

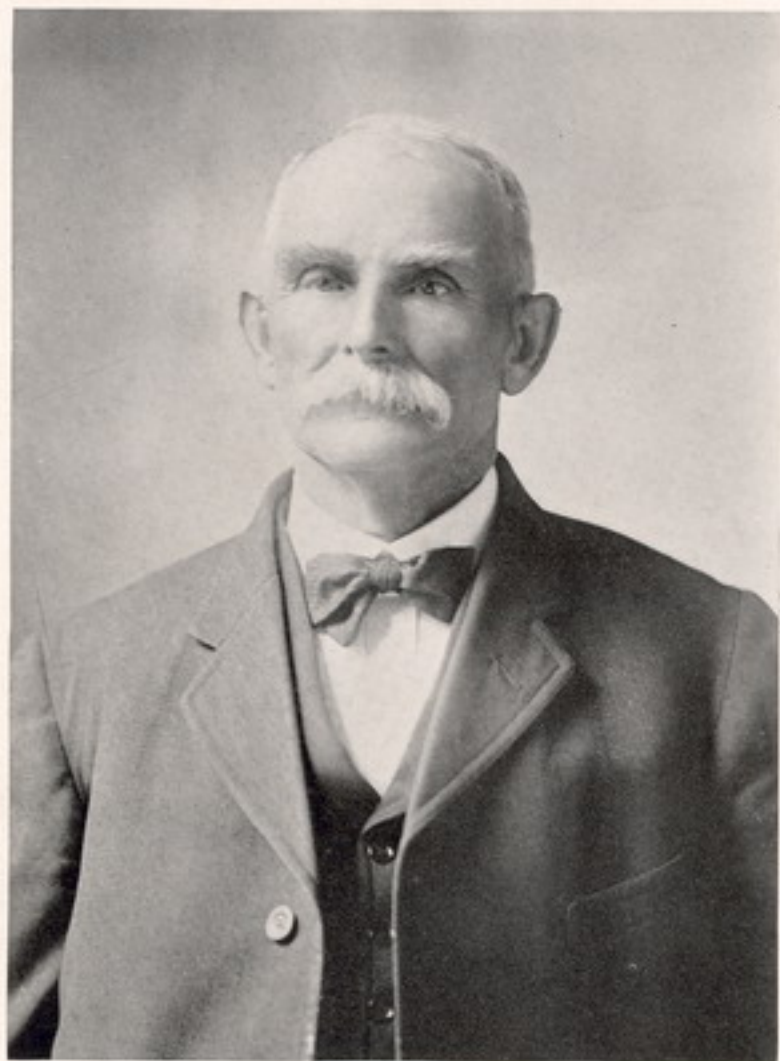
ANDREW J. UNCAPHER. Many lives have entered into the foundation and development of Starke County, and none of them more worthy to be considered in a history of pioneer personalities than A. J. Uncapher. Mr. Uncapher was practically the founder and builder of the prosperous little Village of Grovertown in Oregon Township, and for upwards of fifty years has been the leading figure in that community. In a sketch of his activities will be found more of the history of Grovertown than could be written under any other head.

Before the present Pennsylvania Railroad was built through Starke County, in this then comparatively wild section of Oregon Township Mark E. Reeves owned forty acres in the northeast corner of section 27. Mr. Reeves made a contract to deed the railroad company a hundred feet on each side of the right of way on condition that a station and certain other buildings should be built by the railway company. A civil engineer named Grover laid out and platted the site, and it was named Grovertown in his honor. Before the railway company had completed its buildings it asked of Mr. Reeves a deed to the hundred foot frontage on either side, but he would only agree to the terms of his contract to turn over the deed when the railway company completed its part of the contract. The company refused this and took down a partly completed water tank, moved it to another location, and thus killed the townsite for the time being. The plat still remained, and a couple of parties had built small stores, but the proposition was not in a way to substantial success. Grovertown, as it chanced, was exactly the halfway mark between Fort Wayne and Chicago.

The next chapter in the history of this little village begins with the entrance of Mr. Uncapher on the scene in 1867. He purchased from Mr. Reeves the entire forty acres, erected a general store, and began as a merchant and trader to contract for all the live stock, grain and other produce raised in the neighboring country, and keeping a store which sold the settlers everything they needed from a threshing machine to a goose yoke. His store was the real town, and year after year his prosperity increased. He gathered in the trade from a large scope of country, and his customers came even from the then struggling village of Knox. He had bought his first stock of goods in March, 1868, and some years ago he erected a fine store building on the main corner of the town and near the railway station. This building is 24 feet wide



Mrs A. J. Uncapher



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with 110 feet depth and 24 feet high. Here he carried an immense stock of merchandise, fitted for the local trade, and though the subsequent building of railroads and the rise in importance of Knox interfered somewhat with his original business, it has been one of substantial prosperity down to the present time. Mr. Uncapher also served as post-master of Grovertown twelve years, and later his son had the office four years. He was station agent and express agent, and at one time the business of the express office on a 10 per cent basis yielded \$5 a day. He also represented some fire insurance companies, did a large business in that line, but his chief prosperity has come from his real estate investments. His surplus from the business at Grovertown was invested in lands, largely in Oregon Township, and as an investor he has shown almost infallible judgment. He had been brought up on a farm, knew farming as an experienced operator, and became an expert valuator of practically every piece of land in Oregon and adjacent townships.

