

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP.

MILES ARCHER was born in Clay County, Ind., April 11, 1839, and was the son of Simon and Abigail (Morris) Archer, and of German and English extraction. Miles spent his youth upon a farm, with very limited educational opportunities, there being no free schools at that early period. At the age of eighteen years, he commenced going out to work by the day, and still continues to work as a day laborer, being hale and industrious. He is a man of good habits and a respected citizen. He was married, in 1875, to Matilda Byars, who died in 1875, leaving one child, Julie E. His second wife was Mary Ann Gray. One child has been born to this union, viz., Charles Frederick, born July 1, 1883. Politically, Mr. Archer is a Democrat.

GEORGE M. ARTS was born in Lancaster County, Penn., May 5, 1829, and is the only survivor of seven children born to Henry and Elizabeth Arts, who were of German and English extraction respectively. Our subject lived with his parents until twenty-four years old. He married Rebecca Heiza, who died in 1863, and September 27, 1867, he was united to Minerva J., a daughter of Cornelius Van Natta, of Ohio. By this union there is one child, Ulysses D., born September 26, 1870. Mr. Arts served about a year in the civil war in an Ohio regiment; was chief nurse, at \$36 a month, and was wounded in service. After his marriage, he became a painter, in which trade he is a master, and an expert in fine work. He began life in poor circumstances, and has made what he has by his own industry. He is a Republican of the Abe Lincoln style, and is a leading citizen of Knightsville.

W. E. D. BARNETT, merchant, and one of the leading business men of Carbon, was born June 22, 1837, in Putnam County, Ind., and is the third of the eleven children of Edward and Eliza (Lane) Barnett, eight of whom are living. Our subject was reared on a farm, obtained some education from the common schools, and remained at home until he was twenty, whereupon he engaged in merchandising at Pleasant Garden for three years. Thence he went to Webster's Mill and to Reelsville, where he was elected County Treasurer, and remained until 1865, at the end of which term he re-engaged in mercantile pursuits at Knightsville for three years; then at Greencastle for two years, and finally at Carbon, where he has established a general business, with a stock of \$7,000. November 19, 1862, he married Mary A., daughter of William Early, of Putnam County, by which union he became father to three children—William H., born August 3, 1866; Susan E., born July 31, 1871, and an infant (deceased). Mr. Barnett is a member of the Masonic fraternity; he is a Democrat, a leader of local politics, and a liberal, generous and esteemed citizen.

JAMES S. BARTON was born in Parke County, Ind., November 20, 1853, and is the fifth of six children (four now living), born to William and Frances (Woods) Barton, both natives of Virginia, of Irish and Scotch extraction respectively. His parents were married in Virginia, and settled, in 1852, in Parke County, where they passed the remainder of their

lives. When James was two years old his father died, and his mother when he was eleven years old. His guardian secured him a home with a farmer with whom he remained one year. When thirteen he began life for himself, working as a farm hand until twenty, then as coal digger in mines until 1880, when he was appointed to a position in the Indiana Legislature for one term. Having accumulated a considerable sum of money, he engaged in a livery and feed stable at Carbon. He is doing a prosperous business, and has a nice residence property. His possessions are the fruits of his own industry.

WILLIAM BAXTER was born in Scotland July 17, 1838; and is the second of thirteen children (six now living), born to James and Euphemia (Snedden) Baxter, both natives of Scotland. Our subject (whose father was a miner), emigrated to this country in 1869, and landed with about £100. He was in Center County, Penn., about six months; afterward he engaged in mining in Ohio about seven months. In 1871 he came to Indiana, and soon after settled in Carbon, this county. In September, 1882, Mr. Baxter ceased mining, and with the money he had accumulated, built a good two-story business house in Carbon, and engaged in the liquor trade, which he has since successfully followed. June 8, 1862, he married Mary A. White, a native of Scotland. By that union there were five children; two of whom are now living. At the time of his marriage he had not a dollar in the world. He came to the United States alone, but about a year afterward he sent for his family. September 26, 1878, his first wife died, and Mr. Baxter afterward married Mattie Smalcomb of this county, by which marriage they have one child, R. G. O. Mr. Baxter has a good property worth \$14,000, in the town of Pontiac where he lives. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Knights of Honor in Carbon. He stands high in the community, and is liberal to all benevolent purposes.

DAVID D. BUCK, farmer, is a native of Carroll County, Ohio, and was born May 17, 1833. His parents were Thomas and Eleanor (Lindsay) Buck, residents of Pennsylvania, who removed to and settled in Ohio. David D. is the sixth of that family of nine children, of which number all but one are living. He was reared on the farm, and owing to the meager school opportunities and the entailed support of a widowed mother who died in 1863, he had but little time for schooling; yet he afterward acquired a fair business education. July 10, 1862, he married Miss M. E., daughter of Giles Taylor, a pioneer of Clay County, from which union have descended four children—Olivia L. (deceased May 29, 1879), Cassius L., Elizabeth E. and Thomas L. Mr. Buck began life in straitened circumstances, but by diligence, economy, and the unselfish assistance of his wife, he has accumulated 140 acres, now one of the best farms in this township, containing a beautiful residence. Mr. Buck is a Republican, and has served as Assessor with much satisfaction. He and wife are members of the church, and also much esteemed in society.

SAMUEL D. BUCK was born in Carroll County, Ohio, October 6, 1837, and is the youngest of nine children born to Thomas and Eleanor (Lindsay) Buck, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Irish extraction. Our subject was reared a farmer, and attended the common schools during winter, thereby obtaining a good education. His father died when Samuel was four years old, and he remained with his mother until attaining manhood. In the fall of 1859, he removed with his mother to Parke County, Ind., and in September, 1860, located on the

farm where he now lives. He purchased 100 acres, of which forty acres were cleared and a small frame house built. He has much improved the farm, and has erected some good buildings. Mr. Buck married, December 29, 1863, Miss Margaret Long, of Carroll County, Ohio, born in 1840, and a daughter of William and Jane (Scott) Long, both of Irish extraction. Mrs. Buck died February 20, 1865, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Buck has remained a widower, and has his sister Martha S. to keep house for him. He has been a Republican since 1865, though his parents were Democrats. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and a worthy citizen.

