett, who died February 27, 1873, having borne eight children—Jemima, Rebecca Ann, Mary M., Ida May and Thomas B., living, together with Nancy Jane, Joseph and an infant, deceased. July 22, 1875, he married Elizabeth Mattox, from whom he was subsequently divorced, and July 30, 1882, he married his present wife, Mary (Cutsaw) Coppock. Mr. Coppock is a member of Vigo Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M., and was the first Master Mason made therein. In 1867, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and served ten years consecutively. In 1880, he was made Township Assessor, which office he now holds. In politics, he is a Democrat.

EUGENE CORSAW, stock-raiser and farmer, is the only son of William and Eliza (Hanscom) Corsaw, natives of Michigan, and of French descent, and was born in Detroit June 1, 1845. In 1852, he moved to Gosport, Ind., with his father, and later to Worthington. When fifteen years of age, he began life for himself by working alternately as a farm hand and on the canal. January 3, 1862, he married Anna Coopriider, to which union have been born seven children—Jonathan, William (deceased), Elzora, Effie May, Laura Bell (deceased), Francis M. (deceased) and Dellxena. After laboring on the canal, Mr. Corsaw rented a farm for some years, and in 1880 purchased and occupied his present home. It comprises seventy-seven acres, all under cultivation, well improved, handsomely stocked, and equipped with all necessary appurtenances. Mr. Corsaw inherited about \$300; the remainder of his possessions he has earned by his thrift and diligence. In politics, he is a rigid and straight-out Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.

HENRY W. CRIST, stock-raiser and farmer, was born in Clark County, Ind., August 17, 1821, and is the third son of Nicholas and Nancy (Biggs) Crist, natives of Kentucky, and respectively of German and Irish descent. In 1831, his parents removed to Vigo County, where the mother died, and whence the family thereafter removed to this township in 1836. Henry's youth was divided between farm work and school, but he obtained an average education. February 18, 1843, he wedded Lucinda Liston, by which marriage they had nine children, of which number seven are living—Marvin B., Marcus D., Nancy Margaret, Mary Maranda, Sarah Evaline, Louisa Ellen and Joseph Cary. Mrs. Crist died March 2, 1866, since which his daughters have been his house-keepers. By hard labor and well-directed economy, Mr. Crist has been enabled to secure himself and family against poverty in the possession of 160 acres, one hundred of which are in high cultivation and with all needed improvements. In politics, he is a Democrat, and he gave his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk.

MILTON C. DELL, farmer and merchant, the eldest son of Thomas and Jane A. (Waller) Dell, natives of Ohio and Maryland respectively, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, January 1, 1839, whence his mother removed to this State in 1863, and purchased and settled on the farm which Milton now occupies. While in Ohio, he attended the public schools, and subsequently became a teacher; he also taught successfully in this State for about eight terms, but gave up the profession in 1873. May, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, Sixty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, served four months, and was discharged, and later re-enlisted at Terre Haute in Company F, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged July, 1865, having, while at Raleigh, N. C., contracted catarrh, which yet afflicts him. About 1868, he entered the mercantile trade, and in which vocation he is now engaged. April 20, 1873, he married Katie A. James, thereby becoming the parent of three children—Carrie, Mollie and Mattie. Excepting his faithful wife, Mr. Dell received no assistance on the voyage of life. He is now the owner of an eighty-acre farm, well stocked, cultivated and improved, and furnished with the necessary machinery and implements. Mr. and Mrs. Dell are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOSIAH RAMSEY ERNHART, farmer, is the third child of Henry and Jane (Heynote) Ernhart, natives of North Carolina and Georgia, and of German and Scotch descent respectively, who emigrated to Putnam County, Ind., in 1830, thence to Clay County in 1840, and settled on a farm where both closed their lives. Josiah was born in Washington County, Ind., August 14, 1823. He attended subscription school, worked on the farm, and at the age of twenty began life for himself. He has been twice married; first, October 1, 1842, to Nancy, daughter of Wiley and Elizabeth Sanders, with an issue of five children, four of whom died in infancy, and one, Nancy Jane, who lived to be thirty-five; Mrs. Ernhart died in 1849, and February 8, 1858, he married Nancy Jane McCaffey, which alliance resulted in one child, Franklin. In 1864, he purchased and located on 160 acres, and from the wilderness which it then was he has made a garden and added the varied improvements necessary to constitute a good farm as well as home. Mr. Ernhart belongs to the old Predestinarian Baptist Church.

JAMES G. FOREMAN, stock-raiser and farmer, is the third child of Joseph and Susannah (Cox) Foreman, both natives of Kentucky. He was born in Spencer County, Ky., February 27, 1825, whence, in the spring of 1855, he emigrated to Indiana and purchased and settled on the land now occupied by him. In youth, he attended a few terms of school and worked on the farm. September 23, 1847, he married, in Bullitt County, Ky., Elizabeth, daughter of William and Anna (Shaw) Tucker, also natives of Kentucky, by which union there were born eleven children—Isora (deceased), Burnett, Aaron Decker, James William, Joseph Ellington, Liler Huffman (deceased), Mary Ann Voorhies (deceased), Benjamin Collins, Theophilus Elmer, Bland Sloan and an infant (deceased). Mr. Foreman is a self-made man, and now possesses 165 acres of land in the highest cultivation, with many improvements and well supplied with horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. He is a radical Democrat. He was made a Mason in Kentucky, and is now a member of Lodge 29, A. F. & A. M., of Vigo, and has filled the chair of W. M. Mrs. Foreman is a devout member of the Baptist Church.

