

and well-assorted stock of staple goods. In 1864, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Indiana Infantry, as a private, and served five months. He was married, on September 10, 1876, to Clara E. Huff, daughter of Shadrack and Lydia Huff. Two children have been born to them, viz.: Nellie and Hallie. In politics, Mr. Wilkinson has always been a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Masonic fraternity, and of the I. O. O. F. He has a beautiful residence in Center Point; also owns an interest in several farms.

PERRY TOWNSHIP.

GEORGE D. ARMSTRONG, one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township, and living on the north bank of Eel River, was born in Riley Township, Vigo Co., Ind., March 13, 1845. His parents, George W. and Chesaphy (Jackson) Armstrong, were early settlers of Vigo County, where our subject lived on a farm until the winter of 1867, when he moved to Clay County, locating on the farm where he at present resides. Since his early boyhood, he has been a farmer. His education is rather limited, he having acquired it at the common schools of the day, yet he taught school at the Douglas Schoolhouse in the winter of 1864-65, and afterward taught three terms in Vigo County, and subsequently six terms in Clay County. His reputation is that of a good teacher, as he has given general satisfaction wherever he has taught. He is at present engaged in farming and stock-raising, living on one of the most productive farms in this township. In 1882, he raised 1,200 bushels of wheat and about 1,800 bushels of corn. His farm has all the modern improvements. He takes great interest in politics, lending his services to the Republican party. In 1876, he was put forward by the Nationals as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, but was defeated; again appeared on the same ticket for County Treasurer, in 1878, and was again unsuccessful. This was the extent of his candidacy for office, but in each case it was urged upon him without his solicitation. On January 7, 1866, he was married to Lucinda Donham, who was born May 28, 1849. Six children have been born to them—Chesaphy, Charles H., Reuben, Joseph, David and Malinda (twins). Mr. Armstrong is one of the enterprising men of this region. He has suffered misfortunes in life, the greatest being the loss of nearly \$4,000 worth of hogs, in 1874, by the cholera. With this exception he has had reasonably good success in most of his business ventures. He served during the late war in Company D, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment Indiana Infantry, under Capt. Sanders, from August, 1863, to February, 1864.

WILLIAM W. BARBER is one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township, Clay County (P. O. Saline, Ind.). He was born in Miami County, Ohio, February 27, 1835, of parents Aaron G. and Mary (Murphy) Barber. Until the age of seventeen, he lived on a farm in Ohio, when he moved to Clay County, Ind. When he arrived, he was the possessor of an old Queen Anne musket, worth \$3, and \$2.50 in money. He first worked on the Birch Creek Reservoir, at \$1.25 per day, and

while thus employed was seriously injured by a falling limb, which struck him on the head, besides fracturing his right leg and affecting other parts of his body, especially his back. This accident occurred in November, and not until the following June was he able to perform any manual labor. After he recovered, he began reading medicine under Dr. Harris, continuing one year. He then engaged in farming, leasing a farm for two years, then purchased one containing forty-three acres, in Lewis Township, Clay County. On this farm he lived five years. Then he bought forty acres in Perry Township, about one mile north of where he now resides. He remained on this farm two years, and then bought the farm where he now lives. Mr. Barber is a self-made man; coming to this county with comparatively nothing, but now owns a farm of 160 acres, well improved. His early education was very limited, but by dint of hard labor, prompted by an ambitious disposition, he has acquired an ordinary education. He is a subscriber to the best newspapers and periodicals, and takes deep interest in current literature. He is a man of enterprise, and favors all projects which tend to promote the business interests of the country. On November 19, 1857, he was married to Sarah Gilbert, who was born May 31, 1841, in Clay County. Eight children have been born to them—Mary A., born April 9, 1862; Aaron, born August 11, 1865; Laura, born October 2, 1867; Harvey B., born April 7, 1870; M. C., born February 11, 1872; W. S., born September 22, 1874; R. O., born April 29, 1877; E. E., born August 13, 1879, died May 31, 1880. Mr. Barber is a Republican in politics.

T. J. BUTTS, of the firm of Zenor & Butts, dealers in general merchandise, Cory, Ind., was born in Jackson Township, Clay County, December 7, 1854, and is the fourth of ten children—eight of whom are still living, all in Clay County—of William and Nancy (Hicks) Butts. Until he was eighteen years of age, he lived on a farm with his parents. He then entered the Graded School at Center Point, Clay County, remaining nearly two years, and during that time qualified himself for a school teacher. He began teaching in Jackson Township in the autumn of 1874, and taught a nine months' term. At the close of this engagement he returned to farming, and continued that business until the fall of 1882, when he purchased a one-half interest in the store, which share he still owns. This store contains a stock of goods worth about \$5,000, and the firm is conducting a successful business. On December 16, 1874, Mr. Butts was married to Nancy A. Zenor, who was born January 21, 1858, and daughter of James and Louisa (Lawdermilk) Zenor. She has borne her husband two children, viz.: Ollie May Bell, born April 20, 1878; Louisa Dell Zenia, born June 20, 1880. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Butts is a genial, enterprising gentleman, and is ever favoring any move which tends to promote the business interests of the community, or elevate its social relations.

ENOCH CADE, one of the prominent farmers of the northern part of Perry Township, was born in West Virginia April 4, 1818, and is the fourth, and the only one living, of five children of Jacob and Mary (Madden) Cade. Until he was eighteen years of age, he lived on a farm, and was then apprenticed to the carpenter's trade at Cumberland, Md., where he remained until 1864, when he moved to Clay County, Ind., locating on the farm where he has resided up to the present. His farm consists of 200 acres of well-improved land. On May 4, 1843, he was

married to Delilah Devore. She bore him three children—Louisa J., born March 4, 1844, died March 6, 1873; Mary E., born September 9, 1845, died September 5, 1851; Cornelius, born September 9, 1851. Mrs. Cade died September 10, 1851. For his second wife he married, January 22, 1853, Caroline Devore, who was born November 22, 1833. Four children have been born to this union—Alice, born May 1, 1855; Charles R., born April 19, 1857; Emma, born November 24, 1861; Benjamin T., born November 23, 1867, died November 30, 1867. Mr. Cade is one of the live, energetic, enterprising farmers of his township, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. In his younger days, he was a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics, he is an uncompromising Republican.