DAVID CARPENTER, farmer, is a native of Lincoln County, N. C., and was born September 15, 1812. His parents were Henry and Catherine (Root) Carpenter, both of German descent. David was born and reared on a farm, and with only the slender advantages of that early time for education. He lived with his parents until he was twenty years old, and in the time of his youth learned the trade of wagon-maker. In the year 1834 he emigrated to Clay County, Ind., assisted in opening the National road, and in the autumn of said year, went to Greencastle and worked as a house carpenter. March 10, 1835, he married Melinda, daughter of Isom Wright, of Putnam County, a union cemented by four children, of whom two are living. Mr. Carpenter began the battle of life with but little means, yet by his own labor and his wife's providence, he secured sufficient means to enter forty acres of land, on which he had lived for five years. To this fragment he has added again and again, until he now has ownership of 200 acres of fine land. Mr. Carpenter is a Democrat, and a prominent man in that party.

ANDREW J. CLARK, local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is a native of Clermont County, Ohio, was born December 25, 1827, and is the only child of Abram and Judy (Bhymer) Clark, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. Andrew lost his father when at the tender age of three years, and remained with his mother until his sixteenth year, at which time he went to work by the month in Howard County, where he had passed his boyhood, and assisted at the building of the first court house and the first Methodist Episcopal Church—both log buildings. December 20, 1851, he married Mary Butler of Clermont County, Ohio. Mr. Clark began life in straitened circumstances, but has succeeded in acquiring a comfortable home and a good farm of 325 acres, and has also given 100 acres to his children. Mr. Clark is an enterprising farmer, takes especial interest in stock, and is possessor of a herd of thorough-bred cattle. He has been mainly helpful in developing Clay County, having frequently rolled logs for days together. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of twenty-eight years standing, to which institution he has long been a liberal giver, having recently contributed \$300 toward the church building at Lena; and he is otherwise a very benevolent gentleman.

B. F. CORNWELL was born in Clermont County, Ohio, June 3, 1836, and is the eldest son of David and Diadema (Frazee) Cornwell, natives of New Jersey and Ohio respectively. David Cornwell in childhood came West with his parents, and was reared a farmer in Clermont County, Ohio. He married about 1834, and in 1839 came to this county, and located in what is now Dick Johnson Township, where he entered land, built a log house, improved a good farm of 160 acres, and erected several good buildings. He experienced all the hardships of pioneer

life. He reared a family of seven children, all of whom attained maturity. He was a Republican and a public-spirited man. His death occurred in November, 1865, at the age of fifty-nine years; his wife died November 26, 1851. B. F. Cornwell, our subject, came with his parents to this county when three years old; was reared upon the farm, and had very limited advantages for schooling. On attaining his majority, he began empty handed to work for himself, teaming and farming on rented land, continuing the latter five years. In 1863, having received an heirship from the old home-farm, he purchased his present place of 120 acres, and found it partially cleared, with some poor buildings on it. He moved on this land in the spring of 1869. He has made great improvements, having now upward of 100 acres of ploughed land, and has altogether 194 acres. He erected one of the first and best brick residences, which cost him over \$4,500, also other buildings in proportion. At the first call for troops, he enlisted in the three months' service in Company F, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The regiment went to Western Virginia, and took part in the battle of Rich Mountain. He was discharged in the following July. In February, 1865, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry; later, he joined Gen. Thomas' command at Pulaski, where his regiment was detailed on garrison duty. He was honorably discharged in July, 1865, a sound man. In December, 1861, Mr. Cornwell married Miss Mary E. Griffiee, of Parke County, Ind. That lady died in October, 1864, leaving one daughter, Nettie R., now the wife of Thomas S. Pell. October 14, 1866, he married Miss Mary E. Rardin, of this county, born April 23, 1839, and a daughter of James and Mary (Day) Rardin, both natives of Ohio, of Irish and German-Irish descent respectively. By this union there were five children, four of whom are living—David S., James A., Elda F. and Ora D. Mr. Cornwell has been an industrious man all his life, and is now enjoying the fruits of his labor. He has been a strong supporter of Republican principles, and is a member of the Masonic order, in the third degree.

JOSEPH CROOKS, druggist at Harmony, Ind., was born in Monmouthshire, England, and is the eldest of four children (all now living in America) born to Richard and Harriet (Morris) Crooks. Joseph emigrated to the United States in 1852, with his parents, who settled in Johnstown, Penn., where they remained until 1865; then came to Clay County, Ind., where the father died aged fifty-three years; the mother is still living in this county. Our subject lived with his parents until twenty-six years old, and was engaged with his father in the mining business. December 5, 1870, he married Miss Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas Llewellyn, of this county. They have had five children, three of whom are living. Mr. Crooks began life in meager circumstances, but by diligence and economy he accumulated sufficient capital to engage in his present business. In 1877, he purchased a stock of drugs, and he now owns a handsome brick building, and one of the neatest drug stores in the county. He is a member of Clay Lodge No. 368, I. O. O. F., also of the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife have been consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1876. Mr. Crooks was formerly a Republican, but now adheres to the National party. He was candidate for Township Trustee, and was only defeated by a small vote. He is a successful business man, and a prominent citizen.

DR. WILLIAM J. DICKSON was born in Philadelphia January 30, 1830, and is the second of three children (our subject and a brother being the survivors) born to John and Martha (Johnston) Dickson, both natives of Pennsylvania and of English extraction. In 1837, the parents removed to Easton, Penn. Dr. William J. Dickson received his education at the La Fayette College, Penn.; when eighteen years old, he began the study of medicine, and completed his medical course at Jefferson College. In 1856, he practiced in Morgan County, remained one year, then removed to Mount Washington, where he was in practice seven years. He next entered the Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteers as Assistant Surgeon, and was in the service two years. He then located at Mount Meridian; two years later, he went to Fillmore, where he stayed a short time, and then came to Knightsville, where he has since been engaged in a large and lucrative practice. The Doctor married Miss Keiper, a daughter of Peter Keiper, of Easton, Penn. They have had eight children—John (deceased), Mary K., George K., Emma M., Mattie, Charles M., Lizzie and Frank. The Doctor was made an Odd Fellow of "Peace and Plenty" Lodge, No. 59, Easton, Penn.

GEORGE M. EASTER, farmer and pioneer of the county, is a native of Highland County, Ohio, and was born September 1, 1806. His parents were Adam and Margaret (Chafen) Easter, the former of German, the latter of English birth. Only five of the fifteen children of this family are living. George M. Easter was reared on a farm, and was the recipient of but limited educational opportunities, principally from the many deficiencies of the school system of that day. When in his twentieth year, he married Priscilla Crabb, a native of Ohio, and afterward worked for 25 cents a day, or \$8 a month, and from this saved sufficient to enter eighty acres in 1834, and removed thereto in 1836, which scene was then a wilderness. He was determined to succeed, but, though blessed with good health himself, he was so unfortunate as to lose his wife and family of eight children. June 5, 1856, he married his second wife, Elizabeth Stapleton. Mr. Easter is a staunch supporter of orthodox religion, and has lived a truthful and moral life. He is now the owner of 115 acres, for which he has refused \$100 per acre. He has had a toilsome and sorrowful career, but the close is peace and hope.