FRANCIS MARION GARRETT, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Vigo County, Ind., and when four years of age was brought by stran-

gers to this township, where he resided with William Cary Liston until about twenty years of age. In 1822, Mr. Liston and family removed to Shelby County, Ill., where our subject lived on said gentleman's farm, but where his opportunities for learning were very meager. This defect he afterward made up by study, reading and observation. July 3, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteers; served until October, 1864, and was honorably discharged. During his service, he participated in all the battles of that regiment prior to 1862; after which he was some time sick, and then transferred to the Fifteenth Veteran Reserve Corps, in which service he had his feet badly frozen while driving an ambulance. In the spring of 1865, he enlisted in Company H, Third Illinois Cavalry, and served as Commissary Sergeant till the close of the war. In 1866, he began the blacksmithing trade, followed the same ten years, and then resumed farming. February 3, 1870, he married Sarah J., daughter of William and Amanda Stout, which union gave being to four children—Leora Dilzena, Viola R. (deceased), Maud Leonore (deceased) and Clara R. Mr. Garrett has a well-stocked and well-improved farm, all of which is self-obtained. He is a member of Vigo Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M., and he and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

DANIEL GOBLE, farmer and coal operator, eldest son of Daniel and Eunice (Pound) Goble, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, and of English descent, was born in Montgomery County, Ind., November 26, 1825. His parents moved to Clay County in 1839, and settled on the farm now owned by our subject, who remained with said parents until he was twenty-five, and acquired sufficient education to teach a subscription school. March 4, 1850, he married Margaret Critchfield, which union gave being to these children—Elizabeth E., Thomas I. (deceased), George Walter, James G. (deceased), Joel J. (deceased), Mary Margaret and Elijah P. In 1868, Mr. Goble was elected County Appraiser, which office he held two years; he also served the same period as Township Assessor. He came to this district when it was but a wilderness, to develop which no man perhaps has done more than he. He has now 120 acres of land, 100 of which are in good cultivation, well improved and finely stocked. Beneath a portion of his land has been discovered a rich, deep vein of bituminous coal, with even more and better indications. Mr. Goble is politically an uncompromising Democrat, and religiously he is a member of the Baptist Church, as is also his wife.

OLIVER GRIFFITH, pioneer farmer of Clay County, Ind., is the third child in the family of Bartlett and Patience (Dalton) Griffith, natives of Kentucky, and of Irish descent. Oliver was born in Harrison Township, this county, February 11, 1838, where he resided until 1856, after which he removed to this township. He was bred to the farm, his parents having died when he was very young, and his education was much neglected. October 29, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Forty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, served until February 3, 1863, when he was honorably discharged, for disability, after participating in the battles of Fort Pillow and Memphis, and also many skirmishes. December 6, 1863, he married Sarah, daughter of John and Nancy (Hollinsworth) Chambers. Their union was favored with four children—Thomas Gilbert (deceased), John Franklin, Claude E. (deceased) and Richard Harland. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are members of the Baptist Church, and most worthy and devoted people. The former has

made his way unaided to competence and public regard. He owns a fine farm of 130 acres, which has, as improvements, a good residence, productive orchards, substantial fencing, etc. Mr. Griffith is a patron of education, and a thorough and active Republican.

HENRY HARMAN, stock-raiser and farmer, is a native of York County, Penn., born November 19, 1825, and is the third of the family of Jonas and Sarah (Murphy) Harman, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. His parents emigrated to Ohio in 1831, and settled in Tuscarawas County, where they afterward died. Henry lived at home until he was twenty-two years old, where he obtained some schooling and was brought up a farmer. March 22, 1853, he married Mary Helwig, a union cemented by four children—Mary E., Sarah C., Christina V. and Minnie M. Mr. Harman has been a successful business man, a result due wholly to himself. He has a superior farm of 133 acres under good cultivation, with fine residence, barns, orchards, fencing and a good stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. He has also a farm of forty acres, one mile southeast of his home. May 8, 1854, he arrived in Owen County, this State, and bought a farm in Harrison Township; this he afterward sold and purchased his present farm in this township. Mr. Harman is a member of Vigo Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M., of which he has been Steward, J. D. and Treasurer. He is a rigid Democrat, and has served as Constable. His first Presidential vote was for Gen. Taylor. Mrs. Harman is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

DAVID A. HILL, farmer and stock-dealer, is the eighth child of the family of David H. B. and Sarah (Fogwell) Hill, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and of Prussian and English descent respectively. David A. was born in Greene County, Ohio, June 1, 1838, whence his parents moved to this State and settled in Allen County. In 1847, his father died, and David remained at home until his twentieth year, in the pursuit of schooling and in labor at the plow. August 18, 1858, he married, in Allen County, Ind., Rachel A. Sites, a union productive of six children—Ida May (deceased), Charles Emri (deceased), Buena Vista, Capitola, Mary Catherine (deceased) and Summit. In 1861, Mr. Hill rented land in Clay County, and afterward purchased land where he now lives, having 220 acres, 116 of which are cultivated and improved, also stocked, and with good residence and buildings; he has also 120 acres in Greene County, Ind., together with some town property, all acquired by his united effort and management. He is a radical Democrat, and cast his first vote for Stephen A. Douglas. Mr. Hill is a liberal-minded and public-spirited citizen.