EZRA O. COBLE, farmer, was born in Carroll County, Ohio, November 6, 1850, and is the sixth of seven children of Philip and Sarah (Hagerman) Coble. He lived in Ohio until he was thirteen years of age, when his parents moved to Perry Township, Clay County, Ind., locating on the farm where he now resides, having been here all his life engaged in farming. On December 10, 1876, he was married to Jennie Williams, an accomplished young lady, daughter of John W. Williams, one of the prominent farmers of this township, and an early settler. She was born April 25, 1853, and died October 1, 1877. One son was the result of this union—Walter O. (deceased). Mr. Coble is a man of ordinary educational attainments, but takes great interest in the literature of the day. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is politically a staunch Republican.

THOMAS COBLE is one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township; is a native of Pennsylvania, and born October 17, 1816, his parents being Philip and Margaret (Thorley) Coble. Thomas lived on a farm in Pennsylvania until he was twelve years of age, when his parents moved to Ohio, where he remained, farming, until the autumn of 1864, when he moved to Perry Township and settled at his present location. Since his early childhood, he has been a farmer, his tastes leading him in that direction. His opportunities for acquiring an education were limited, in his early youth, but perseverance has helped him to a fair knowledge of the common branches taught in schools. He also takes a deep interest in current literature. He is one of the self-made men of the country, commencing life with comparatively nothing, and to-day he owns and lives on one of the finest farms in this township. The farm consists of 240 acres of finely improved land. On the 13th of December, 1838, he was married to Catharine Davis, who was born October 9, 1818. The following children were born to this marriage: Margaret, born January 20, 1840, died June 12, 1882; Nancy, born February 2, 1842; Sarah, born October 20, 1844; Philip T., born February 25, 1847; George D., born December 23, 1849; Patience, born November 9, 1852, died April 30, 1862; Ruth A., born July 9, 1855; Jacob E., born February 7, 1858, died April 21, 1862; John C., born October 18, 1860. Mr. Coble and wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and earnest workers in the Christian cause. He is also a strong advocate of temperance principles. Politically, he is a Republican.

GEORGE D. COBLE was born in Carroll County, Ohio, December 23, 1849, and is the fifth of nine children of Thomas and Catharine (Davis) Coble, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of Ohio. Until 1864, our subject lived and worked on a farm in Ohio, when his

parents moved to Perry Township, Clay County, where he has resided until the present time. At the age of seventeen years, he entered the graded school at Center Point, Clay County, preparatory to entering the profession of a teacher, and after an attendance of two terms he began teaching in his home district, where he has since taught seven terms. In other portions of the township he has taught three terms, and in Sugar Ridge Township one term. He has the reputation of being a first-class educator, and has given general satisfaction wherever he has taught. On September 4, 1873, he was married to Hattie A. Brill, who was born March 17, 1855. Two children have been born to them—Estella May, born June 4, 1875; Rue L., born May 6, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Coble are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His attention at present is directed to farming and stock-raising. He resides on his father's farm, which consists of 240 acres of well-improved land. He is a young man of enterprise and energy, and a live Republican in politics.

JOB C. CONGLETON, one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township (P. O. Cory, Ind.), and son of John and Nancy (Snoddy) Congleton, was born in Posey Township, Clay County, Ind., August 31, 1838. His parents are both of Scotch extraction. He has lived in this county all his life, engaged in farming and stock-raising. The first fifteen years of his life he spent in Posey Township, the remainder of his life in Perry Township. His early education was acquired at the common schools of the county, yet by dint of hard labor and perseverance, stimulated by his ambition, he is in possession of rather more than ordinary educational attainments. He was married, March 24, 1861, to Margaret Donham, who was born September 14, 1841. They have had eight children—James F., Joseph S., Marietta (deceased), Matilda A., Lucinda J. (deceased), Ora B., George D. and Allen R. Mr. Congleton takes an active interest in politics, and is a member of the Republican party. In the autumn of 1876, he was elected Trustee of Perry Township, serving one term with credit to himself and with satisfaction to his constituents. In the winter of 1862-63, he taught a term of school in the Center School-house in Perry Township. Being a man of enterprise, he always favors those things which tend to promote the educational and business interests of the community. Two of his children, Marietta and Lucinda J., died of small-pox in the year 1875. Mr. Congleton lives on a well-improved farm of eighty acres, one and one-half miles northwest of Cory. He was one of the two census enumerators of Perry Township in 1880.

EMANUEL DEETER, one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township, Clay County, Ind., living nine miles south of Brazil (P. O., Art. Ind.), was born in Ohio, February 1, 1838, and is the fifth of seven children of Jacob, born January 10, 1810, and Elizabeth (Williams) Deeter, who was born October 27, 1812 (both deceased). Our subject moved to Clay County, in the year 1839, with his parents, who located three-fourths of a mile south of where he now lives. He has resided in Perry Township ever since he came to Indiana, and was born and bred a farmer, his attention being principally engaged in that business, but he is, however, what is termed a "jack-at-all-trades." He molded and burned the bricks that form the walks to his house. He is at present engaged in stock-raising as well as farming, his farm consisting of 160 acres of well-improved land. In 1882, 1,300 bushels of wheat and 400 bushels of corn were raised on his farm. On August 10, 1862, he was married to Mary J. Asher, who was born January 11, 1842. Eight children have

been born to them—James M., Sarah A., Jacob, George, Margaret, Josephine, John and Walter. He and his wife are prominent members of the Christian Church, and are ever ready to assist in the building-up of the cause of Christianity. His educational opportunities have been limited, but he takes much interest in literary matters. Politically, he is a Republican.