DORSEY O. ELLIOTT was born in Nicholas County, Ky., August 4, 1816, and is the seventh of eight children born to William and Sarah (Turner) Elliott, natives of Maryland and Kentucky, respectively. When our subject was three years old, he came with his parents to Indiana and settled where Bloomington now is, where they remained until 1856. He was educated at the State University at Bloomington, and was a classmate of Gov. Wright. November 19, 1835, he married Elizabeth C., a daughter of Thomas Bagwell, of Kentucky. They had twelve children, eight of whom are still living. In 1840, he was appointed to the office of Clerk of Clay County; was also Auditor and Recorder, and remained in office until 1843. He was then a dry goods salesman in Bloomington a short time, and in Nashville about four years. Next, he traveled in Illinois and Missouri for his health, during which time he taught one term of school. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits in Greencastle, Ind. About sixteen years ago he came to Knightsville, where he still resides. Mr. Elliott is a Democrat, and has filled many positions of trust. In 1882, he was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he still

holds. Mr. Elliott has also practiced medicine successfully during the past twenty years. He is an honored citizen.

WILLIAM EVANS was born in Wheeling, Va., November 25, 1811, and is a son of John and Susan (Goshorn) Evans, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German extraction, respectively. His parents moved from Pennsylvania to Wheeling in 1810; remained there one year, then went to Hamilton County, Ohio, later to Butler County, and afterward to Bartholomew County, Ind., where they died. Our subject was reared on a farm, and had limited educational opportunities. He lived with his parents until twenty-three years old. March 14, 1833, he married Sarah Philips. This union was blessed with seven children, all of whom are living. After his marriage he engaged in farming, and, in 1837, came to Bartholomew County, Ind., and entered eighty acres of government land, which he improved from the wilderness. In 1856, he came to Clay County, farmed until 1866, then came to Harmony and opened the first hotel in the town. Excepting three years spent on a farm, he has been in the hotel business ever since. Mr. Evans' first wife died September 22, 1877. December 3, 1878, he married Annie E. Jesup, by which union there is one child living. Mr. Evans is a Democrat, and active in his party. He has always advocated the advancement of educational and moral interests, and is highly respected in the community.

JOHN EVANS, youngest of the eleven children of John and Susan (Goshorn) Evans—seven of whom are living—was born in Butler County, Ohio, July 13, 1824. Our subject was reared on a farm, and lived with his parents until he was twenty-three, during which he received but little schooling. April 8, 1847, he married Miss Nancy Armstrong, by which union were born two children—William W. and Nancy C., the former yet living. Mrs. Evans died May 7, 1851, and in 1853, Mr. Evans married Margaret J. Woods, of Clay County, formerly of West Virginia, and to this second marriage succeeded five children—Marietta, Oliver P., Susan E., Franklin and Martha, the first of whom only is living. Mr. Evans has been all his life a farmer, except the last five years, during which he has sold goods in Cardonia. In politics, he is a Democrat. He is, in religion, a member of the United Brethren Church, in which he has been for the past twelve years a preacher. He is a man with many friends and few enemies.

CHARLES G. FERGUSON was born in Burlington County, N. J., October 8, 1814, and is the third of four children born to William and Isabella (Newel) Ferguson, who were of Scotch-Irish extraction. His two sisters are living in New Jersey, and his brother died in Indiana. Our subject received a fair education for the times, and when nine years old, he lost his father, after whose death, he lived with his grandfather until fifteen. He then learned coach painting, which he followed in his native State, also in Philadelphia and Brooklyn until 1846. Having accumulated sufficient capital, he engaged in a mercantile business, continuing until 1856, when he came to Putnam County, Ind., and bought half a section of land which he farmed for nine years. He again embarked in merchandising, and is now one of the prominent business men of Harmony. Though he commenced in limited circumstances, diligence and economy have enabled him to succeed in all his undertakings. May 19, 1835, at Bordentown, N. J., he married Elizabeth Bunting. This union was crowned with

eight children, seven of whom are living. Mrs. Ferguson died February 6, 1882. They both joined the Missionary Baptist Church. His wife was a consistent member until her death, and Mr. Ferguson still belongs to that church. He is a self-made man and a respected citizen.

GILBERT HANKINS was born in Shelby County, Ky., October 11, 1818, and is the seventh of eleven children born to William and Mary Hankins, natives of Virginia and Kentucky respectively, and both of English extraction. Gilbert settled in Putnam County, Ind., about 1840. His father died in that county; his mother is still living, aged ninety-seven years. December 24, 1844, our subject married America Armstrong, daughter of Levi Armstrong, of Hendricks County, Ind., formerly of Kentucky. This union has been crowned by the birth of nine children, all of whom are living. At the time of their marriage, they were in limited circumstances, but, by perseverance, they soon accumulated a competence. Mr. Hankins is a blacksmith, and has worked at the trade until seven years ago, when he removed to Carbon and is now keeping a boarding house. He has always held to the Baptist's doctrine, though not a church member. His wife has been a member of that church since she was thirteen years old. Mr. Hankins is a Democrat and a respected citizen.

RICHARD HAYWARD, Postmaster and old business resident of Carbon, is a native of Monmouthshire, England, was born April 18, 1823, and is a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Wakeley) Hayward. Richard Hayward was a miner, and our subject lived at home until his twenty-second year. August 11, 1845, he married Sarah, daughter of William George, of Bristol, England. This union was strengthened by twelve children, five of whom are living. July 8, 1851, he emigrated to the United States, arriving in Philadelphia after a fifty-four days' voyage, in which city he remained about six years. In 1857, he returned to England, and remained nineteen months. After coming back to America, he settled in Carbon, this county, in 1867, and engaged in mining, which business he had followed many years. Soon after coming hither, he engaged in the mercantile line, and he has now the post office management in addition. He also owns a store in Newburg, conducted by his son. Mr. Hayward is an enterprising merchant and honored citizen.

SAMUEL HENDRICKSON was born in Washington County, Penn., April 22, 1842, and is the fifth of twelve children born to Peter and Barbara Hendrickson, who were of Scotch-Irish and German descent, respectively. His father died when our subject was nine years old. At the age of thirteen years he left home to learn the plasterer and mason's trade, which he followed until September 9, 1861, when he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, and served three years. During this time he was transferred to the First Kentucky Artillery; afterward to the Fourth Indiana Battery. He re-enlisted in Company D, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, as a veteran, served two years, and was discharged August 2, 1865, by reason of General Order No. 160. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Howe's Gap, Chickamauga, Prigeon Mountain, Lookout Mountain, Buzard Roost (two battles), Resaca, Franklin, Green River, and in many skirmishes. At Resaca he was twice wounded; for which he receives a pension of \$4 a month. In 1865, he came to Putnam County, Ind., where, April 6, 1868, he married Jennie, a daughter of Orval Torr. Their union was blessed with six children, five of whom are living. Mr.