His real estate investments were not confined to Starke County. In 1888 he went to Chicago, and in a subdivision of Englewood, then a separate suburb, bought seven acres, paying \$1,600 an acre. He laid out this subdivision and improved it, and still owns a portion of the tract, which is now included in the City of Chicago and is one of the most closely built up sections of the city. It has, of course, had a wonderful increase in value in the past twenty-five years. Mr. Uncapher gave his attention to this city property until 1892, and then returned and resumed business at his old stand in Grovertown. His store at Grovertown is now under the management of his son Sidney.

For many years he has continued handling lands in Starke County, and has not only bought but has added extensive improvements, and has done as much perhaps as any other one man to contribute fertile and productive acres to Starke County. Upwards of three thousand acres in Oregon Township alone have at one time or other been under his ownership, though at the present time his holdings amount to about two thousand acres. This includes much of the choicest land to be found in Oregon Township and he pays taxes of more than two thousand dollars annually.

For a man whose success is so undisputed, Mr. Uncapher has had a really remarkable career, beginning as a poor boy. He had only a few months education all told, and has relied on hard work, sound judgment and an adaptability which has caused him, especially in his earlier years, never to refuse an opportunity for legitimate earnings. At one time he carried mail by horseback and by buggy over his father's star route from Plymouth, Indiana, to Logansport, a distance of fifty miles, and later he also looked after the mail carrying between Grovertown and San Pierre. While he has been extremely successful in the acquisition of wealth and prosperity, it has been a fortune well deserved and no one can justly grudge him a single dollar. He has been the central figure in all the growth and activities of Grovertown, and while it is not a city, it is one of the important centers of population and business in Starke County, and has had a steady prosperity.

Andrew J. Uncapher belongs to a pioneer family of Starke County. He was born July 30, 1842, a son of Israel and Margaret (Sult) Uncapher. His parents came from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, located in Marion County, Ohio, in 1837, and after a residence there of five years moved out to the western frontier in Missouri. Later they returned to Ohio, and in 1853 Israel Uncapher came to Starke County. He was a man of mechanical turn of mind, had been a miller in Ohio, and a farmer in Missouri. On moving to Starke County he located in Oregon Township near Grovertown, and acquired his first eighty acres in section 23. He entered this land at Winnemac, going on horseback to make the entry. There he lived as a farmer and a man of industry and excellent qualities until his death in 1881. For twelve years he served as justice of the peace.

A. J. Uncapher was eleven years old when his parents came to Starke County, and while his education was limited to the pioneer schools, he learned the best lessons of life in hard work. He lived on the homestead with his father until reaching his majority, and then started out with no capital except energy and ambition to succeed. He went west at the age of twenty-one, but returned not long after and made a living by canvassing for books, then sold sewing machines, and another fact of interest in his early career was contracting to build a schoolhouse. He got out the material from the native forest, cutting the trees with his own hands, and finished the contract, for which he received \$501. For one term he was a teacher. At the same time he raised potatoes on five acres of ground, and sold the crop in the ground for \$250. In the early days he was one of the chief buyers and shippers of potatoes from Starke County, sending them east in carload lots, and in this way largely got his start. From dealing in potatoes he engaged in the general merchandise business, and a general outline of his activities since that time has already been related.

Early in his business career Mr. Uncapher met and married Mary E. McCormick. Their marriage relationship has been one of ideal happiness, characterized throughout with love and success. Mr. Uncapher is a man of exemplary morals, his favorite beverage is cold water, he has never used tobacco, and has devoted himself to business, to home and to church. In his career he felt called upon to do something in the name of religion, and one of his first acts was donating land for a cemetery, and his little son, Charles, was the first to be buried therein. Soon afterwards he and his wife were converted and baptized at a general conference of the United Brethren Church, held at Indian Village by Elder Fletcher Thomas. Since then he has been very useful in church work, has served as Sunday school superintendent, as class leader, delegate to conferences and conventions. He paid more than half the cost of the United Brethren Church at Grovertown, and it is said that no deserving person has ever called upon him and gone away empty-handed. Though always a democrat in voting, Mr. Uncapher has

never aspired to office and his chief contribution to the public welfare has been through his steady influence in the development of his section of Starke County.

To Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher have been born the following children: Sidney A.; Dora A.; Ruea P., deceased; Cuba D., who died at the age of thirteen; Charles W., who died when one year old; Mary L., who died at the age of eleven months; Albert J.; and Mark E.

FRANK SLANSKY. One of the substantial citizens of Wayne Township is Frank Slansky, who has a comfortable and well improved home in section 18. Frank Slansky first came to know Starke County when a young man, more than thirty years ago, in the capacity of a farm laborer. For a number of years he worked at his trade in Chicago, and about sixteen years ago returned to Starke County and has since enjoyed prosperity as an agriculturist. He is a representative of the sterling Bohemian people who are so numerously represented in this section of Starke County, and while establishing a home and rearing his family has also been a useful factor in community affairs.