J. S. DONHAM was born in Perry Township, Clay County, May 4, 1834, and is the son of Abijah and Margaret Donham, who were very early settlers of this county. Our subject is the eldest of thirteen children, eleven of whom are still living. He was raised a farmer, and that has been his occupation nearly all his life. His early education was limited to the common district schools, but by dint of hard labor he has qualified himself for teaching in the country schools. In the autumn of 1856, he taught his first term in Honey Creek Township, Vigo County, and continued teaching in that county for three years; then came to Perry Township, teaching here three years; thence went to Posey Township, Clay County, teaching there seven years. He then returned to Perry Township, and here he taught his last term of school in the winter of 1870-71, retiring from the profession on account of his failing health. He then engaged in farming one year, when he took a contract for the construction of the Terre Haute & Cincinnati Railroad grade, and finished the first mile of grade in this county in 1872. On December 25, 1866, he was married to Calista A. Kesler, who was born May 24, 1842. They have had five children, viz., Laura M., born October 30, 1867; Sarah E., April 22, 1871; Robert A., November 13, 1873; Margaret B., July 6, 1876; George E., August 7, 1879. In his younger days, Mr. Donham took an active part in politics, lending his services to the Democratic party. In 1860, he was before the Democratic Convention for the nomination of County Treasurer, but was unsuccessful. In 1862, he again made an effort for the same trust, but was again unsuccessful. In 1864, he was before the Democratic Convention for Recorder, but was again unsuccessful. In 1865, he was elected Trustee of Perry Township, and served one term. Nothing daunted, in 1868, he was for the third time before the Democratic Convention for the nomination of County Treasurer, and again suffered defeat. In 1859-60, he was Assessor of Perry Township; in 1869, Real Estate Appraiser of Perry Township, and in 1880 again Appraiser of Perry Township. Mr. Donham is a member of the Christian Church. He is also a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

JOHN R. FERREL, Trustee of Perry Township (P. O. Cory), was born October 5, 1845, and is the son of Walter D., who was born August 18, 1823, and Elizabeth (Reece) Ferrel, who was born August 18, 1826. His father is at present a resident of Terre Haute, Ind. He is the only child of his parents, and lived for about one year after his birth in Vigo County, when his parents moved to Perry Township, and remained until he was twelve years of age, and from here returned to Vigo County, locating in Terre Haute, remaining there until he was twenty-six years of age, and then moved to Perry Township, Clay County, where he has since resided. His principal occupation while at Terre Haute was steam-boating on the Ohio, Wabash and Green Rivers. In 1879, he was Wrecking-master for the Vandalia Railroad Company, being thus employed for about one year. He was engaged in farming while in Perry Township up to the year 1873, also in stock-raising. At this time he purchased a third interest in the mill at Cory, and has continued in the milling busi-

ness and speculating in grain up to the present time. In all his business ventures, Mr. Ferrel has been very successful. On October 10, 1870, he was married to Mary S. McKee, who was born January 4, 1847. The following children have been born to them: Anna E., Mary, Winifred, Nellie, Susan, infant (unnamed). In politics, he is a staunch, live Republican. In 1878, he was the Republican candidate for Trustee of Perry Township, but was defeated by the National candidate. Again, in 1880, he was a candidate, being this time successful, and was re-elected in 1882. At the expiration of his present term, he will have served four years as Trustee. Under his supervision he has twelve schools, and during his incumbency has already erected four schoolhouses. Mr. Ferrel is one of the leading enterprising men of this section. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

WILLIAM P. FOULKE, the fourth of eight children of John and Sarah (Hartley) Foulke, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, June 12, 1845. The father was of Welsh, the mother of English extraction. When our subject was seven years of age, his parents moved to Clay County, Ind., locating on the farm where he now resides. In June, 1863, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment Indiana Infantry, serving six months, and was discharged on account of the expiration of his term of service. He re-enlisted the same day he was discharged, in the Thirty-first Indiana Infantry, in which he served eighteen months, when he was discharged for disability. He was with Sherman on his famous Atlanta campaign, and did gallant service as a soldier. On his return from the war, he commenced farming, and taught school during the winter seasons, his first experience as a teacher being in Cloverland. Since then, in this county and counties adjoining, he has taught fifteen terms. Wherever he has been employed as a teacher, he has given general satisfaction. In his home district he has taught six terms. He has been married three times; first to Laura Harper, September 20, 1870; one child was born to them—Laura B. Second, to Sarah A. Mitchell, on April 26, 1874. Third, to Eliza J. Donham, who has borne him two children, viz., Annie D. and Nellie M. Mr. and Mrs. Foulke are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the A. F. & A. M. Politically, he is a Republican. He lives on a farm of eighty acres, owned by his mother, his sister and himself.

LORENZO D. GARD, one of the prominent farmers of the southern part of Perry Township, Clay County, Ind., was born in Union County, Ind., March 17, 1842, and was the son of John H. and Phoebe Gard. He lived on a farm in Union County until the year 1849, when his parents moved to Owen County. In 1866, he removed to Clay County, locating near Knightsville, where he remained two and one-half years, then returned to Owen County, remaining two years. In 1871, he moved again to Clay County, and located on the farm where he now resides. He has always been a farmer, except during the three years he served as a soldier. He enlisted in August, 1861, in Company B, Thirty-first Indiana Infantry, and engaged in some of the severest battles of the war, among which were Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Resaca and Atlanta. He was married, August 27, 1865, to Nancy J. (Wiley) Coffman, who was born July 24, 1842. Seven children have been born to them—William S., born October 6, 1866; Effie E., born May 13, 1868; Charles M., born September 17, 1869; Edna J., born August 31, 1872; John H.,

born September 29, 1874; James O., born July 10, 1877, died August 31, 1878; Myrtie M., born October 13, 1879. Mr. Gard lives on a well-improved farm of 105 acres, with a fine house situated on a high point of ground. He is a man of rather ordinary educational attainments, yet takes a deep interest in current literature. He and his wife are members of that branch of the Christian Church known as New Lights.

P. A. GLICK, blacksmith and carriage-maker, was born in Peru, Ind., July 25, 1853, and is the second of fifteen children of Ananias and Mary (Kieffer) Glick (both deceased). He lived in Peru until he was two years of age, when his parents moved to Rochester, Fulton County, where they resided about one year; then removed to Terre Haute, where he has spent the greater part of his life. His father was a carriage-maker by trade, and had one of the largest shops of that kind then in Terre Haute. It was the second shop ever built in that town, and for twenty years he conducted a very successful business there. Our subject being almost raised in the shop, his inclinations were in that direction, and at eighteen years of age commenced as a journeyman carriage-maker, working three years. In the spring of 1875, in Terre Haute, he became proprietor of a shop which he conducted until the summer of 1877, when he established himself at Cory, Clay County, where he has since remained, prosecuting a very successful business. On May 12, 1874, he was married to Annie Clark, who was born May 3, 1851. She has borne him two children—Henry E., born March 16, 1875; Carrie E., born August 6, 1879. He and wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he being also Assistant Superintendent of the Sabbath school at Cory. He is a man of more than ordinary literary attainments. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics a Republican.