Hendrickson removed to Brazil in 1868, worked at his trade for six months, then returned to Putnam County; remained four years; from thence he came to Knightsville, where he owns a nice property, earned by his own industry.

HARRY HICE, Trustee of Van Buren Township, is the youngest of the eight children of George and Phebe (Sutton) Hice, having been born in Indiana County, Penn., May 31, 1846. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and of German descent; they removed to Greencastle in November, 1864, and thence to Harmony, where the father died in November, 1870; the mother is still living with our subject, nearly eighty years of age. November 9, 1871, he married Mary E., daughter of James McCurdy, formerly of Pennsylvania, a union crowned by the gift of three children—Steward S., Albert W. and Frank L. Mr. Hice was engaged in carpentering and mining in all about eleven years. In 1880, he was elected by the Democrats Township Trustee, and re-elected in 1882, which office he is now filling most satisfactorily, the condition of the schools being much improved since his service as Trustee. Mr. Hice is a member of Robin Hood Court, Order of Foresters, and he is a successful business man and worthy citizen.

JOHN L. HUDSON was born in Vigo County, Ind., July 19, 1838, and is the fifth of seven children (three now living in Knightsville), born to Handy and Thirza (Lemasters) Hudson, natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. His father died April 7, 1875; his mother is living, aged eighty-one years. Our subject was reared on a farm, and received a fair education. January 1, 1862, he married Mary V., a daughter of Josephus Tarvin, of this county. Mrs. Hudson was born August 27, 1844. They have had eight children—W. H., born November 13, 1863; George F., December 11, 1865; Thirza E., November 5, 1867; Edwin M., December 20, 1869; Charles C., December 18, 1871; Nancy C., December 28, 1874, died August 2, 1876; Orin T., February 16, 1878; Josephus, December 12, 1882. At the time of his marriage he was without capital, but by industry he has been successful in all his undertakings. In 1875, he was left by will a farm of seventy-five acres, on which is a coal shaft, which is proving very profitable. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past nine years.

JOHN T. HUTCHISON was born May 29, 1830, in Lanarkshire, Scotland, and is the fourth of the seven children of John and Agnes (Thomson) Hutchison, natives of Scotland and descendants of the Macgregor clan. This family emigrated to America in 1848, one year after our subject, who, after a short time spent in Pennsylvania, settled in Indiana, where he sank the first coal-shaft, on the Ohio River, ever sunk in the State. This move was by his friends considered an unwise one, but he persevered and succeeded.

JAMES A. KERR was born in Monroe County, Ind., February 25, 1842, and is the fifth of eight children born to John and Nancy (Logan) Kerr. His parents were natives of Ireland, where they were married. After coming to the United States, they settled in Monroe County in an early day, and passed the remainder of their lives in that county. James A. Kerr was reared on a farm, and had poor educational advantages. When twenty years old he left home to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he has followed since that time. In 1861, he enlisted in the Fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteers, and served several months; afterward,

about nine months in One Hundred and Seventeenth Regiment. February 9, 1871, he married Miss Delilah E. Jenkins of Greencastle, Ind., and to her excellent management he owes much of his success. All that Mr. Kerr possesses he has obtained by his own industry and economy. He is now living in Carbon, where his wife conducts their private hotel, which is one of the best in the county. Mr. Kerr owns 166 acres of good coal land near Carbon; also fifteen houses. In addition he has a stock of general goods worth \$7,000, and a blacksmith shop. He is a prosperous and respected citizen.

JOHN M. KILMAN was born in Annapolis, Md., April 17, 1847, and is the seventh of eight children (all living, save one) born to Nicholas and Sarah (Whitney) Kilman, natives of Maryland and Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish and English descent respectively. Our subject was educated at St. John's College at Annapolis. He assisted his father in a mercantile business. His parents are still living in Annapolis. When eighteen years old, he went to Baltimore, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1870, when he came to Harmony, Clay County, Ind. He continued in the mercantile line until his marriage, April 6, 1873, to Ellen, a daughter of Franklin Mathes of this county. Mrs. Kilman is a niece of James Mathes, President of the Bedford College. Their union has been crowned by the birth of one son, Luther N., born December 24, 1874. Mr. Kilman is a Democrat, and in 1882 was elected by his party to the office of Justice of the Peace for this township, which office he is filling with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public.

JAMES A. KINNAMAN was born near Delphi, Ind., June 30, 1846, and is a son of Richard H. and Malinda (Smith) Kinnaman; the former a native of North Carolina, and of English descent, the latter of Ohio and of German descent. These parents moved to Madison County, Ind., where they remained until 1863, when they removed to Clay County, Ill., where the father died June, 1879; the mother is yet living. James A. Kinnaman is the oldest of the family of five children, four of whom are living. He lived on a farm until 1862, when on August 12 of that year he enlisted in Company G, Twelfth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served three years. He was present in the battles of Richmond, Ky., where he was captured and paroled; also at Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Vicksburg and others, by which the regiment was reduced one half. After his discharge, in 1865, he engaged in farming and attending school for some time, and then in mercantile life with his uncle three years. November 24, 1869, he married Mildred A. George, daughter of Henry George, Sheriff of Tipton County; they had three children—Maud, Hattie B. (deceased) and an infant (deceased). Maud, the only living child, is a lovely six-year-old gem in the family. After marriage, Mr. Kinnaman farmed in Putnam and Owen Counties before coming hither, where he has been engaged in the mercantile and coal business. He is a Republican, a member of the I. O. O. F., a good business man and a respected citizen.

JOHN LYONS was born June 22, 1842, in the Parish of Boyerstown, County Meath, Ireland, and is the eldest of five children born to Bernard and Bridget (Brown) Lyons. His father died in Ireland in 1851, and in 1852 his mother and youngest brother emigrated to America and settled in New Jersey, where they still reside. Our subject came to New York in 1864; engaged in mining at Wilkes Barre, Luzerne Co., Penn., about six months, and in Mahoning County, Ohio, about two

years. He afterward went to Mauricetown, St. Louis, Illinois (where he again followed mining), Union County, Ky., back to St. Louis, and then came to Knightsville. He continued mining eight years, by which time he had accumulated sufficient capital to engage in the liquor trade. In 1882, he purchased a stock of goods and embarked in the grocery and provision business. October 20, 1871, he married Miss Mary A. Shea, a daughter of Daniel Shea, of Putnam County. This union was crowned with three children, all living—Mary E., born November 20, 1872; Margaret C., December 25, 1876; and John B., April 18, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons and family are consistent members of the Catholic Church.