REV. WILLIAM JEFFRES was born in Clermont County, Ohio, December 22, 1821, and is the fourth child of James and Margaret (Reece) Jeffres, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania, and of English and Irish descent respectively. In 1835, his parents emigrated to this State, and located in Perry Township, where both ended their days. William received an average education, was reared on a farm, remained at home until after his majority, and taught one term of public school. When about twenty-six years old, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, studied for the ministry, and in 1871 joined with the New Light denomination, by which he was ordained; but after removing from the New Light jurisdiction, he re-united with the Methodists, of which sect he is now a local minister. May 9, 1844, he married Sarah Knight, to which union were born the following

children: Martha Ann, James H., Daniel (deceased), Hail C., John J. and Walter E. Mrs. Jeffres died in 1858, and September 26, 1862, he married his present wife, Unity J. Warner, by which alliance has been born one child—Jane Victoria. August, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged in 1862, after taking part at Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Landing, having contracted an affection of the eyes. February 14, 1865, he re-enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was detailed as Chaplain. While in charge of a commissary train, he was permanently disabled by the breaking of a bridge. In 1880, he was a candidate of the Greenback party for Representative of Clay County; now, however, he votes with the Republicans. Mr. Jeffres is the owner of a good farm of 120 acres, constituting a comfortable home. He is an extremely temperate man, and a good citizen.

ROBERT CARNAHAN KING, farmer and educator, is the third of a family of Thomas and Margaret (Carnahan) King, natives of Pennsylvania and of Irish descent. Robert was born in Carroll County, Ohio, July 17, 1844. He attended the public schools, was reared on a farm, and remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age. After teaching two terms of school, he entered Harlem Springs College, and finished his education at Hagerstown (Ohio) Academy. In 1869, after coming to this State, he became First Assistant of the Spencer Graded School, and afterward taught two terms of public school. September 10, 1871, at Carrollton, Ohio, he married Jennie R. Moore, a school teacher, the fruits of which marriage were five children—Carl Clyde, Aba Berne (deceased), Grace Elizabeth, Flora Leanna and Wayne Adelbert. In 1871, Mr. King returned to this State, and until 1876 engaged in school teaching. He was then elected Assessor of Jackson Township, and later Superintendent of Owen County, and President of the Board of Education. In 1881, he became an agent of the St. L., I. & E. Railroad, in procuring right of way, and next general agent in a publishing house. In 1883, he located on his farm, and divided his time between agriculture and teaching, having 150 acres, largely in the coal belt of the county, cultivated, improved and stocked. Politically, Mr. King is a radical Democrat.

EWING LANNING, stock-raiser and farmer, is the eighth of the children of John J. and Mary (Beasley) Lanning, natives of North Carolina and Indiana respectively. He was born in this township July 14, 1838, where he lived until 1861, when he removed to Vigo County, and remained eight years, after which he returned to the home farm, on which he now resides. He received a commonplace education at the subscription schools, which he has improved by constant and judicious reading. August 28, 1860, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Frakes) Pierson, who left at her death six children—Clinton J. (deceased), Mary Effie (deceased), an infant (died unnamed), Melbourne, Wade (deceased) and Ewing W. April 19, 1882, he married his present wife, Josephine, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Stout) Boston. Mr. Lanning is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having in his local lodge, No. 29, held the office of Steward. In 1874, he was elected Justice of the Peace, but declined to serve. Mr. Lanning is a man whose perseverance and industry have secured for him a competence, in a superior farm of 134 acres, all in high cultivation and with modern improvements; it is also stocked with superior varieties of stock. Mr. Lanning

is an uncompromising Democrat, and gave his first Presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Lanning are members of the Baptist Church.

FRANCIS M. LANNING, farmer and stock-raiser, was born on the farm which he now owns and occupies February 2, 1846, and is the only son of John and Jane Craveston (Stout) Lanning, natives respectively of North Carolina and Kentucky. After living at home, Francis married Sarah, daughter of Elijah and Mary Pierson, a union which was fruitful in one child—Claude Amensaco. Mr. Lanning has a good farm of 108 acres, with varied and important improvements; he has also a quantity of excellent stock, and is a successful stock-raiser. He is a straight-out Democrat, having cast his first Presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas. Mr. Lanning received but little help from his father, so that he has made his farm, stock, implements, etc., by his own thrift and labor. He and wife are prominent members of the Baptist Church at Friendly Grove.

GILBERT LISTON, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Vigo County, Ind., January 23, 1831, and is the eldest son of Joseph T. and Sarah (Welch) Liston, natives of Indiana and Ohio, and of English and Welsh descent respectively. His parents removed to this township in 1838, and purchased and settled on a farm near the present residence of our subject, where they both died, the father aged sixty-five, the mother aged sixty-four. His two great-grandfathers fought in the Revolutionary war, and his paternal grandfather was a soldier of 1812, having acted as a scout of Gen. Harrison. Gilbert Liston fought in the Union war, and September 5, 1861, enlisted in Company F, Thirty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served three years, the latter part of which was as Orderly Sergeant, and was honorably discharged. He took part at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and others, including Gen. Sherman's Atlanta campaign, throughout which service he was but one month in the hospital. In November, 1851, he married Eleanor H., a daughter of Elijah M. and Rebecca Stout, which union gave birth to seven children—Elijah Mathew, Joseph Thomas, Sarah Ellen (deceased), Mary Etta (deceased), William, J. Gilbert and James Rufus. In 1875 and 1876, Mr. Liston served as Township Trustee, and in the latter year ran for County Commissioner. He was formerly a Whig, but since 1861 has been a Republican; his first Presidential vote was given for Gen. Scott. He has a fine and well-improved farm of 260 acres, with a rich line of stock.