P. H. GLICK, undertaker, Cory, Ind., was born December 3, 1825, in Fairfield County, Ohio. His parents, Philip and Lyda Glick, were both of German lineage. Our subject lived on a farm in Ohio until the year 1857, when he moved to Terre Haute, Ind., and worked in the brewery of George Glick. Here he remained one year, when he moved to Riley Township, Vigo County, and engaged in farming until 1877, when, his health failing him, he moved to Cory and engaged in the business of undertaker, which he has conducted very successfully ever since. He has been married twice, the first time to Sarah A. Settles, who was born November 27, 1831, and died May 20, 1856. She bore her husband two children, viz.: Calvin, born May 15, 1853, died August 7, 1853; Philip M., born May 1, 1856. His second marriage was September 4, 1856, to Eliza A. Leach, who was a native of Virginia, and born August 13, 1832. One child has been born to this union, viz., Alvey M., born June 16, 1857. In politics, Mr. Glick is a strong Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and ever labors for the up-building of the cause of Christianity. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. In 1879, he established the hotel of which he is now proprietor. Taking into account the small size of the town in which it is located, the house has a large and increasing patronage. The present Plymouth Church, of Riley Township, Vigo County, was organized at the house of Mr. Glick, in the early winter of 1861. The first congregation consisted of about fifty persons, twenty-five of whom were converts. The minister who conducted the services was "Uncle" Sam Hollingsworth.

EMANUEL M. HARR is the son of Joseph, who was born in the year 1786, and died February 1, 1855, and Catharine (Moody) Harr; she

died March 12, 1868, at the age of seventy-six years ten months and eighteen days. Emanuel was born in Butler County, Ohio, March 5, 1837, and lived with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when he moved to Clay County, Ind., and commenced life for himself. In the spring of 1858, he purchased the farm on which he has resided up to the present. He was born and bred a farmer, and his inclinations have always led him in that direction. On November 2, 1859, he married Mary A. Miller, who was born July 16, 1842, of parents, Nicholas and Hannah Miller, the former the largest land owner in Clay County. The following children have been born to them, viz.: Matilda J., born December 6, 1860; John, November 24, 1862; Joseph, November 12, 1865; Ida Bell, June 29, 1868; Laura Etta, January 21, 1871; Cora, April 15, 1874, died October 8, 1875; Jessie O., September 2, 1876; Jasper C., March 6, 1879; Jacob H., August 21, 1881. Mr. Harr lives on a well-improved farm of 500 acres, 428 acres of which are under cultivation. He is an energetic, enterprising man, and much respected in his township. Mrs. Harr is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but her husband claims no connection with any church organization. In politics, he is a live Republican; he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

DR. WILLIAM M. HARRIS was born in Preble County, Ohio, January 10, 1815, and is the second of fourteen children of Nathaniel, who was born in Virginia in 1791, and Sarah (Gipson) Harris, who was born in Virginia in 1793. The parents emigrated to Ohio in 1812, and remained there the rest of their lives, the mother dying when our subject was ten years of age. After the death of the mother, the father remarried. The fourteen children were the result of the two marriages. William was born and raised on a farm, and remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. He then commenced the cabinet-maker's trade, working at it four years; then started on a tour through the present States of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. He remained in the West two years, working at his trade, commanding the highest wages, as his skill in cabinet-making was unsurpassed. When he returned from the West, he entered a seminary, where he remained one year. He entered the office of Dr. Hall, at Dayton, Ohio, to study medicine, remaining one year; then placed himself under the instruction of Dr. Miller, of Dayton, Ohio, remaining twelve months. He then commenced to practice medicine at Newton, Ohio, continuing three years. While there, he married Frances Barber, on January 19, 1845. She was born November 3, 1825. The following children were born to them, viz.: Sarah Z. (deceased); Lucelius N. (deceased); William D. and Azorah O., born in Darke County, Ohio; Ledges A. (deceased); James F., Laura B., Clara E., Frances M. (deceased). The last five were born in Clay County, Ind. His wife died October 20, 1866. From Newton he moved to Ithaca, Darke County, Ohio, where he practiced medicine eight years. During this time, he attended a course of lectures at Cincinnati, and graduated in the spring of 1852. From Ithaca he removed to Clay County, Ind., and has practiced here ever since. He was among the first physicians in this country, and had such a large practice he could not attend to it. He now lives on a well-improved farm of eighty-one acres, nine miles from Brazil. He was married a second time, August 15, 1867, to Nancy Wilcox, who was born July 29, 1826; she died July 3, 1877. His third marriage was to Lucy (Latham) Slack, August 18, 1879

She was born July 28, 1843. They have one child—Birdie Gertrude, born November 28, 1882. In politics, he is a Republican; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SAMUEL JACKSON is one of the prominent farmers and early settlers of Perry Township, Clay County, being a native of Clermont County, Ohio, and born June 29, 1812. His parents, Thornton and Sophia (Short) Jackson were, his father of English, his mother of German descent. Samuel lived in Ohio until he was twenty-three years of age, his occupation in the meantime being flat-boating on the Ohio River, boating wood to Cincinnati during about ten years. He moved to Clay County, Ind., in the autumn of 1836, locating in Perry Township, about two miles northwest of where he now lives. He lived on a farm of eighty acres here for seventeen years, when he sold out and purchased the farm which is now his home, and where he has resided with his family ever since. Before he divided his land among his children, he possessed 440 acres. He now owns and occupies 130 acres of well-improved land. He was married, May 28, 1835, to Mary Hixon, who was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, December 18, 1817. She has borne him nine children, viz., Thornton, Andrew, Maria Jane, Amos, William F., John M., Samuel, Edwin and Mary E. Mr. Jackson and wife are both members of the Baptist Church. In his younger days, he took an active interest in politics, he being a Democrat.