SIDNEY MONK was born in Monmouthshire, England, August 31, 1844, and is a son of William and Esther Monk. His father was a miner, and our subject was reared to the same vocation. In 1864, he made a trip to America with his father, and returned to England the same year. In 1865, he came alone to the United States, and settled at Pittston, Penn., where he engaged in mining until 1873. He then came to Harmony, and continued mining until 1877. While at Pittston, he made \$1,100, which he invested in a residence and business room at Harmony. October 22, 1877, he was appointed Postmaster, and, excepting fourteen months, he has filled that position ever since. He also carries a stock of groceries. January 29, 1867, at the Pittston Baptist Church, he married Miss Mary E. Henshall, of Gatesville, Penn. They had ten children, five of whom are living. Mr. Monk is a Republican. He is a member of Thistle Lodge, No. 512 (Pennsylvania), I. O. O. F.; also of the State High Court of the U. O. F. of Indiana. Mr. Monk takes a special interest in all enterprises for the public good.

PRESTON MORGAN, farmer, was born in Clark County, Ky., February 17, 1799. His parents were William and Rachel (Farnister) Morgan. William Morgan removed to Kentucky when that commonwealth was a wilderness, and was a companion of Daniel Boone in many of his romantic adventures. Preston Morgan is the second of the nine children of his parents, four of whom are yet living. He was reared on a farm, and attended school in a log cabin two miles from home. He remained with his parents until March 6, 1827, when he married Miss Rhoda, daughter of Col. William Chinn, of Lexington, Ky. Their union was favored with nine children, of which number but four are now in the world. In early life, he saved sufficient to enter 120 acres, to which he removed in 1834, and where he now resides with his son, who is one of the prominent farmers of Clay County. In the fall of 1831, Mr. Morgan made a tour from Kentucky to Springfield, Ill., at which time the town of Brazil contained but two log houses. In 1835, he was elected Justice of the Peace of Van Buren Township, which office he filled several years. He is one of the oldest men in the township, but enjoys good health, and is a general favorite.

DR. WILLIAM C. P. MORTON was born February 24, 1826, in Tennessee, and is the youngest of the four children of Joshua and Maria (Worley) Morton, the former of Irish, the latter of French descent. Our subject was reared on a farm, with limited means of education, and there remained until he was twenty-two years old, when he began the journey of life alone, although his parents died when he was three years old. He had no capital but strength and ambition, and so went forward. In 1849, he married Elizabeth Hendricks, of Belleville, Ind., to which

union was bequeathed thirteen children, of whom eight are living—Melinda J., Sarah E., James H., Levi W., Nancy C., Daniel W., Estella M. and George W. After marriage, Dr. Morton commenced the practice of medicine at Fayette, Boone County, where he had a good practice. In 1856, he removed to Mount Meridian, and remained until 1865; then to Sand Pier, and remained until 1867, when his wife died on February 16. In Stark County he had a partner in the saw mill business, by whom he lost \$3,500. His second wife was Rebecca Hendricks, who also died, and, after living in Terre Haute, he removed to Clark County, Ill., and married a third wife, Margaret A. McGraw. He then moved to Cardonia, where he has a fair practice and a small stock of drugs. Dr. Morton is a Democrat, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and of the K. of H.

ISAAC J. NICOSON is a native of Bourbon County, Ky., born December 24, 1807. While our subject was in his infancy, his father died, and his mother, soon after, moved to Nicholas County, Ky., where he was reared on a farm until he was thirteen years of age, at which time he commenced serving an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, which he finished at the end of four and a half years. He received but a limited education in his youth, but he served time at his trade under skillful instructors, and had no difficulty in obtaining employment as a journeyman blacksmith. In a few years, he opened a shop of his own. He worked at his trade in Kentucky until the autumn of 1833, when he sold out and moved to Putnam County, Ind., and located near the present site of Cloverdale, and later, when Cloverdale was laid out, he moved into the village, being one of the blacksmiths of the town. He remained in that town and vicinity about ten years; then, after visiting Iowa, and wandering over the prairie country, and not finding a suitable location for his business, he returned to Indiana and bought 120 acres of land in Van Buren Township, near Cardonia; later, he sold out and settled on the National road. In the meantime, in connection with farming, he ran a blacksmith shop. In 1870, he moved to Knightsville, same township, where he has lived most of the time since, running a blacksmith shop until the autumn of 1883, when he was compelled to retire from active labor on account of rheumatism. Mr. Nicoson has been a man of great endurance, physically, and thus very useful to the community. Since the organization, he has been a standard bearer in the Republican party, having been earlier a Whig and Know-Nothing. For seventeen years he has been a Justice of the Peace. Mr. Nicoson has been thrice married. His first marriage was on June 4, 1828, to Anna Noah; his second, on April 6, 1871, to Lovisa Cunningham; his third, in 1873, to Mrs. Permelia (Hickson) Cliver. Mr. Nicoson is the father of twelve children, seven of whom are living—William M., Jesse J., Lemuel C., George T., Mary, Ellen and Annie.

JESSE J. NICOSON is the fourth of the eleven children of Isaac J. and Anna Nicoson, and was born in Cloverdale, Putnam County, Ind., September 14, 1834. He was reared a farmer; lived with his parents until his nineteenth year, when he went to learn blacksmithing, and then worked for a time as an engineer in a saw mill. November 4, 1854, he wedded Miss Sarah, daughter of John Shick, of Ohio, from which marriage resulted eight children, seven of whom are living. After marriage he purchased forty acres near Knightsville, and engaged in the shingle business. In 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Forty-first In-

diana Infantry (Second Cavalry), served two years, and was at Shiloh and other battles, when he was seized with rheumatism, and sent to hospital at Evansville, where he remained for nine months. After his discharge, he again purchased land near Knightsville, opened a coal bank, which has since engaged his care, and continued the business except for an absence of 100 days in the army. In 1878, he purchased the seventy-eight acres where he now lives, and is now about to re-open the "Old Dominion" mine, which was some time ago abandoned. In 1867, he engaged in business with a capital of \$5,000, nearly all of which was lost by the dishonesty of his partner. Mr. Nicoson is a member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of H.