Frank Slansky was born at Pilsen, Bohemia, June 15, 1864. Many generations of the family had lived in the same locality, and his parents were Frank and Mary (Taylor) Slansky, both of whom died in Bohemia in the prime of life and when their son Frank was four years of age. After their death he was reared by his grandmother Mary Taylor, was educated in the local schools, and at the age of sixteen left his native land in 1880 and came to the United States. He took passage on a steamer at Hamburg, Germany, and was fifteen days on the ocean until landing in New York City. He came west to Chicago and then to North Judson in Starke County, where he was employed on a farm two and a half years. He then returned to Chicago and found employment as a laborer and afterwards developed skill as a mechanic in cabinet-making. He was for many years a capable employe of a piano factory, where he was one of the most proficient in general wood-working, as a finisher, framer and joiner. This was his occupation for a number of years, but in February, 1908, he returned to Starke County and bought sixty acres of land in section 18 of Wayne Township. He has since added twenty acres and now has a well improved farm of eighty acres, part of it in meadow and pasture, and the rest cultivated through the staple crops of Starke County. He has a comfortable home, substantial barn and other buildings, and enjoys a well deserved prosperity as a member of the Starke County agricultural community.

During his residence in Chicago Mr. Slansky married Josie Svoboda. She was born in the same locality of Bohemia as her husband in the year 1867, a daughter of Thomas and Josie (Hololova) Svoboda, both of whom spent all their lives in Bohemia, her father dying at the age of eighty-five and her mother aged seventy-five. They were both devout members of the Catholic faith. Mrs. Slansky had known her husband from childhood, and three years after his departure from Bohemia she followed him, taking the same route though landing at Baltimore, and

immediately after her arrival in Chicago they were married. They have now lived together and shared their toil and prosperity and joys and sorrows for more than thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Slansky are the parents of eight children. Bertha is the wife of Henry Kudrna of Chicago, and their children are Lillie, George and Irvin. Louis, who is a machinist in Chicago, married Polly Roder, and their children are William and Elmer. Jerry, who was born in Chicago, as were the other children, and received his education in the public schools there, while still a boy began an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade and followed that occupation until coming to Starke County with his parents in 1908, since which time he has assisted his father in the management of the farm, and is still unmarried. Emma is the wife of Joseph Burijanek, lives in North Judson, and is the mother of two sons, George and Raymond. Edward, who is single, recently completed his education in the public schools of Wayne Township, and is at home. The three youngest children, Emil, Ella and William, are all attending the district schools of Wayne Township. Mr. Slansky and his older sons generally support the republican ticket in politics.

WILLIAM HANKEY. Starke County had cause to regret the removal of one of its most substantial and thrifty citizens in the death of William Hankey on July 21, 1911. Mr. Hankey had spent the greater part of forty years in Starke County, was a capable mechanic, assisted in the building and construction of many houses and other structures in this vicinity, but his chief business was as a farmer, and the homestead which he developed and cared for during his lifetime is now regarded as one of the best farms in Railroad Township, being situated on section 17, with San Pierre as postoffice. Mrs. Hankey and a number of her children are still at the old home and their influence as workers and citizens is one that may be well continued for many years to come in Starke County.

The late William Hankey was born in Posen, Germany, December 9, 1850, and was therefore in his sixty-first year at the time of his death. His parents were Christopher and Anna (Schmidt) Hankey. His father was a cabinetmaker in the old country, followed that trade a number of years and while living in Posen four sons and four daughters were born. These children were all yet unmarried when the family in 1871 set out from their native land, and embarked on a vessel at Bremen which landed them after many days of sailing in New York City. From the eastern seaport they came west to Wanatah in Laporte County, Indiana, and after coming to this country Christopher Hankey changed his occupation somewhat, combining farming with the business of carpenter. He was an expert and finished mechanic and his services were greatly in demand. A few years after locating at Wanatah the family removed to North Judson in Starke County, and somewhat later still transferred their home to Railroad Township, where the father bought eighty acres of land in section 27. He improved this land from a wilderness condition, and made that the home of his declining years. He passed away

February 2, 1902, while his wife died in May, 1893. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics the elder Hankey was a democrat.

The late William Hankey was the oldest son and the third child of a family of eight children. He had just reached his majority when he came to America, and in the meantime had secured a good education and also had served an apprenticeship in the trade of his father. He likewise possessed skill as an artificer in wood and metal, and for a number of years actively followed the trade of house carpenter. Like his father, he combined that vocation with practical farming in Railroad Township, and year after year contrived to prosper and add a little bit to the sum total of his material resources. When he died he was possessed of an estate of more than three hundred acres of fine land and had always stood as one of the most capable farmers and stock growers in that section of Starke County. His crops were mainly corn, rye and potatoes. He also raised considerable stock, and was an all around good farmer. In local matters he took much interest, and was a regular voter with the democratic party and a man whose prosperity had been so well earned that it gave him the thorough respect and esteem of his entire community.