DR. OLIVER JAMES, of Cory, Ind., is a native of Carroll County, Ohio, born July 13, 1841, and is the third of seven children, five of whom are still living, of Thomas and Susan (Springer) James, both natives of Ohio, and both deceased. He spent the early part of his life, until he was eighteen years of age, on a farm. He then entered a seminary, where he qualified for the study of medicine. At the age of twenty, he commenced his professional studies under Dr. Samuel Black, of Dell Roy, Ohio, continuing three years, when he commenced the practice of medicine. In the autumn of 1865, he moved to this section, locating with Mr. Robert Bennett, two miles south of the present site of Cory, and remained here over two years, when he married Eliza B. Harper, who was born December 18, 1844, and died September 14, 1872. She was a daughter of Hugh and Martha (Sample) Harper. She bore her husband one child, Howard T., born February 3, 1870. Soon after his marriage, he located on a farm on which a part of Cory now stands. Here he has been ever since, engaged in the practice of his profession. His second marriage occurred July 22, 1875, to Melissa Dunham, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Dunham, early settlers of this township. From this marriage resulted four children, viz., Elva (deceased), born July 2, 1876; William Frederick, born April 17, 1878, died October 7, 1879; Herbert Leroy, born March 12, 1880, died October 8, 1881; Floy Leland, born March 30, 1882. In October, 1876, he entered the Medical College of Indiana, and graduated in the spring of 1877. Since then, he has enjoyed a successful practice at Cory. In 1877, he purchased a one-third interest in the flouring mill at Cory, and still holds that interest. Politically, he is a Republican, and the success of his party in this township is, in a great measure, due to Dr. James' efforts. He is also a prominent member of the Methodist Church, of the Masonic fraternity, also of the I. O. O. F. He owns one-half interest in the only drug store at Cory, the name of the firm being James & Modesitt. He is a man of enterprise and sterling worth.

DR. BENJAMIN KESTER was born in Pennsylvania April 24, 1808, and was the fifth of sixteen children of John and Martha (Hartley) Kester. Six of these sixteen children are still living. The father was of German, the mother of English origin. Our subject lived on a farm in Pennsylvania until he was twenty years of age, when he moved with his parents to Ohio, locating in Guernsey County, where he resided until the year 1851, when he moved to Perry Township, Clay County, Ind., on the farm where he at present resides. On December 24, 1829, he was married to Melinda Hartley, who was born January 15, 1809. To this union were born eleven children, viz., Mary, Mahlon, Abby, John, William, Ephraim W., Melissa, Phoebe A., Arletta, Charles, and one unnamed. At the age of about twenty-six years, he began the study of medicine under Dr. Williams, at Millwood, Ohio. After three years' study, he began practicing with his preceptor, and after fifteen years of practice in Ohio he removed to Perry Township, Ind., and continued practicing here until the year 1879, during which year he received a stroke of paralysis, from which he is now suffering. His medical practice has been quite extensive, and in it he has been generally very successful. He and his wife are prominent members of the Quaker Church. He is deeply interested in politics, and is an enthusiastic Republican. He lives on a farm of 159 acres.

WEBSTER LUCAS, of the firm of S. Lucas & Son, dealers in boots and shoes, Cory, Ind., was born August 2, 1853, in Carroll County, Ohio, and is the son of Samuel, who was born May 26, 1826, and Hannah (McAllister) Lucas, who was born September 9, 1830. Our subject is the third of a family of eight children, four of whom are still living. He lived in Ohio with his parents until he was twenty years of age, his parents moving to this county in April, 1873, locating in Perry Township, two and a half miles from Cory, where they remained two years, engaged in farming, after which they moved to Cory. At the age of sixteen, Webster commenced serving time at the shoe-maker's trade, which has been his occupation ever since. In October, 1881, he and his father established the boot and shoe store which they still own and are conducting with marked success. On February 21, 1875, he married Maggie G. Rector, daughter of George Rector, one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township. She died February 21, 1876, leaving one child, William O., born November 25, 1875. He was remarried, March 1, 1877, to Arlena Green, who was born in Vigo County, Ind., February 18, 1853. She has borne her husband two children—Allmon H., born December 27, 1877, died May 2, 1878; Samuel Edgar, born November 8, 1881. On January 25, 1883, he was appointed Postmaster at Cory, Ind., which office he still holds. He is a member of that branch of the Christian Church known as the Campbellites. He takes a deep interest in politics, being a staunch Republican.

DR. JAMES A. MODESITT, Cory, Ind., was born in Clay County, Ind., July 15, 1844, and is the ninth of a family of ten children of James and Frances (Cole) Modesitt. Eight of these children are still living—all in Clay County. The subject of this sketch spent the early part of his life on the farm. At the age of seventeen, he entered the Bloomingdale Academy, at which institution he remained two and one half years. He then commenced teaching school, and taught his first six months' term in Jackson Township, Clay County, in the winter of 1868-69. In the autumn of 1869, he went to Illinois and remained about two and one

half years, being principally engaged in teaching. He then returned to Indiana and taught a seven months' term in Posey Township, Clay County; then went to Parke County and taught a term. This closed his career as a teacher. During his leisure hours while teaching, he read medical text books, and in 1870 began a course of medical studies under Dr. J. J. Raburn, of Illinois, remaining with him five months; then entered the office of Drs. Hawkins & Davis, at Staunton, Clay County. In the winter of 1872-73, he entered the Indiana Medical College for a course of lectures, beginning in the spring of 1873 the practice of medicine in Cory, continuing one year, after which he and Dr. James formed a copartnership in the retail drug business, and he has continued in that business up to the present time. In the spring of 1879, however, he finished his course at the medical college, and is at this writing enjoying a lucrative and successful practice. On October 7, 1875, he married Ruth A. Coble, daughter of Thomas and Catherine Coble. She was born July 9, 1855. Dr. Modesitt takes a deep interest in all matters political, and is an energetic advocate of the principles of the Democratic party. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is at present Superintendent of the Sabbath school. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He owns a one-half interest in the only drug store in Cory. Dr. Modesitt is an enterprising citizen, and is ever laboring for the welfare of the business and social interests of the community.