JOHN M. MAJORS, farmer and stock-raiser, is the only son of Wright and Atha R. (Duncan) Majors, both of English descent, the former a native of Tennessee, the latter of South Carolina. John was born in White County, Ill., February 1, 1831, whence his parents removed to this State in 1843, and settled in Owen County. Our subject attended the neighborhood schools, and was brought up on the home farm, where he remained until his majority. In February, 1865, he enlisted at Terre Haute in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served until nearly the close of the war; was honorably discharged, but still suffers from the effects of pneumonia contracted during camp life. He was wedded in Clay County to Nancy M. Smith, by which marriage they became the parents of six children—Atha E., an infant (deceased), Rebecca Jane, Thomas M., Mahala Ann and Dessa May. In 1873, Mr. Majors purchased and settled

on his present farm, comprising 160 acres of fruitful, cultivated, improved and well-stocked land, some of which contains valuable strata of coal. In political matters, Mr. Majors is a radical Democrat, but liberal or independent in local affairs. He and wife are members of the Christian Church.

REV. GEORGE W. MARLOW, Missionary Baptist minister, and farmer, eldest son of John and Lydia Marlow, natives of Maryland, and of Irish descent, was born in Sullivan County, Ind., April 23, 1832; was reared on the home farm, and after a good public school education, studied for the ministry, for which he was ordained in 1863. His first charge was Mount Pleasant Church (then at Friendly Grove), Lebanon, Second Prairie Creek (which church he organized), Salem, Union, Pleasant Run, Bethel, First Prairie Creek, Friendly Grove, Douglas County, and Oregon. He has administered the rite of baptism to nearly 500 persons, and performed the rite of marriage 180 times. He is a prominent member of Vigo Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M., and has acted as J. W. June 8, 1851, he married Sarah A. Plew, with an issue of seven children—William F., John C., Mary L., Sallie L., James A., George V. and Marvin E. Mr. Marlow's only aid to prosperity has been his faithful spouse. He is owner of a good farm of forty acres, which is well stocked, cultivated and improved. As a minister, he is well read in theologic literature and Bible learning, as well as all that pertains to the good man and efficient worker. He has no regular charge, but makes his own appointments and supplies vacancies.

NELSON W. MARSHALL, stock-raiser and farmer, is the eldest son of Isom and Ellen (Ollis) Marshall, natives of Kentucky, and of Irish and English descent respectively. He was born in Washington County, Ind., March 4, 1839, was reared on a farm, and is a self-made and educated man. January 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Fifty-ninth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served until April 8, 1865, and was honorably discharged, after having participated in forty engagements. In 1864, by order of the Post Commander, he, together with twenty-two others, was vaccinated, of which number twenty died from the ill effects of the operation, our subject escaping with a permanently disabled arm. November 19, 1865, he married Sarah E. Chambers, by which union they have had six children—Mary E., Charles Clinton, Ota (deceased), James Clifford (deceased), Uriah S. (deceased) and Ivan R. Mr. Marshall is a prominent member of Post 196, G. A. R., and also an earnest Democrat. He has a well-stocked and well-improved farm of 143 acres, and a comfortable home.

DAVID J. MARVEL, farmer and plasterer, is the third of the children of Robert and Sarah (Williams) Marvel, natives of Delaware. David was born near Centerville, Ohio, June 10, 1831, whence his parents came to this State in 1833, and settled in Hendricks County, where our subject resided until 1867, when he removed to Iowa, thence returned Indiana, and in the spring of 1870 settled on the farm on which he now lives. He was reared on a farm, and lived with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, with but little schooling—perhaps three months in all—yet he has acquired a practical education by observation and experience. February 16, 1854, he married Amanda Brown, a union favored with ten children—Sarah, Mary F., Victoria May, Joanna M., Ada (deceased), Louie J. (deceased), Sylvester P., Dora May, William Morton and Robert Winfred. September, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-

ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served one year and was discharged for disability, after having participated in all the battles from Louisville to Cumberland Gap. In his youth he learned the plasterer's trade, at which he works occasionally still. In politics, Mr. Marvel is a Republican, and he and wife are members of the Christian Church.