In Railroad Township in 1881 William Hankey married Miss Rose Dalka. Her birthplace was also Posen, Germany, and her birthday was Christmas Day of 1859. Her family for generations back were farming people and her parents were Michael and Anna (Tessloff) Dalka. They lived in Posen until most of their children were born. Two of the Dalka children died young, and in 1864 the parents with their children Michael, John, Charles and Rose emigrated to the United States settling in Pulaski County, Indiana, where her father bought and improved a good farm in Cass Township. His death occurred there September 7, 1884, at the age of sixty-four, while his widow survived until June 8, 1910. Four days later she would have celebrated her eighty-second birthday. They were of the best type of German people, thrifty, of sound morals, and made any community better for living therein. They were of the faith of the Lutheran Church, while in politics Mr. Dalka was a democrat and held several minor offices.

Mrs. William Hankey became the mother of thirteen children. Two of these, Theodore and Herman, died in childhood. The eleven still living are: Lena, wife of William Kellerman of North Judson, and the parents of one daughter Lena; John A., a farmer in Wayne Township who married Lydia Weinkauf, and has three children, Lloyd, Edna and Harry; William, who lives at home and is an expert and vigorous young farmer, having the practical management of his father's fine estate; Edward, who lives at home, but who by profession is a moving picture operator; Henry, a farmer, lives at the old homestead most of the time; Emil, who is a graduate from the South Bend Business College and is associated with his brother Edward in the moving picture business; Elvey, at home and unmarried; Leona L. and Anna M., twin

daughters who are now about sixteen years of age, and received good educational advantages in the local schools and are both promising and attractive young ladies. The family are all confirmed members of the Lutheran Church and attend worship at San Pierre, while the sons are democrats.

AUSTIN P. DIAL. The Farmers State Bank of Knox, of which Austin P. Dial was one of the organizers and is now president, is an institution with a successful record, and has been in existence and efficiently serving the community for more than twenty years. It was established in January, 1893, as a private bank known under the title of Farmers Bank. In January, 1901, the bank took out a state charter and was reorganized as the Farmers State Bank. The capital of the original institution was \$10,000, but since its incorporation under a state charter the capital has been \$25,000, and it has a surplus of an equal amount. The total resources of the bank in March, 1914, at the regular statement, showed over three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and at that time the bank had approximately three hundred thousand dollars in deposits. Mr. Dial has been president of the bank since it was incorporated. The first vice president was H. H. Ellingson. In 1908 he was succeeded in the office of vice president by J. W. Long, a well-known lumberman of Knox. F. P. Whitson, now deceased, was the first cashier and was succeeded by Isaac Templeton, who resigned, and now lives in the State of Pennsylvania, and Mr. J. W. Kurtz has held the office of cashier since 1906. The Farmers State Bank has paid large dividends to its stockholders, and since 1913 it has occupied an ideal banking house on Main Street in Knox. The bank has membership in both the State and National Association of Bankers.

Among the men who have started life at the bottom of the ladder and have steadily climbed the upward rungs the president of the Farmers State Bank is deserving of particular honor and of all the prosperity which he has acquired. He has lived in Starke County for sixty years, and has thus been a witness of changes and developments such as a younger man would find difficult to visualize. His home has been in the State of Indiana for sixty-two years, and he was born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 27, 1840. He comes of German stock, and his parents were thrifty and hard working, but always people in modest circumstances, and were able to give their son Austin only a home, the usual brief training in the schools accorded to the boys of Ohio and Indiana prior to the Civil war, and thus the future banker began life entirely dependent upon his own energy and ambition. In 1852 he moved to Allen County, Indiana, with his parents, and in 1854 to Starke County. Reared in the country, he was a farmer by training, and had many struggles before he was well started on his career of success. Many years ago the people of Knox knew him as a professional ox team driver, and he frequently drove an ox team hauling wood into Knox, and in that way and by various other work earned enough to supplement his meager income as a farmer.

Mr. Dial in 1867 was elected county recorder of Starke county, and filled that office for two successive terms, for four years each term. In 1878 he was elected to the office of county treasurer, and in 1880 re-elected, serving two terms of two years each in that responsible place. During his long career he has held a number of other local offices, and has twice held office on the city board. Mr. Dial is a strong democrat, has been delegate to different conventions, and in 1908 was an alternate elector from Indiana. Though best known as a banker Mr. Dial has a fine farm in Starke County, and it was farming that constituted the basis of his successful business career. He has lived in one house on South Main Street for more than forty years, and that is one of the substantial homes of the county seat.

On December 12, 1913, Mr. Dial and wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They are one of the oldest couples in Starke County, and the fine co-operation and ideal relations which have always subsisted between Mr. Dial and wife have been in no small degree responsible for their success. Mrs. Dial before her marriage was Edna Beatty. She was born in Grant County, Indiana, May 8, 1846, and was about fourteen or fifteen years of age when her parents moved to Starke County. She was married in this county at the age of seventeen, and she and Mr. Dial started out with hardly a dollar, and for a number of years had a hard struggle to support themselves and to provide for the future. To their marriage were born two children. One of them died unnamed, and the other, Beatty, died when three years of age.