CONRAD MOREHART, of the firm of Morehart & Ferrel, millers, of Cory, Ind., is a native of Fairfield County, Ohio; was born August 25, 1843, and is the son of Henry and Mary (Plotner) Morehart, being the third in a family of eleven children, nine of whom are still living. The mother is still living in Ohio, the father having died in 1864. Until he was eighteen years old, Conrad's early life was spent on a farm, when August 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry Volunteers. He continued in the service until he was honorably discharged at Houston, Texas, on July 31, 1865. He was a gallant soldier, and never shirked his duty. He was in some of the closest contests of the struggle, viz., Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, Thompson's Hill, Black River Bridge, Champion Hill, siege of Vicksburg and Fort Blakely, Ala. On his return from the war, he took the management of the home farm, and continued farming and raising stock until the autumn of the year 1873, when he moved to Vigo County, Ind., locating in Riley Township. Here he farmed during the succeeding four years, when, his health failing him, he sought another occupation. He commenced to speculate in grain, and in the year 1877 purchased a one-third interest in the flour mill at Cory, which he still owns. On January 9, 1873, he married Joanna Swauk, daughter of Jesse Swauk, one of the prominent farmers of Vigo County. She was born March 9, 1854. She has borne her husband five children, viz., Jesse H., Erastus Hayes, Emerson (deceased), Omer C., Mollie Leah. Mr. Morehart takes an active interest in politics, lending his services to the Republican party. He is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men of this township. He possesses more than ordinary educational attainments, and is a warm friend of progress.

JOHN T. MORGAN was born in Bath County, Ky., October 8, 1828, and is the son of William C. and Lorilda (Turman) Morgan, the former of Welsh lineage. Our subject lived in Kentucky with his parents until he was six years old, when they went to Fountain County, Ind., and, in

1838, he moved with his parents to Clay County, locating on the farm where he now resides. The country at that time was wild and unsettled, and it was by hard manual labor that the father succeeded, with the assistance of six children, in clearing up and developing the fine farm which the subject of this sketch now owns. His advantages of an early education were limited to the common schools of early days, traveling three miles to and from school. At the age of twenty-six, he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and worked at it until he was thirty-three years old, when he enlisted in Company G, Forty-third Indiana Infantry, December 12, 1861, and served until December 13, 1864, when he was honorably discharged by reason of the expiration of his term of service. He was in the following severe engagements: Helena, Ark., and Saline River. On his return from the service, he located on the farm where he now resides. He was married, March 27, 1867, to Catherine (Barber) Deeter, who was born October 22, 1840, his marriage being to a widow with two children. This union has been blessed with no children. Mr. Morgan is one of the enterprising farmers of this township. He lives on a farm of 246 acres of well-improved land.

S. W. O'BRIEN, of the firm of O'Brien & Donham, dealers in agricultural implements, Cory, Ind., was born in Storey County, Iowa, October 21, 1852, and is the son of Stephen P. and Sarah E. (Heastand) O'Brien. He lived on a farm in Iowa until the autumn of 1866, when he removed with his father to Perry Township, Clay County. At the age of sixteen, he entered the graded school at Center Point, Clay County, where he remained two years. He then went to Otter Creek Township, Vigo County, and worked as a farm laborer for two years; then he spent one year on a farm in Honey Creek Township, Vigo County; thence went to Riley Township, Vigo County, where he commenced farming for himself, remaining there until the spring of 1881, when he returned to Cory, in Perry Township, and engaged in the livery business, and has been proprietor of the livery stable here ever since. In 1882, he and J. T. Donham formed a copartnership for the sale of agricultural implements, and they together have conducted a very successful business in that line ever since. This season the firm has sold seventeen Minneapolis twine-binders, besides many other implements. He was married, January 16, 1876, to Arabelle Thompson, daughter of one of the prominent farmers of Riley Township, Vigo County, where she was born. She died November 19, 1879, aged twenty-two years, nine months and eight days. She bore her husband two children—Stephen R., born February 25, 1878; Thomas, born November 13, 1879. He was married the second time, April 9, 1882, to Mary A. Ferguson, who was born November 18, 1859. One child has been born to them—infant (unnamed), born July 21, 1883. In politics, Mr. O'Brien is a Democrat, yet he has never been identified as an active politician. In 1882, he was the Democratic candidate for Assessor of Perry Township. He reduced by twenty-five votes the usual Republican majority, yet he was defeated. He is one of the active business men of Cory, lending his services to all enterprises of a legitimate nature. His father was in the Mexican war, having served one year. He was also a gallant soldier in the late war for three years, holding the grade of First Lieutenant.

MILTON H. PEARCY, one of the oldest living residents of Perry Township, is a native of Shelby County, Ky., born October 23, 1821, of parents George and Sarah (Warford) Percy, the former a native of Vir-

ginia, the latter of Pennsylvania. Milton was born and raised on a farm until he was three and one-half years of age, when he moved with his parents to Putnam County, Ind., where he remained until he was nearly twenty-one years of age, when he went West on a sporting tour. He remained in the West two and one-half years, and while there he traveled in the present States of Nebraska and Kansas, and in the Indian Territory, and in Texas and Minnesota. While hunting, his party killed many buffalo, deer, bear and other wild game. They were frequently attacked by Indians, and to-day he carries a scar of a wound received from an Indian arrow. In the winter of 1842, he taught the first term of school ever taught on the present site of St. Joseph, Mo. His early education was limited to the rude country schools of the early day, but energy and ambition have prepared and qualified him for the important duties of the profession of school teacher. At the age of eighteen, he began his career as teacher in Putnam County, Ind., where he taught several years; then several terms in Clay County, and other places, and in all has taught school 172 months. He is the oldest teacher now living in Perry Township. On September 27, 1848, he was married to Matilda Donham, daughter of John Donham, one of the early settlers of this section. She has borne him seven children—Elizabeth E., born July 1, 1849; Silas E., born September 25, 1850; Oliver N., October 10, 1852; Sarah A., October 24, 1856; James H., May 10, 1860; George A., April 14, 1861; Wilson W., May 18, 1866. He located in Clay County in 1848, considering this his home ever since, and now owns 111 acres of well-improved land. In politics, he is a Republican. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; also of the A. F. & A. M. Mr. Percy is one of the most enterprising men of this county.