WILLIAM MUIR, farmer, is a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, was born March 9, 1818, and is the seventh of the nine children of Thomas and Margaret (Thompson) Muir, natives of Scotland. Thomas Muir was a weaver, and when William was nine year old he was placed at the loom and taught the art of weaving silk and cotton fabrics. He also attended a night school, and thus obtained some education. Later in life, he was engaged in weaving and finishing broché shawls, at which he continued until 1840, when he was induced to visit America, where he landed after a stormy passage of sixty-five days. He then made his way to Germantown, Wayne Co., Ind., where his brother resided, and where he followed weaving for two years. In 1842, he moved to Indianapolis, established one of the first looms there, and operated three for eight years. After this time he engaged in merchandising for three years; then engaged in gardening and farming until 1864. November 9, 1845, he married Miss Mary A., daughter of Henry and Phebe Warman, and a native of Wayne County, Ind., to which union were born six children, of whom three are living—Thomas R., Sarah (wife of Alfred Bungler), and Margaret V. (wife of Frederick Peavey). In April, 1864, Mr. Muir removed to this county, and located where he now resides, and which land he had owned for a number of years. He owns upward of 1,800 acres, the greater portion of which is in Lewis Township and the balance in Greene County, Ind. The land is well improved, cultivated and stocked, he being now engaged in breeding some thoroughbred short-horn cattle. Mr. Muir has been a hard worker, and is a successful farmer, but he has formerly suffered from ague; now suffers from rheumatism, having been crippled for thirty years. He is an active politician, once a Whig, later a Democrat, and now voting for the man rather than the party. He is an enterprising and liberal citizen, a supporter of charitable and religious movements, and highly esteemed by all who know him. His wife is a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN NEAL, farmer and stock-raiser, is the eldest son of Henry and Mary (Duncan) Neal, natives of Tennessee and North Carolina, and of Irish and Welsh descent respectively. John was born in Miami County, Ohio, March 26, 1816, and was reared on a farm, and at the age of sixteen, with little learning, was turned upon the world. July 20, 1837, he was married to Elizabeth Love, and in November of the following year removed to this State and to the land now occupied by him. Of Quaker parentage, he was a birthright member of the sect, but by his marriage was dismissed therefrom. About 1840, he united with the United Brethren Church, and later with the Christian denomination, of which he became a minister, but, from a bronchial trouble, discontinued preaching. Mr. Neal is a man of ability, of versatility and honesty, and has "played many parts." He has baptized probably 1,500 persons, performed 300 marriages, and for thirty years averaged three dis-courses and traveled from three to thirty miles during each week. He has labored as a carpenter and undertaker, having made alone not fewer

than 500 coffins. He has educated himself, and reared and instructed a numerous family; and lastly, has had his share of mortal misfortune. His farm comprises 160 acres of cultivated and improved land, well furnished with good stock and provided with farm implements. He is the parent of twelve children—Mary Ann (deceased), Amanda, Barbara, Louisa, Elihu, Henry, Sarah E., Lydia (deceased), Susanna, Wilson, John A. and Arabel F. (deceased). Mr. Neal is a Democratic voter, whose political war experiences are voluminous and interesting.

MAHLON NEAL, farmer, miller and merchant, is the third in the family of Henry and Mary (Duncan) Neal, natives of Tennessee and South Carolina, and of Irish and Welsh descent respectively. Mahlon was born in Miami County, Ohio, August 30, 1820. He received but sparsely of education, having attended for a time a subscription school, the tuition for which was paid by him in hauling wood. In September, 1842, he moved to this State and settled on his home land. January 5, 1843, he married Mary Ann Love, a union which gave issue to eleven children—Henry T., James B., Albert, Mary Ann (deceased), Mahlon R., Barbara M., Caleb, Eliza Isabel, John B., Harriet E. (deceased) and William Alonzo (deceased). After the death of his first wife, he wedded, July 29, 1879, Nancy Jane Shepherd, by which marriage they had two children—Florence May and Mary F. (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Neal are prominent members of the Church of Christ, in which the former is an Elder, a fluent speaker and an influential Christian. Without means and assistance, Mr. Neal has accomplished a life success by thrift and energy. He is the owner of a paying mill property, a fine farm of 300 acres in high cultivation, and with good stock and varied improvements; he has also a controlling interest in 1,200 acres of excellent coal land in Clay County, and a large stock of general merchandise at Jasonville, Ind. Mr. Neal was Trustee of this township for ten years, and County Commissioner one term. He voted for Gen. Fremont in 1856, and is a staunch Republican.

HENRY B. NEAL, farmer, stock-raiser and educator, is the seventh child in the family of Thomas C. and Mary (Mattox) Neal, natives of Ohio, and respectively of English and Irish extraction. Henry was born in Clay County, Ind., February 24, 1854; was reared on a farm, attended the graded and normal schools, and became a thorough educator. At the age of twenty-two, he began life on his own account, and June 5, 1879, married Celestia A. Tipton, which union was favored with an issue of two children—Gracie Pearl (deceased) and an infant unnamed. When nineteen years old, our subject taught his first school, and has since taught about fifteen terms. Mr. Neal has a farm of sixty acres, all in good cultivation, with important improvements, and well stocked with horses, cattle and hogs. He is a hard-working and uncompromising Republican, but a generally respected man and a valuable citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Neal are members of the Christian Church.

HAZEN PEAVEY, stock-raiser and farmer, is the eldest son of Joseph L. and Mary (Drew) Peavey, natives respectively of New Hampshire and Maine. He was born in Carroll County, N. H., March 23, 1824, and there resided until his seventeenth year, when he went to Boston as a "bell-boy," then as clerk at Dover, N. H., thence to Bangor, thence to Boston, where an experiment in the provision trade cost him his first \$1,000; afterward, at New London, Conn., he was clerk at the Federal House; he also had positions at Stafford Springs, and was stew

ard at Willard's Hotel, Washington; he was proprietor of a hotel at Jacksonville, Fla., and cashier of a hotel at Old Point Comfort, and later proprietor of the Brock House at Enterprise, Fla. We next find him at Old Point Comfort, then at New York as cashier of the Gramercy Park House. In 1861, he was for six months sutler of the Fourteenth United States Infantry. He then engaged in farming and sheep-raising in Illinois, and after two years returned to Washington and was cashier of the Ebbitt. In 1866, he opened the Waddawanack House at Stonington, Conn., but in 1867 purchased and settled where he now lives. November 27, 1851, at Cape Cod, he married Celia W. Crocker, with an issue of two children—Walter H. and Nellie D. Being left a widower, he wedded, November 11, 1866, at Richmond, Ind., Sophronia J. Forkner. With but little education, yet much brains and energy, he has made a grand success. He has 385 acres of well cultivated, improved and stocked land, where he is finally located, a great-souled, liberal gentleman and worthy citizen.