ANDREW OSWALT, merchant and Postmaster at Knightsville, was born March 22, 1841, and is the eldest of five children (all still living), born to Samuel and Catherine Oswald, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. Andrew worked on the farm in summer, and attended school in winter. He lived with his parents until his twenty-first year, when he enlisted in Company H, Eleventh Indiana Volunteers, and served nearly four years. He was at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Jackson (Miss.), Winchester, and in many minor engagements. After his return in August, 1865, he engaged in farming until 1880, when he received the appointment of Postmaster at Knightsville, which office he has satisfactorily filled since that time. October 11, 1865, he married Harriet F. Drake, of Putnam County. They have six children. Mr. Oswald has been a member of Clay Lodge, No. 368, I. O. O. F., since 1876.

WILLIAM F. PELL, farmer, is a native of Lewis County, Ky., was born April 20, 1825, and is the second of ten children of John and Rebecca (Ales) Pell, the father a native of Virginia, and of English, the mother of Kentucky, and of German, descent. William F. was reared on a farm, with but slender chances for education. In 1839, he removed with his parents to Clay County, then a wilderness, where his father had previously entered 1,130 acres at \$1.25 per acre, said land being now worth from \$50 to \$150 per acre. Here our subject assisted in clearing the land, but dreamed not of the wealth beneath the soil. August 3, 1848, he married Miss Nancy, daughter of Daniel McMillin, which union has produced thirteen children, of whom seven boys and two girls are living. Mr. Pell has acquired a comfortable competence in the possession of 319 acres of excellent land, with good buildings and improvements. He takes especial interest in the cultivation of his farm and the rearing of stock. He is a generous, Christian gentleman, and a member of the Republican party since 1856. He and wife belong to the M. E. Church, and Mr. Pell is particularly interested in schools.

RICHARD D. PELL, a prominent farmer and a pioneer of Clay County, was born April 10, 1829, in Lewis County, Ky., and is the fourth of ten children born to John and Rebecca Pell, natives of Virginia and New Jersey, the former of English extraction. Four sisters and two brothers of our subject are living—one sister in Washington Territory—all the others in Clay County. Richard was born and reared on a farm. He attended the subscription schools—a log cabin—a distance of two or three miles from his home. In 1838, he came with his parents to Clay County, where a few years previously his father had entered several hundred acres of Government land. Previous to his marriage, he taught three terms of school, receiving in part payment for the

last term \$15, which was the first public money drawn in Van Buren Township. December 7, 1851, he married Miss Eliza J., a daughter of George G. McKinley, one of the oldest settlers of Clay County. This union was blessed with four children—George G., Cynthia J., Charles A. (died May 13, 1867), and Oscar E. At the time of his marriage, his father gave him 160 acres of land in this county, and by diligence and economy he has accumulated an independent fortune. He and wife have been members of the M. E. Church for thirty-three and twenty-five years respectively. Mr. Pell is a member of Clay Lodge, No: 368, I. O. O. F. He contributes liberally to all charitable enterprises, and is a highly respected citizen.

JOHN F. PELL was born in Van Buren Township, Clay County, Ind., July 1, 1843, and is the seventh child of John and Rebecca Pell. When our subject was ten years old, his mother died. He was reared on the farm, and had limited educational advantages. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the three-months' service, in Company F, Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle of Rich Mountain, and for a short time on scouting expeditions in Western Virginia. He was discharged in July, and returned home July 11, 1861. He married Miss Mary C. Stalcop, of this township, born March 29, 1845, and daughter of Wilson and Martha Stalcop. By this union there were six children—Albert M., Christopher H., W. Russell, Anna R., Laura and John F. He remained at home one year, and in August, 1862, re-enlisted in the same regiment, and after serving eight months was honorably discharged. He returned home, and took charge of the home farm. Later, he was enrolling officer for the township. After two years, he removed to Section 8 of this township; remained there two years; then returned to the farm where he now lives, upon which he has resided ever since. He now has 200 acres, 140 being tillable land. The farm is well stocked. Mr. Pell is a prominent Republican. He was elected County Coroner in 1871 by a good majority. In 1879, he was elected Constable of his township, and is now serving his first term. He is a member of Lodge 368, I. O. O. F., at Harmony. Mr. Pell is a liberal supporter of all benevolent enterprises.

GEORGE MILTON PELL, M. D., was born in Van Buren Township, Clay County, Ind., August 7, 1851. His educational opportunities in early life were very limited, but he manifested a desire for improvement. He worked on his father's farm, and experienced many of the hardships of the early settlers. In 1860, his father's health became poor, and the principal work of the farm fell upon him and his elder brother Alfred, which kept them from attending the short terms that were taught during the winter months; but he availed himself of the evenings to study. In 1869, he began working for himself. He worked thirty-eight hour shifts at \$2 per shift, pumping water in a coal slope. With the \$60 thus earned, he bought some store clothes and school books and attended school during that winter. He then continued work on the farm until 1872, when he made several drill holes for coal operators, whereby he made some money. In 1874, he received a twelve months' license to teach, and taught his first term at Pontiac Schoolhouse, near Carbon. He taught during the winters of 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877, and gained a good reputation. In 1876, he began reading medicine, and after attending several courses at the Medical College of Indiana, he, in February, 1880, received his diploma from that institu-

tion; also one from the Sydenham Medical Society. He opened an office in Carbon, where he still is, now having in partnership with him Mr. L. G. Brock. On the 19th of November, 1882, Mr. Pell married Miss Catherine E. Smedley, of Bardstown Junction, Ky. This union has produced a fine girl, born August 24, 1883. During the first three years of his professional career, he booked and collected over \$5,300. Drs. Pell & Brock are doing the leading business in Carbon.

EDWIN A. ROSSER was born in Wales, and is the fifth of eight children born to Richard and Rachel (Thompson) Rosser. When twelve years old, he emigrated to the United States and made his home with his brother, in Pomeroy, Ohio, where he engaged in mining until 1861, when he enlisted in Company I, Second West Virginia Cavalry, and served four years. For seven months he was a prisoner at Belle Isle, Danville, Va., and Andersonville. He was in all the battles of the Shenandoah Valley, and three days before Lee's surrender he was in the battle of Five Forks, where he captured Gen. Ewell. On his return home in 1865, he engaged in mining in Ohio for a short time, then came to this county, and followed the same business a few months; from thence to Colorado, where he followed gold-mining about two years. He then returned to this county, and in 1872 was elected County Recorder, which office he filled four years. In 1876, he was nominated for County Clerk, and was only beaten by a small majority. During the next four years, he was engaged in law practice, having been admitted to the bar in 1876. November 26, 1866, he married Miss Margaret J. Wesley, of Ohio, by which union there were two children—Charlotte and Anna A. At present Mr. Rosser is General Superintendent of the Carbon Hill Block Coal Company. He is a Republican, and a leader in local politics. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 409; also Knight Templar of Lodge No. 11.