GEORGE RECTOR, one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township (P. O. Cory, Ind.), is the oldest in a family of twelve children, six of whom are still living. He was born in Knox County, Ind., November 28, 1814, of parents John and Catherine Rector. He lived with his parents in Knox County until he was two years old, when they moved to Vigo County and remained there until George was nineteen years old, when he moved with his parents to Clay County, locating where Charles P. Rector now lives. This country was then wild and unsettled, the principal inhabitants being the wild beasts. The parents were compelled to endure the hardships incident to pioneer life, but the father succeeded, with the aid of an energetic family, in developing one of the finest farms in Perry Township. George was born and bred a farmer, hence his inclinations have always led him in that direction. His early education was obtained in the primitive schoolhouses of the early day. These were constructed of rough logs, with clapboard roof, puncheon floors, and greased paper pasted over the crevices for windows. By his own efforts, he however succeeded in acquiring sufficient knowledge to enable him to take the place of teacher, and he commenced his career in a schoolhouse of the above description, on the line between Vigo and Clay Counties. This was a six months' subscription school, the patrons paying the teacher in skins of various kinds at the rate of \$2 per scholar. He afterward secured a county teacher's license, and taught for several years in the public schools of Clay County. Many persons now living in Clay County to him owe their education. He was married, May 29, 1838, to Elizabeth J. Van Cleve, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Kearns) Van Cleve. His wife was born March 7, 1820, in Orange County, Ind.

Eight children were born to this union—B. V., born April 22, 1839; Catherine M., September 15, 1840; Mathew S., September 30, 1842; Elijah O., August 10, 1844; Wesley J., August 19, 1847; James A., August 16, 1849; Margaret J., November 25, 1856, died February 21, 1876; Frederick S., September 12, 1865, died October 25, 1865. Mr. Rector is one of the oldest living residents of Perry Township, and is an enterprising, energetic citizen. He and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for forty-five years. With two exceptions, all of his children are also members. He takes an active interest in politics; never fails to go to the polls, and always votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of Riley Lodge, No 390, A. F. & A. M.

WILLIAM H. RECTOR, one of the oldest residents now living in Perry Township (P. O. Cory, Clay Co., Ind., is a native of Vigo County, Ind., born August 19, 1820, of parents John and Catherine Rector. He lived with his parents in Vigo County until he was twelve years of age, when he moved with them to Clay County, locating about two miles north of where he now resides. He has resided in this township ever since. His early education was limited to what was acquired in the rude country schoolhouses of early days, but by dint of hard labor, stimulated by an ambitious disposition, he has possessed himself of more than ordinary attainments. With the exception of one year that he was in the Mexican war, he has been a farmer all his life. In Mexico he served under Capt. Cochrane, of Company H, Fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, and was engaged in some of the severest battles of that war. While in Mexico, he was attacked with a serious illness, suffering untold miseries, and his physicians abandoned all hope of his recovery. But an indomitable will and a strong constitution pulled him through, and he yet lives, although even to-day he is a sufferer from injuries received during that Mexican campaign. On his return from the war, he located on the farm where he now lives, and has lived ever since. On January 16, 1853, he was married to Martha (Fisk) McMasters, who was born June 19, 1826, of parents Daniel and Martha (Joslin) Fisk. The following children were born to them, viz.: Cynthia A., born January 27, 1854; Martha C., December 20, 1856, died October 21, 1861; Alwilda, June 3, 1859; Nancy J., August 24, 1861, died March 1, 1863; William G., August 7, 1864; Oliver W., November 26, 1866. Mr. Rector is an enterprising farmer, ever favoring that which has a tendency to elevate society and promote the business interests of his community. He takes a deep interest in matters political, and is an enthusiastic advocate and supporter of Democratic principles. He served six years as Commissioner of Clay County, and held that office at the time the county records were removed from Bowling Green to Brazil. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and lend their assistance wherever and whenever possible to the upbuilding of the cause of Christianity. He is also a prominent member of Riley Lodge, No. 390, of A. F. & A. M. His farm of 144 acres has all the modern improvements.

ENOCH M. RECTOR is a native of Vigo County, Ind., born June 4, 1828, of parents John and Catherine (Price) Rector. His parents emigrated to this State at a very early day, and his father assisted in breaking the first field for corn that was plowed on Fort Harrison Prairie. Enoch lived with his parents in Vigo County until he was about eight years old, then moved with them to Perry Township, Clay County, locating near where he now lives. Born and bred a farmer, he has always

been inclined in that direction. He obtained his education in the rude country schoolhouses of the early times; yet he is self-educated, and has taught several terms, his first term being a subscription school taught in the Washington Schoolhouse, Perry Township. He afterward obtained a teacher's license in Clay County, and taught seven terms in said county, afterward teaching four terms in Vigo County. He had the reputation of being a first-class teacher, and at that time a credit to the profession. He received the highest wages paid, \$1.50 per day. On December 1, 1854, he was married to Elizabeth Donham, daughter of Abel Donham, one of the oldest settlers now living in Perry Township. She was born May 1, 1836. Thirteen (living) children have been born to them, viz.: L. C., born October 6, 1855; Cinderella, April 2, 1857; Margaret B., December 3, 1858; Elva A., October 5, 1860; Florella J., February 27, 1862; Ulysses G., September 27, 1864; Melvin S., April 10, 1866; Annie D., December 13, 1867; Emma May, July 16, 1869; Daniel Voorhees, February 16, 1871; George R., August 24, 1872; Mary, November 22, 1874; John O., December 30, 1876. Mr. Rector purchased his first land from the Wabash & Erie Canal Company at \$2.50 per acre. Since then he has accumulated and purchased until he now owns 400 acres of well-improved land. He lives in one of the largest and finest houses in this section. He takes an active interest in politics, lending his services to the Democratic party. He is an enterprising citizen, and much respected by the community in which he lives. He was a Justice of the Peace in Perry Township for eight years. He is a member of Marion Grange, No. 1426.

CHARLES P. RECTOR, one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township, P. O. Cory, Ind., is the youngest child of John, who was born March 2, 1794, and died April 22, 1871, and Catherine Rector, who was born October 10, 1798, and died October 24, 1879. Charles was born February 10, 1840, in the house where he now lives, and has lived ever since his birth. He has been engaged in farming all his life, and his farm is a well-improved one of 215 acres. He is a man of rather ordinary educational attainments, yet takes deep interest in current literature. He was married, on January 26, 1865, to Annie Redifer, who was born August 29, 1845, of parents, Louis and Louisa (Gregory) Redifer. They have had born to them seven children, viz., Louisa B., born December 4, 1866, died March 10, 1867; Louis, born March 12, 1868; John, born October 31, 1870; Lloyd, born October 28, 1872; Otto, born September 1, 1875; Fred, born April 2, 1877; Nora, born June 30, 1880. Mr. Rector is one of the enterprising farmers and citizens of Perry Township, his efforts being always directed toward everything which tends to promote the business interests of his community, and ameliorating the condition of society. He is much interested in politics, and gives his earnest support to the Democratic party. He claims no connection with any church organization, but his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The dwelling house of his father, in which Charles now resides, was for twenty years used by the parents and neighbors as a house of worship. Mr. Rector is a member of Marion Grange, Lodge No. 1426.