WILLIAM PHIPPS, farmer, is the youngest son of Benjamin and Lethe (Williams) Phipps, natives of North Carolina, whence, in 1834, Benjamin Phipps removed to Harrison Township. William was born in Lawrence County, Ind., August 1, 1824, and resided at home in Harrison Township until 1863, when he came into this township and located at what is now known as Phipps' Ferry. When he was sixteen years old, he was orphaned and compelled to act for himself with but a very spare education. He went to work on the canal and on a farm. September 26, 1843, he married Sarah Griffith, who died about 1851, leaving four children who quickly followed her. About 1856, he wedded his present wife, Mrs. Angeline (Huff) Dayton, by which marriage were brought into being eight children, two of whom only—Mary Jane and Sarah Angeline—are living. Mr. Phipps has attained his present state of independence by careful proceeding and continued industry, the precious fruits of which he may now enjoy. In March, 1878, he purchased and occupied his farm of eighty acres on Eel River bottom, which place is well cultivated and improved, stocked with horses, cattle and hogs, and furnished with necessary implements. Mr. Phipps is a radical Democrat, having given his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk.

JEPHTHA D. PORTER, farmer and stock-raiser, is the second in the family of Samuel and Ethelinda (Brown) Porter, natives of Kentucky, who emigrated to this State in the fall of 1864 and located on a farm near Bowling Green, whence, in 1881, they removed to this township and now reside engaged in milling. Our subject was born in Shelby County, Ky., March 28, 1848. He acquired a good English education, fitted himself as a teacher and taught two terms. February 8, 1865, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until September 27. During his service, he was promoted to the grade of Second Lieutenant, and was honorably discharged as such. When only fourteen years of age, in 1864, he enrolled in the Provost Guards and acted as guide to the Union army during Jenkins' raid, and was in the battle which routed that officer. While viewing the enemy's movements, he was accidentally wounded by a gunshot through the body; he was at the time standing on a freight-car. October 12, 1870, at Bowling Green, Ind., he married Martha A., daughter of James and Lydia Black, to which union were born three children—Carl (deceased), James William and Ollie Bell

Bessie. Mr. Porter is a Democrat, and was a candidate for County Auditor, which office, however, the Supreme Court decided was not vacant. He now owns, manages and controls a farm of 260 acres, well cultivated, improved, stocked, and containing good residence, good barns and good fencing. He also possesses a fine Eel River bottom farm of 120 acres.

CHURCH PUCKETT, farmer and stock-raiser, is the eldest son of Joseph and Zerish (Mattox) Puckett, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee respectively. His parents removed to Clay County, Ind., and settled in this township in 1842. Church Puckett was born in Vigo County, Ind., August 22, 1837, was reared on a farm, and from the neighborhood schools acquired a fair English education. He has been three times married—first, in May, 1855, to Mary Ann Neal, who died about four months later. In November, 1857, he married a second wife, Mary Jane North, who gave up life in the spring of 1877, having borne six children—Joseph (deceased), Henry, Mary Elizabeth, John Thomas (deceased), Amanda Jane and Hannah Ellen. April 24, 1881, he married his present wife—Sallie E. Cochran. In 1878, Mr. Puckett was elected Trustee of this township, which office he held for four years. He inherited from his father, who died in 1869, a small property, to which, by labor, economy and good management, he has materially added, having now a finely cultivated and improved farm of 56 acres, the same being supplied with some excellent stock and the necessary implements. Mr. Puckett is a thorough and active Democrat.

WILLIAM THOMAS PUCKETT, lawyer, farmer and stock-raiser, is the third of the family of David and Leanna (Baber) Puckett, the former a native of North Carolina, the latter of Virginia. He was born in Clay County, Ind., February 15, 1857, and resided on the parental farm until 1881, having attended the common and graded schools, with the result of a first-class English education. In the autumn of 1878, he began the study of law with Judge Carlton, at Terre Haute, and was admitted to practice at Brazil in January, 1882, since which period he has been partly engaged thereat, and is now Deputy Prosecutor for Clay County. Although he has given a portion of his time to agriculture, he purposes to give in future his whole attention to his great profession. He is the owner of a good farm of sixty-three acres, all under cultivation, and underlaid with rich deposits of bituminous coal. As a lawyer, he is well read, energetic and astute, a fluent speaker and a ready debater. March 10, 1881, he married Eliza Isabel Neal, which union has given being to one child. Mr. Puckett is a Democrat, and cast his first Presidential ballot for Gen. Hancock.