JOHN RAWLEY, farmer, was born in Putman County, Ind., March 25, 1822, on the site of the present city of Greencastle. His parents were John and Millie (Dukes) Rawley, the former of English and the latter of German descent. Our subject was the eldest of seven children, four of whom are living. He was reared on a farm and received what education he could from the pioneer schools. On beginning life for himself, he worked for \$8 a month, and cut wood for 25 cents per cord, by which means he obtained sufficient funds to purchase 160 acres of Government land. March 10, 1847, he married Miss Nancy A., daughter of William Tarr, of Putman County, to which union there succeeded eight children—Maria J. (deceased), William S., America E. (deceased), Anna E., Martha E., Franklin S., James A. and John M. Mr. Rawley traces his ancestry to Sir Walter Raleigh, the orthography of the name having been changed. He can recall the time when he wore buckskins and moccasins, and used the hominy mortar and hand corn-mill. Mr. Rawley is now owner of 400 acres, with a commanding residence and improvements. He is one of the leading farmers and most respected citizens.

FRANK READLEY was born in France August 3, 1847, and is the second child born to Michael and Mary (Cripily) Readley, natives of France and North Carolina, respectively. His parents were married in North Carolina, and soon after returned to France. When our subject was six years of age, both his parents died. He went to Columbus, Ohio; thence to Cincinnati, where he engaged in a trunk factory, and remained three years;

then to St. Louis, where he followed various occupations about three years. Next he went to Michigan City, where he learned the trade of boot and shoe making; three years later he went to Owensboro, Ky., and engaged in a mill as engineer, remaining four or five years; then to Louisville, where, and on the river, he followed engineering a short time. From there he went to Mount Washington; afterward to Washington City, where he followed his trade about five months; then to Beech Grove, Ky., where he remained about three years. At that place he worked on perpetual motion about two and a half years; then built a mill, and almost succeeded in completing his purpose. He next went to Louisville, traded in cattle and horses, and cleared in one year about \$1,600. He was in Indianapolis a short time; then followed barbering in Paris, Ill., and in Louisville about two years. He bought and farmed 160 acres of land in Crawford County, Ill.; after one year, he rented the farm and went to Little Rock, Ark., on a sporting tour; then sold his farm, and traveled from place to place, engaged in trading, and made one trip to California, where he worked in a gold mine. In 1880, he came to Harmony, where he still lives, being engaged in barbering. He owns a farm of seventy acres in Vigo County, also property in Terre Haute. Mr. Readley has had an eventful life; has made a fortune and spent a great deal. He is a member of A. O. U. W.

BENJAMIN F. REBERGER, one of the pioneers of Clay County, Ind., was born near Hagerstown, Md., August 6, 1825, and is a son of Christian O. and Catherine (Riley) Reberger, natives of Germany. Our subject was the fifth in a family of nine children, three of whom are now living, two in Indiana and one in Iowa. His parents emigrated from Würtemberg to this country about 1816. He was reared on a farm, and had meager educational advantages, owing to the imperfect system of schools in that day. November 29, 1849, he married Miss Ann Eliza, daughter of John L. Ford, of Putnam County, Ind. Nine children crowned this union, six of whom are now living. About 1853, Mr. Reberger settled at Greencastle, Ind., and was engaged at his trade, cooperating, about four years; then farmed in the west part of Putnam County. He next purchased the farm he now owns, which he has made one of the finest in the township. He takes a special interest in raising fine stock, and has quite a herd of blooded cattle. Mr. Reberger is a member of Clay Lodge, No. 368, I. O. O. F., and is an influential citizen.

EDMOND ROACH, a native of Ireland, was born May 28, 1838, and is a son of Edmond and Catherine (Ryan) Roach, likewise natives of Ireland and parents of seven children, of which our subject is the eldest. Edmond Roach emigrated to the United States in 1856, and landed at New York with 75 cents in pocket. He worked as a farm hand in Massachusetts for one year, then removed to Kentucky in 1859, and engaged in building turnpikes until 1861, when he removed to Ohio and enlisted in Company G, Seventh Ohio Cavalry, and served three years, the greater portion of which time he was dispatch carrier under Gens. Schofield and Burnside, besides serving at the siege of Knoxville and other important engagements. After his return, he worked in a blast furnace in Ohio for three years. July 12, 1866, he married Mandina Burt, of Ohio, but a native of Virginia; she died the same year. In 1868, he came to this county, passed one year in Harmony, then moved to Carbon and engaged in the liquor traffic. Mr. Roach is an esteemed, liberal and enterprising citizen. In religion, he is a Catholic; in politics, a Repub-

lican, and an influential man in his party. He has accumulated a good property in the town of Carbon.

THOMAS SARCHET was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, May 3, 1830, and is a son of Peter J. and Jane Sarchet. His father emigrated from France in 1806, and is now living in Edgar County, Ill., at the age of eighty-three; his mother, of Scotch extraction, was born and reared in Pennsylvania. Our subject was born and reared on a farm; attended the common schools about three months in winter, and worked on the farm in summer. He lived with his parents until his marriage in 1856, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Sallady, of Ohio. By this union there were four children, all living. In 1873, he married Lydia A. Tully, who is still living. He came in 1838, with his father, to this county, near where Brazil now is, where his father had the previous year entered 360 acres of Government land. They improved the land, and Mr. Sarchet had his full share of the hardships of pioneer life. At the time of his marriage, he was in limited circumstances; since then he has followed various occupations, such as farming, masonry and carpentering. Mr. Sarchet was formerly a Whig, but is now a Republican, and he has filled many positions of trust. He was elected Marshal of the town of Brazil, and afterward served two terms as Township Assessor.

DR. JAMES O. SIDDONS was born in Monroe Township, Putnam County, Ind., November 23, 1836, and is of German and French extraction. He lived on the farm until seventeen years old, attending in the winter such schools as the new country possessed. He then went to learn the blacksmith's trade with his two brothers at Fillmore. Immediately after commencing work in the blacksmith shop, he began reading medicine with Dr. R. B. Denny, of Fillmore. After two years, he left the shop and commenced clerking in the store of Mr. William Railsback, still studying medicine in his spare time. January 19, 1860, he married Miss Martha A. Railsback, by which union there were two sons—Walter L. and William E., both of whom are living. In February, 1865, he was appointed by the Secretary of the State Sanitary Commission as Special Surgeon to the Army of the Cumberland. He resigned that position, and on the 10th of March volunteered as a private in the Eleventh Indiana Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. His regiment was stationed at Baltimore, Md., and he saw no active service. April 8, 1866, he came to Harmony, and has since been engaged in an extensive practice. The Doctor has contributed to the press for twenty years, about seven years of that time as correspondent of the *Brazil Miner*, conducting two local columns, besides writing editorial matter. He has also written on theological questions, in the religious press, his articles attracting considerable attention. The Doctor is an independent Democrat, voting for the best man. He is also in favor of prohibition. He has been a Universalist over twenty years. He is a prosperous citizen, and a man of high literary attainments. A portion of his time he devotes to his farm, which is situated close to the town.