HUGH ROBERTSON is one of the enterprising farmers of Perry Township, Clay County, and was born in this county January 19, 1842. His parents were John W. and Nancy (Billiter) Robertson, both of whom were very early settlers of this county. Hugh has lived in this township

all his life, being born and bred a farmer, his inclinations always running in that direction. His early education was limited to the common schools, yet he takes deep interest in current literature. He was married, February 19, 1866, to Barbara Haney, of Moultrie County, Ill. She was born December 19, 1846. Six children have been born to them—John E., Ambrose, Silvia, Grace, Lloyd and Coen M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are members of the Christian Church, and ever stand ready to lend their services to the cause of Christianity. He owns a well-improved farm of 330 acres, is an enterprising citizen, and ever favors those things which tend to promote the business interests of the country.

A. S. ROBERTSON, one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township, Clay Co., Ind., was born on the farm where he now resides on January 12, 1854, and is the son of John W. and Perlina M. (McKee) Robertson, who were early settlers of this township. In about the year 1832, his grandfather, John Robertson, settled one-half mile north of where he (our subject) now lives. Mr. Robertson acquired his education in the district schools of this township and the graded school of Center Point, and has therefore more than ordinary educational attainments. In the autumn of 1873, he began teaching in the public schools in Vigo County, where he has since taught four terms, and one term in Perry Township, Clay County. He is said to be a first-class teacher, and gives general satisfaction. He was married, October 14, 1879, to Abbie L. Haney, who was born January 28, 1858. Two children have been born to them—John O., born October 2, 1880; Ulela B., born February 12, 1882, died October 1, 1882. At present Mr. Robertson's attention is directed to farming and stock-raising. His farm consists of 287 acres of well-improved land. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is always ready to lend his services to the Christian cause. In politics, he is a Republican.

J. H. STONEBURNER is one of the prominent farmers of Perry Township, Clay County, and is a native of Loudoun County, Va. He was born March 4, 1829. His parents, John H. and Sarah (Fry) Stoneburner, were both of German extraction. He lived in Virginia until he was ten years of age, when his parents moved to Ohio, where he remained until the autumn of 1860, then came to Indiana, locating in Perry Township, one and a half miles east of where he at present resides. From early childhood he has been a farmer. On September 2, 1851, he was married to Arletta Hartley, who was born March 24, 1833. They have been blessed with eight children—Hiram (deceased), Charles J., Hartley D., Emma, Edgar, Sarah Etta, James C., John D. Mr. and Mrs. Stoneburner are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are ever ready to assist in the up-building of the cause of Christianity. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. As an enterprising citizen, he favors all projects which tend to promote the business interests of his county. He owns a farm of 230 acres, which has all the modern improvements.

JOHN W. WILLIAMS, one of the oldest living residents of Perry Township, was born in Miami County, Ohio, September 10, 1817, of parents, George and Mary (Lang) Williams. He lived with his parents in Ohio until he was twenty-one years of age, when he moved to Clay County, Ind., and began life for himself, locating where he now lives. This country was then wild and unsettled and uncultivated, and he was

compelled to endure all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life. But he succeeded in clearing and improving a farm, which compares favorably with any in the township. His early educational opportunities were rather limited. He was born and raised a farmer, hence his inclinations have led him in that direction. He was married, on March 9, 1837, to Sarah Neal, who was born June 12, 1818. The following children have been born to them, viz.: Lydia N., born February 20, 1838; Mary E., born December 27, 1841; Nancy A., born May 7, 1844, died August 16, 1872; Henry H., born December 23, 1846; Sarah J., born April 25, 1853, died October 1, 1877. In his younger days he and wife were members of that branch of the church known as the New Lights. Politically, he is a Republican, voting for the man and not his politics. Mr. Williams is an energetic, thrifty, enterprising farmer, and much respected in the community in which he lives. He lives on a well-improved farm of 160 acres, eight miles south of Brazil.

W. J. WITTY was born in Washington Township, Clay Co., Ind., February 1, 1838, and is the eldest of a family of twelve children of B. H. and Elizabeth (Walker) Witty. He has been a resident of Clay County all his life. He was born and raised on a farm, and consequently farming has been his principal occupation. At the age of nineteen years, he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and worked at it about seven years. On September 20, 1863, he was married to Sarah A. Donham, who was born August 3, 1840. She has borne him two children—Mary O. and John. Mr. Witty is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in politics. In the autumn of 1870, he was elected Trustee of Perry Township, and served two consecutive terms with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. During his incumbency, he built two school-houses. He is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Witty is an enterprising man, and always well up with the spirit of the age. He lives on a farm of forty acres, three-fourths of a mile northwest of Cory. Twice he has been appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace for unexpired terms. The first time was in 1879, the second in 1882, and he is yet serving.

MARSHALL M. ZENOR, of the firm of Zenor & Butts, Cory, Ind., was born in Jackson Township, Clay County, August 10, 1840, where he lived with his parents until September 16, 18—, at which date he was married to Elizabeth E. Varley. She bore her husband three children—Lucy L., born January 11, 1872; James M., born December 27, 1874; William T., born December 7, 1879. Mrs. Zenor died February 13, 1880. Mr. Zenor was next married, November 18, 1882, to Mary E. Leberer, who was born August 28, 1855. At the age of eighteen years, our subject was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and has worked at it more or less ever since. In 1874, he became a contractor, and since then has supervised the construction of a great many houses and other buildings in this and adjoining counties. In the autumn of 1882, he and Mr. Butts formed a copartnership in the mercantile business, which they have ever since conducted very successfully. They have a well-selected stock of goods, valued at \$5,000, and carry an insurance of \$4,000. Mr. Zenor is a prominent member of Lodge No. 251, I. O. O. F., at Ashboro. In politics, he is a Republican. He is an enterprising citizen, and a man of sterling worth.