JAMES C. FLETCHER. In every community are found those whose character and ability well equip them for leadership in civic affairs of importance and in the control of business enterprises of broad scope and importance. In Starke County such a valued citizen is found in the person of Mr. Fletcher, who is president of the First National Bank of Knox, and who is likewise president and treasurer of the Starke County Abstract, Title & Guarantee Company, which, as may well be understood, exercises most important and beneficent functions bearing upon the general well-being of the community covered by its activities. Mr. Fletcher is serving also as state bank examiner for fourteen counties in Northwestern Indiana, his work in this capacity involving the periodical examination of the affairs of all banking institutions in his assigned territory with the exception of the national banks.

James C. Fletcher was born in Washington Township, Starke County, Indiana, on the 20th of December, 1864, and is a son of John and Clara (Thompson) Fletcher, the former a scion of Irish stock and the latter a representative of a family of English origin that was early founded in the State of Virginia. John Fletcher and his wife were reared and educated in Clermont County, Ohio. There their marriage was solemnized, and there all of their children were born with the exception of James C., of this review, who is the youngest of the number. In 1860 John Fletcher came with his family to Starke County

and settled in Washington Township, the land having been obtained from the Government by his brother, Jesse Fletcher, who still resides in this county and who is one of its venerable pioneer citizens. John Fletcher became one of the substantial agriculturists and stock growers of Starke County and continued to reside on his homestead farm until his death, which occurred on the 1st of May, 1874, the year of his nativity having been 1807. His widow survived him by a decade and was summoned to the life eternal on the 2d of June, 1885, her birth having occurred in 1828 or 1829. Mr. Fletcher was a man of strong individuality and inflexible integrity, and was prominent and influential in public affairs of a local order, the while he ever commanded the high regard of his fellow men. He was a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party and both he and his wife held membership in the United Brethren Church. Of their children, James C. is the only one now living.

Under the sturdy influences of the home farm James C. Fletcher waxed strong in mind and body, and while still employed at farm work and attending the public schools he felt the spur of ambition. Thus he was not satisfied with meager scholastic attainments but availed himself of the advantages of the Northern Indiana Normal School & Business College, now known as Valparaiso University. In that institution and in a private way he devoted his attention to the study of law, and though he was admitted to the bar of his native state he has never been engaged in the active practice, his technical knowledge, however, having proved of inestimable value to him in connection with his signally active and successful business career.

In 1890 Mr. Fletcher assumed the office of clerk of the Circuit Court for Starke County, and of this position he continued the efficient and valued incumbent until 1898, when he became the owner of the leading abstract business of the county. To this he gave close attention, the business being conducted under the title of the Starke County Abstract Company, and he made the records of his office most comprehensive and authoritative. In 1907 the company combined its interests and records with those of the firm of Koffel & Taylor and under the reorganization the business was incorporated under the present title of the Starke County Abstract, Title & Guarantee Company, with an authorized capital of \$25,000. Mr. Fletcher has been president of this company since 1911, from the time of its incorporation, and the personnel of its executive corps includes also the following named officers: Mahlon J. Hartzler, vice president; Edward H. Taylor, secretary; Herbert R. Koffel and William S. Daniel, who are members of the board of directors; James C. Fletcher, attorney; and Misses Daisy A. Crabb and Marie Fletcher, notaries. The company holds membership in the Indiana Title Association and none in the state covers its fields more effectively in records and service.

In 1901 Mr. Fletcher became associated with the late Horatio D. Fuller in the organization of the First National Bank of Knox, which was incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000, and the success of

which is indicated by the fact that its surplus fund is now \$22,000, and that it has returned regular semi-annual dividends to its stockholders, the major number of whom are representative citizens of Starke County. Mr. Fuller was the first president of this substantial and admirably conducted institution and retained this office until his death on the 4th of February, 1914, whereupon, with all consistency, Mr. Fletcher was elected his successor in this important executive office. Edgar W. Shilling is vice president; Mark D. Falvey, cashier; and Perry W. Uncapher, assistant cashier. In addition to the president, vice president and cashier the directorate of the bank includes Francis Yeager, Frank A. Green, Frank Joseph and Henry F. Shrieker. With characteristic progressiveness and circumspection Mr. Fletcher is directing the policies of this institution, and that he has exceptional ability as a practical financier is shown by the fact that since 1911 he has held the appointment of and given effective service as state bank examiner for the northwestern district of Indiana.

Mr. Fletcher is one of the recognized leaders of the democratic party activities in Starke County, and has been a delegate to the state conventions of the same, as well as to congressional and county conventions for which he was eligible. He served for some time as a member of the board of trustees of the Town of Knox. In the Knox lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Mr. Fletcher has passed the various official chairs, besides having represented the organization in the grand lodge of the state. He is affiliated also with the local organizations of the Knights of Pythias and Knights of the Modern Maccabees.