GEORGE REED, retired farmer, is the second son of Levi and Sallie (Helmstetler) Reed, natives of North Carolina, and of Scotch-English descent respectively, who emigrated to this State in 1823; settled in Lawrence County, and resided there for ten years, where the mother died in 1832. The next year the father removed to this township; entered eighty acres of Government land, on which he lived and where he died in 1848. George was born in Roan, Davidson Co., N. C., October 18, 1818. When about nineteen years of age, he entered forty acres of Government land on Eel River, which he has cleared and improved, and to which he added until he has now 432 acres of land, which he has adorned with fences, buildings, orchards and the like. Mr. Reed has improved by reading and later study the education he received in youth, as he has made the circumstances of his life, by his own efforts. He is

a stalwart Republican, but gave his first vote for W. H. Harrison. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a worthy citizen, and a patron of every benevolent and public enterprise.

GAUDENCHY DULUCKY SANDERS, farmer and stock-raiser, the third of the family William and Rebecca (Hughes) Sanders, was born in Clay County, Ind., March 27, 1849. His parents died when he was about one year old, from which time until he was eleven years of age, he lived with his grandfather, and from the public schools learned something of reading and writing. March 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteers (Thirteenth Cavalry), and served until the close of the war. In addition to many skirmishes, he participated in the battles of Decatur, Nashville, Huntsville, Mobile and others. In May, 1864, he was captured, and after three days made his escape, while his captors were reveling on the spoils of a distillery. In 1866, he drove wagon teams through Colorado and Montana, and for the succeeding four years he "whacked" bull teams across the plains. He saw Kit Carson, and afterward attended the funeral of that noted scout. He was more than once the bed-fellow of the Hon. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), and enjoyed the acquaintance of the famous A. W. Edwards, and was present when the Sioux and Arapahoes lifted that hero's scalp. August 10, 1876, he married Maria M. Terhune, with an issue of two children—Martha Ellen and Olga May. Mr. Sanders is a member of Vigo Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M., and he and wife are members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

SAMUEL H. SANDERS, stock-raiser and farmer, is the fifth of the family of Joseph and Eda (Brock) Sanders, natives of Indiana and Ohio, and of Irish and German descent respectively. He was born at Lockport, Ind., March 9, 1824, from which point his parents removed to this township in 1832, and purchased land on which they settled, and on which they and six of their children died and were buried. He was reared a farmer, and later married Hannah, daughter of Jesse and Susanna Neal, who left at her death two children—Jesse L. and Eda Sarena (both deceased). After his marriage, Mr. Sanders engaged in farming. He now owns 420 acres of fine land, about half of which are on the Eel River bottom, and nearly all under fence and good cultivation; this land is also well stocked with horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Two years after the death of his first, he married a second wife, Elizabeth Brock, which marriage gave issue to eight children, two of whom only survive—Martha and Margaret Lucinda. This wife also died August, 1882. Except perhaps \$200 received from his father's estate, Mr. Sanders has made his own fortune, which he has begun to enjoy. In politics, he is an uncompromising Democrat.

DAVID SHEPHERD, stock-raiser and farmer, is the sixth son of Stephen and Sarah (Porter) Shepherd, natives of Kentucky and North Carolina, and of Scotch and Irish descent respectively. David was born in Sullivan County, Ind., in 1823; his education was wholly neglected, but by application and observation he has acquired a practical knowledge of books and business. He resided with his parents until his majority, when he began working on the W. & E. Canal, and later on a farm in Illinois. In 1853, he returned to this State, and entered his present land. March 19, 1854, he married Christina Badders, which alliance gave being to eight children—Sarah E., Mary L., William T., Anderson

W., Stephen R. (deceased), David A. (deceased), Delanie L. and Henry H. In September, 1854, Mr. Shepherd moved to Illinois and raised one crop, and then removed to Clay County. At the time he entered this land the district was a wild, and unaided he acquired a competence in a fine farm of 325 acres, 275 of which are cultivated and improved, together with a supply of stock of many kinds; he also owned 130 acres in Sullivan County. In 1878, he lost \$3,500 in the burning of a barn and its contents. Mr. Shepherd is a strongly grounded Democrat, but cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. Taylor. He and wife belong to the Christian Church.

ELLJAH M. STOUT, retired farmer and stock-raiser, is the fourth son of William and Mary (Van Dyke) Stout, natives of Virginia, and probably of German-Irish descent. He was born in Spencer County, Ky., September 14, 1811, came to this State in 1835, and settled where he now resides. During his youth, he attended school some time and worked upon the farm, and later, April 24, 1832, married Rebecca Craveson, by whom he had three children born to him—Eleanor Harriet, Sarah Ann (deceased) and Mary Jane. Mr. Stout has made good success in life, and that, too, almost without aid of any kind. Politically, he is now a member of the Independent party, his first Presidential vote having been given to Henry Clay. Mr. and Mrs. Stout are members of the Baptist Church, of which the former has been a Trustee for upward of forty years.

JOHN STROME, miller, is the fourth of the family of Joseph and Sarah (Miller) Strome, both of German descent, and natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively, who removed to this State in 1851; remained in Owen County a short time before removing to this township, where they now reside—the father aged sixty-seven, the mother sixty-three. John was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, January 3, 1850; was reared on the farm and worked for his parents, as he has never ceased to do, and consequently received but small advantage from the schools. May 10, 1882, he married Josephine Stark, by which marriage they have been given one child—a girl, deceased. What property Mr. Strome possesses he has made from his own exertions. He has a farm of sixty-five acres, tolerably well improved. He also possesses a half interest in the Eldorado Mills, of which he is manager. He commenced the milling business in 1871, first as learner, then as worker, then as tenant, and finally as half-owner. He is a rigid Democrat, his first Presidential vote having been given for Horace Greeley. Mr. Strome is a member of Martz Lodge, No. 360, I. O. O. F., and he and wife are members of the church—he of the Presbyterian, and she of the Baptist.