JAMES H. THROOP, druggist and a leading business man of Carbon, was born in Carlisle, Ky., July 12, 1848, and is the second of the seven children of George A. and Abigail (Milton) Throop, both of English descent. James H. resided with his parents until he was nineteen; received a fair school education, and in 1867 engaged in the drug business for his father at Reelsville, and remained until 1870, at which time he began the same business for himself at Harmony, then at Rosedale, and

finally removed to Carbon, where he successfully established himself in his chosen business with a \$3,000 stock and a bright prospect. August 4, 1869, he married Eliza S., daughter of Edward Barnett, now of Parke County, Ind., a union which has given birth to three children—Lillie M., George E. and Annie. Mr. Throop is a member of Carbon Lodge, No. 506, A. F. & A. M. In politics, he is a Democrat. He is also a liberal and generous man and an enterprising citizen. Mrs. Throop is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, farmer, was born in Randolph County, N. C., and is a son of John and Rebecca (Graves) Williams, who were of German and English extraction respectively. In 1835, he came with his parents to this county, where his father made a settlement on Government land, and eighteen months later entered the same. His education was necessarily limited, as there were no schools within reach at that time. He lived with his parents until he was twenty-five years old, when, August 18, 1850, he married Miss Dicæa Bollin, a daughter of Charles Bollin, of this county. They have had six children, four of whom are living. Mr. Williams started at the bottom of the ladder, but, by industry and economy, he has accumulated a good living. He and wife have been consistent members of the United Brethren Church for many years.

ALLEN WILSON was born in Burke County, N. C., December 7, 1802, and is a son of Jesse and Rachel (Boone) Wilson, who were of English extraction. Mrs. Rachel Wilson was a cousin of Daniel Boone. Allen lived on a farm with his parents until May 12, 1825, when he married Miss Sarah Allen, a daughter of John Allen, of Tennessee. They had three children one of whom is now living. Mr. Wilson's first wife died January 8, 1839, and he next married, May 13, 1839, Miss Mary Everman. By this union there were four children, one now living. The others died in infancy. Mrs. Mary Wilson died November 5, 1865. In 1831, Mr. Wilson removed to Owen County, Ind., where he entered eighty acres, and began as a pioneer, remaining there until September 10, 1877, when having sold his farm, he removed to the town of Knightsville, where he still resides with his daughter Alice, who has been a successful teacher in the public schools of Knightsville for five years. Mr. Wilson began in limited circumstances, and is a self-made man. His educational opportunities were poor, but, by self-culture, he has stored up much useful knowledge. He was formerly a member of the Campbellite Church, but for the past twelve years has belonged to the Seventh-Day Adventists. He has always adhered to the cause of temperance.

PETER WILSON, farmer and pioneer of Clay County, is a native of Montgomery County, Va., was born February 10, 1818, and is a son of Joshua and Sarah (Leckins) Wilson. Peter Wilson was born and reared on his father's farm. His mother died when he was two years old, after which his father removed to Ohio, and thence to Clay County in 1837, where he died in 1860. Our subject, November 22, 1838, married Mary, daughter of Daniel McMillin. This union was enriched by six children, five of whom are living. Mr. Wilson is one of those who have labored to develop the county of Clay, and who have experienced the innumerable trials of a pioneer, having been in the township since it contained but fifteen voters. Mr. Wilson is a Democrat, and a very highly respected citizen.

E. L. WINKLEPLECK is a native of Ohio, and was born March 20, 1841, and is the youngest of twelve children (eight now living) born to

Philip and Rosie (Keyser) Winklepleck, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. In 1843, the family came to Knightsville, where the parents died. E. L. Winklepleck lived on a farm until his father's death, which occurred when our subject was thirteen years old. He farmed in summer and attended school in winter. When nineteen, he came to Owen County, Ind., and taught district school until 1861. He then enlisted in Company G, Fifty-first Ohio Volunteers, and served over three years. After that, he resumed teaching, continuing until 1868 (two years in the northern part of the State, and two years in Clay County). In that year, 1868, he became a clerk in the mercantile business. Since 1872, he has been successfully engaged in the dry goods business for himself; and though he started in limited circumstances, he has now one of the leading establishments in Knightsville. Mr. Winklepleck is a member of Lodge No. 215, I. O. O. F., at Brazil; also is a Royal Arch Mason of Brazil Chapter, No. 64.

SUGAR RIDGE TOWNSHIP.

RICHARD H. ASHMORE is a native of Highland County, Ohio, born November 24, 1830, and the youngest of ten children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Roten) Ashmore, the former born in Baltimore, the latter in Henry County, Ky. The parents were Anglo-American. In boyhood, Richard never attended school, but what education he has, has been acquired since. He was apprenticed to the shoe-maker's trade, working at it until 1868, when he came to Indiana, settling on a farm on the Bowling Green road, one mile from Center Point. Here he lived six years, when he moved to Center Point, working at his trade for Mr. Givens three years, then purchasing the business himself, and, after running it three years, sold out and bought a stock of general merchandise, commencing business under the firm name of Ashmore & Russell. They have been in trade two years; have a good stock of goods. Mr. Ashmore has a frame residence in town, with nice outbuildings, milk-house and smoke-house. Politically, he is a Republican. He was married, March 20, 1856, to Jane Gillfillan, who became the mother of three children—Maggie, John and Newton E.—two of whom are still living.

JAMES FERGUSON, a farmer near Ashboro, Clay County, Ind., was born in Clermont County, Ohio, on November 21, 1806. So sparse was the population, and so uncultured were those who had been born west of the Alleghany Mountains, and who had already grown to womanhood and manhood, at the date of Mr. Ferguson's birth, that society or civil government had scarcely an existence. There was no school or church nearer than sixteen miles. In 1810, their first schoolhouse was erected without a sawed board, a nail, iron hinge, or pane of glass. In his own words: "Our teachers knew little, which we learned slowly. Our books were few, and far from being suggestive. Our parents were mostly uneducated, and of consequence could not aid us. At about ten years of age, I chanced to get 'James Ferguson's Manual of Astronomy.' So fond was I of it, that I read and re-read it, until I believed it. Few others did. I worked out the easier problems with a ball of yarn for a globe,