On November 4, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Fletcher to Miss Meda Z. Bender, who was born at Knox, judicial center of this county, November 7, 1867, and who completed her education in Fort Wayne College. She is a daughter of Robert H. and Elvira (Morris) Bender, the former of whom continued his residence at Knox until his death, his widow being still a resident of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have two children, Marie, who was graduated in the Knox High School, as a member of the class of 1910, and who is a popular factor in the social activities of her home city, as are all other members of this representative family; and Robert Bender Fletcher is a member of the class of 1916 in the local high school.

CHARLES LARAMORE. Two of the oldest families identified with Starke County are the Laramores and the Humphreys. They were people of more than ordinary consequence—farmers, merchants, loyal citizens and upholders of the best in social life. Charles Laramore, who came as a child at the time of pioneer settlement, has prospered as a farmer, served a number of years as postmaster of Knox and in other offices, and none better deserve the commendation of the written record in local history.

His ancestry is Scotch-Irish. Little is known of the earlier generations of the family in this country. George Laramore, father of Charles, is thought to have descended from one of three brothers who emigrated from England about the time of the Revolution, locating in three different

sections of the colonies. The ancestor of this branch became a Virginian. The grandparents were Thomas and Mary (Whittlebury) Laramore. They were probably married in Virginia, but early in life moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, and Thomas died there in early life. His widow married Matthew Humphreys, and some years later, in 1830, when her son George Laramore, who was born January 16, 1822, was eight years of age, Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys moved out to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, settling in the midst of the wilderness on the borders of Grand Prairie, about twelve miles from the City of Lafayette. There Matthew Humphreys laid the foundation for a home and improved his land, and continued to reside in that section until 1851, when they left their log cabin home and moved into Starke County, locating at Knox. Matthew Humphreys built the fourth home and the first frame house in that new village. At that time Starke County was merely an uninhabited wilderness, and Matthew Humphreys became one of the first merchants and also bought a large tract of land within the county. The stock for his general store was all hauled from Laporte, by ox teams and wagons, and he continued for a number of years in business at the county seat. He died in 1856, and his widow twelve years later. She was born in 1808, while Mr. Humphreys was born in 1800. They were members of the United Brethren Church, which was about the only religious society in this part of Starke County in the early days. Both Matthew Humphreys and wife are buried in the Humphreys private burying ground within the Town of Knox.

George Laramore, father of Charles, was the only child of his mother by her first marriage. He grew up in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and there married Sarah Hatter. After the birth of their daughter Mary A. they moved to Carroll County, Indiana, where Charles and Andrew J. were born. Charles Laramore was born in Carroll County, Indiana, January 5, 1847. He was four years of age when the family removed by wagons and teams to Starke County. It required four days of travel along the winding and difficult roads to reach their new home. The high ridges which they were compelled to follow in order to avoid the marshes were usually sandy, and slow progress was a necessity. Matthew Humphreys had preceded George Laramore to Starke County, arriving there in February, 1851, while Mr. Laramore came in March of the same year. George Laramore acquired government land, the southwest quarter of Section 3 in Center Township, erected a log cabin, and thus began to improve a home as one of the pioneers. Although his place was only three miles northwest of the present City of Knox, he had for several years no near neighbors. In that vicinity he spent the rest of his life, had improved most of his land, erected a good frame house and died there in July, 1878. He was then past fifty-six years of age. In the early days he was a strong whig, had voted for Henry Clay, and after the formation of the republican party cast a ballot for John C. Fremont, its first candidate for the presidency, in 1856. He also voted for Abraham Lincoln, and was a strong abolitionist in belief and practice. He also had a great admiration for William H. Harrison, the whig President. George Laramore

was a man of much public spirit in his community, possessed decision of character and was more than ordinarily influential. His wife died in June, 1887, at the old home, in the improvement of which she had assisted. She was a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Charles) Hatter. The former was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock and the latter the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who came over from France with LaFayette to assist the American colonists in gaining their freedom from England. Andrew Hatter and wife were married in Pennsylvania, moved to Ohio, and in 1851 accompanied George Laramore on his removal to Starke County, Indiana, where their last years were spent with their daughter, Mrs. Laramore. Mrs. Hatter died in the fall of 1851, and her husband some years later. They were members of the German Lutheran Church, and Andrew Hatter was a strong Jackson democrat.

George Laramore and wife became the parents of nine children, three sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. Five of them are still living and all have their homes in Indiana. Representative Charles Laramore was reared to manhood in Starke County, and early in life qualified for educational work and followed teaching for several years. He has since been an active farmer and stock raiser and dealer, and still owns a fine farm in Center Township. In 1900 Mr. Laramore left his farm and moved to Knox, his farm having since been operated by his son. In February, 1900, Mr. Laramore was appointed postmaster at Knox, and served through the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations, altogether for three terms—twelve years and five months. Mr. Laramore is now a member of the town board, having been elected on the republican ticket, and has given much public spirited service to his community.