WILLIAM TENNIS, farmer, stock-raiser and stock-dealer, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, November 5, 1838, and is the eldest son of John and Nancy (Rowles) Tennis, natives of Ohio and of English extraction. His parents removed to this State in the spring of 1852, and located in Sullivan. William attended school in Ohio and Indiana, worked on the farm, and in 1859, in this county, married Amanda J. Maddox, who died April 16, 1867, leaving three children—Thomas Jefferson, James and Emily. He next married, October 24, 1870, Margaret Pipher, which union gave issue to five children—Joseph Green, Henry Clay, George H., Edward J. and Ross. In 1870, Mr. Tennis removed to his present home, comprising 100 acres of excellent, well-improved, stocked and cultivated land. In 1872, he was elected Justice of the Peace, at

which he served for eight consecutive years, and never had a judgment reversed. In 1878, he made the race for the nomination of Recorder, but afterward withdrew. While serving as Justice he obtained a sufficient knowledge of law to enable him to practice in his way, and in which he has done most satisfactorily. He is a Democrat politically, but universally esteemed as a man and a citizen. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and now S. W. of Jasonville Lodge, No. 530. Mr. and Mrs. Tennis are members of the Christian Church, of which he is a Trustee.

EDWARD H. WATKINS, farmer and stock-raiser, is the youngest son of William and Margaret Watkins, natives of Ireland, and was born in Butler County, Ohio, April 6, 1831, where he resided until 1852, when he removed to this State; worked at carpentering until 1861, and then located in Vigo County, and alternated between the bench and the farm. In 1866, he removed to this county and settled where he now lives—one of the finest farms of 200 acres—at that time a wild of swamp and wood, but now improved with good buildings, stock and fencing. Mr. Watkins has been twice married, the first time April 3, 1862, with Miriam, daughter of James and Margaret Moon, who died after one year; the second time with Martha, daughter of Thompson and Nancy McKee; from this union there descended eight children—John W., Henry F., George F., Mary, Newton E., Etta, Essa and Hattie. By industry and integrity Mr. Watkins has acquired an excellent property, the achievement due to himself. Politically, he is a stalwart Democrat, but yielding in local affairs. He gave his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan.

MESSER G. WATSON, farmer and stock-raiser, is the sixth of the children of Nathan B. and Mary (Littlejohn) Watson, natives of Pennsylvania and North Carolina and of Irish and German descent respectively. Messer was born in Owen County, Ind., August 9, 1853, whence his parents removed to Clay County in 1866, and settled on a farm now owned and occupied by our subject, who at the age of twenty-one years began life for himself. February 25, 1875, he married in Greene County, Ind., Josephine Perkins, from which union sprang one child—Zella Ethel. Mr. Watson is a prominent member of Jasonville Lodge, No. 530, A. F. & A. M. In the spring of 1880, he was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he is now holding. He is an uncompromising Republican. Mr. Watson has been a school teacher, having taught his first term of school in 1874, and continued the same for every winter until 1880. He now devotes his entire time to farming, having a comfortable place of forty acres, with good residence, barns, stock and fencing. He is a much respected citizen, and Mrs. Watson is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN M. WOODROW, merchant, miller and farmer, is the eldest son of Joseph and Sarah (Moore) Woodrow, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent, who removed to this State in 1855, settled in Greene County, and engaged in milling and farming. John was born in Beaver County, Penn., December 25, 1847, and after serving his father until his majority, devoted himself to the business of the Eldorado Mill. In 1877, he engaged in mercantile business at Coffee, in this township, where he is now Postmaster. December 17, 1868, he married Caroline, daughter of Christopher and Sarah Trinkle, to which union were bestowed two children—an infant (deceased) and Henry Otis. By industry and energy, Mr. Woodrow has secured a competence in the possession of a large stock

of merchandise, besides a good farm of 130 acres under the best of cultivation and with the best improvements—orchards, dwelling, barns, etc. Mr. Woodrow is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, an uncompromising Republican and a worthy citizen.

WILLIAM K. WORTH, stock-raiser and farmer, is the eldest son of John and Sarah (Kent) Worth, natives of Ohio, the former of Scotch, the latter of English extraction. William was born in Harrison County, Ohio, November 21, 1826, whence he came to this State in the fall of 1857, and purchased the land on which he now resides. He was reared on a farm until nineteen years old, but received no schooling—a disadvantage to him through life. April 9, 1848, he wedded, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Sarah Ann Jones, by which marriage he had eleven children born to him—Philip (deceased), Adaline, Josephine (deceased), Missouri, Dian and Leander (twins), Isabel, Mahala, William Edward (deceased), James Albert (deceased) and Rosa. Mr. Worth is a member of Lodge No. 530, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a Steward. He is also an adherent of twenty-four years' standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Worth has been fortunate in securing for himself and family a life-time competence. He has a good farm of 120 acres, well stocked and improved. He is a Republican, but voted for Franklin Pierce in 1852, and for John C. Fremont in 1856.