Mr. Laramore was married in Starke County to Mary C. Emigh, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1850 and died at her home in Knox May 13, 1906. She came to Starke County when fifteen years of age with her parents, Christian and Mary (Paul) Emigh, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, were married there, and after settling in Starke County lived on a farm in Washington Township, where her father died when past seventy years of age, and her mother died at Knox when more than ninety-two years old. Her father was a whig in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Laramore are the parents of the following children: George Devir, who is now cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Hanna, Indiana, married Ella Davis, and has children, Charles Davis, Doris, Lucile and John. Dolpha Oswell died at the age of nineteen, after having finished his education in the public schools. Lelia Agnes since 1905 has served as assistant postmaster at Knox. She was in that office under her father and holds the same position under the present postmaster, Willis P. McCormick. She graduated from the State Normal School at Terre Haute in 1901, also from the C. L. S. C. with the class of 1910, and has done some extension work in Chicago University. She has been a teacher, both in Starke and Henry counties and the Indianapolis public schools, and has taken a very prominent part in church and social affairs. She is guardian of "Kankakee Camp" of the Camp Fire Girls and for several years has been secretary of the Starke County Society for the

Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Charles Ernest, the fourth child of Charles Laramore, grew up on a farm and has been identified with that industry all his active career, being now manager of the old homestead. He married Martha Chidester of Starke County, and their children are Esther, Frank, Chester and Monroe. Florian Eugene is a graduate of Purdue University in the mechanical engineering department, and is now employed in his professional capacity by a heating and ventilating concern at Montreal, Canada. He is unmarried. Herbert Kenneth, the youngest child, still living at home, is a member of the senior class in Purdue University, and specializing in the department of entomology and horticulture, and is deputy field man under M. M. High, who is Government entomologist for Northern Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Laramore and family are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Laramore affiliates with Knox Lodge No. 639, F. & A. M., is past chancellor of Lodge No. 296, Knights of Pythias, and is past commander of William Landon Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, No. 290. His membership in the Grand Army is the result of service during the Civil war. Though a very young man at the beginning of the struggle, towards its close he enlisted in Company H of the One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment of Indiana Infantry, and was out for eight months, being largely employed in guard duty during the last year of the war.

PETER MOSHER. The following sketch contains the important facts in the life and family record of a Starke County citizen whose name has always stood for all that is honest and of good report in this community, for successful thrift and business integrity, for a position which all must respect. The Mosher family have been Starke County residents since pioneer days, the early generation having made homes out of the wilderness, and Peter Mosher is himself a product of a log cabin home and a log schoolhouse.

His ancestry was that thrifty Dutch stock which settled New York colony, and his grandparents spent all their lives in Oswego County, of New York. John W. Mosher, father of Peter, was born in Oswego County, June 11, 1823, grew up on a farm, and married Elizabeth Shoemaker, who was born in the same vicinity, November 20, 1824, and likewise represented a family of Dutch antecedents. Her father, Asa Shoemaker, spent his life in Oswego County. After their marriage, John W. Mosher and wife began housekeeping in New York State, but soon moved to Ohio. In Ohio their first son, Albert, was born. Eighteen months later the family moved to Whitley County, Indiana, and became pioneers in the wilderness not far from Columbia City. They had a log home, and in those surroundings were born the following children: Asa, Huldah and Nancy, who died as infants; Mary E.; Peter, who was born December 28, 1853; and William. When Peter was three years of age the family moved to Starke County in 1856. They arrived in December, about the holiday season, and the father bought eighty acres of wild and unbroken land in section 19 of California Township. The first habitation in this new district was a log

cabin, which some years later was replaced by a more substantial structure. In Starke County were born Alice and Sarah, the latter deceased. Alice is married and lives at North Judson, in Starke County. The youngest child of the family was John, who was born in Iowa during the six months the family spent in that state. The daughter Mary, already mentioned, married John Flagg, of one of the prominent families of Wayne Township. After the family had returned from Iowa they located on a farm in Wayne Township, but subsequently the parents moved to North Judson, where the father died October 1, 1893, when nearly seventy years of age. His wife passed away six years later, January 11, 1899, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Flagg, in Wayne Township, when seventy-three years of age. They were members of the Christian Church, but later because of a more convenient location joined the United Brethren Church. The father was a democrat in politics. During the Civil war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-first Indiana Regiment of Infantry, in Company H, but had been out less than a year when the war closed. His sons, Albert and Asa, were both veterans of the war. Albert was out nearly four years, until the close of the war, took part in many campaigns, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. He had numerous narrow escapes, one shot passing through his cap, and another through his knapsack, yet he returned home uninjured, married and became a prosperous farmer, and died two years ago, leaving a widow and three grown children, all of whom are now married. The son, Asa, enlisted at the same time as his brother, and died from typhoid fever while with the army about Vicksburg. At that time he was still under age. Another of the children, John D., is now living on a farm in Pulaski County, Indiana, has married three times and has three sets of children.

Peter Mosher, who was too young for service during the Civil war, grew up on a farm in Starke County, and the schoolhouse from which he received most of his instruction in books was built of logs. For nearly forty years his career has been one of steadily increasing prosperity as a farmer. Since October, 1876, he has owned and occupied the old homestead, located in sections 18 and 19 of California Township. Forty acres lie in section 18, and 124 acres in section 19. However, he has increased the area of the old home, which was eighty acres, and now has one of the best improved and most valuable estates in the township. Much of his land is under cultivation, and one feature is a large grove of native timber. Some years ago he erected a large barn 28 x 40 feet, and some years later constructed an addition 26 x 42 feet. Attached to the barn is a sixty ton silo. All the outbuildings are painted red, and together with the comfortable residence of seven rooms, with an inviting porch in front, the buildings comprise an attractive feature of the local landscape. As a crop grower Mr. Mosher raises all the staple cereals, including cowpeas, and knows all the ins and outs of Starke County farming and how to make it profitable. He feeds stock of all kinds, and for a number of years has operated a small dairy with a herd of eleven cows.

On September 10, 1876, Mr. Mosher married in Pulaski County Miss Emma Blanche Campbell. She was born in Pulaski County in 1858, was reared and educated there, and for nearly forty years they have traveled life's highway together and shared all the happiness and service as homemakers and good citizens. Mrs. Mosher is a daughter of Perry and Nancy (Goble) Campbell, who were natives of Ohio and of Scotch stock, but came to Pulaski County, and her father improved two good farms from the wild land of that section. Subsequently they moved to North Judson, where her father died at the age of about seventy-five, and his widow passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maud Thompson, of Huntington, Indiana, when past seventy years of age. Mrs. Mosher has two sisters, Mrs. Maud Thompson and Elizabeth Wright, both married and heads of families, and a brother, Aleck, who is now employed by the Erie Railroad Company in Chicago.

To the marriage of Mr. Mosher and wife were born thirteen children. One son, Olney D., died at the age of two years. Charles J., a Wayne Township farmer, married Katie Baum, and their children are Lydia and Ida, twins, Herman, Leo, George and Lynn. Ora Lee, whose home is in Crown Point, married Amanda Hiatt, and has three children, Cleo, Ruth and Nelson. Alice Maude, unmarried, received her education in the Knox High School, finished the normal course at Valparaiso and also a course in the Business College at Indianapolis, and for the past ten years has been successfully engaged in teaching. Asa G., who lives on a farm in Wayne Township, married Minnie Sark, of this county. Bertha, wife of Charles O. Brooke, of Hammond, Indiana, has a son Glenn and a daughter Alice. Addie Pearl is the wife of Andrew J. Casey, who is employed with one of the street railway companies of Chicago, and their children are Geneva and Lloyd, but the latter is deceased. Leonard is married, and is connected with the Oregon Short Line Railway Company in Idaho, and has a daughter, Irene D. Nannie is the wife of Wayne Lane, and lives in Peru, Indiana, has one daughter, Florris. Ethel is the wife of Homer Collins, who is a railway man living in Hammond. Claude, still at home, was educated in the public schools. Clyde finished the grade school course and is at home. Geneva is still attending the public schools.

This is one of the best known family groups in Starke County. Mr. Mosher has long been identified with local affairs and has been one of the leaders in the Starke County democracy. For five years he served as township trustee, and is now in his first term as county commissioner, his term expiring January 1, 1916, and he is a candidate for reelection. His first office in the township was as supervisor, after which he was a member of the township advisory board, was elected to the county council, and then to his present office as county commissioner. Peter Mosher is one of the men who can be depended upon for cooperation and assistance in any movement designed to improve civic and material conditions in Starke County. The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Mosher is known as "The Willow Grove Farm."

CHARLES W. WENINGER. The present county auditor of Starke County has been a resident of this county from the time of his birth and has achieved prestige as one of its most progressive and influential business men and most public-spirited citizens, the while he has held official preferments that indicate fully the secure place that is his in the confidence and esteem of the people of his native county. Mr. Weninger has shown much initiative and constructive ability as an executive and business man and is one of the foremost citizens of the fine little Village of North Judson, where he is president of the First State Bank and also of the Perpetual Building & Loan Association, one of the most substantial and important corporations of the kind in this section of the state.

Mr. Weninger was born on a farm in Wayne Township, this county, on the 23d of May, 1873, and his initial experience in connection with the practical affairs of life was acquired as a youthful representative of the sturdy yeomanry of the fine old Hoosier State, the while he made good use of the advantages afforded him in the public schools and as a youth proved himself eligible for pedagogic honors, though his service as a teacher covered but one term. For four years thereafter he held the position of deputy postmaster at North Judson, and after his retirement he conducted a meat market in that village for a few years. He then became associated with Jacob Keller, one of the best known and most influential citizens of the county, and engaged in the real estate and insurance business, this mutually grateful and profitable alliance continuing until the death of Mr. Keller, of whose valuable estate, including 3,300 acres of land, Mr. Weninger was made administrator. In 1909 Mr. Weninger became one of the stockholders of the Citizens Bank of North Judson, and in January, 1911, this was consolidated with the Farmers & Merchants Bank, which had been established in 1906. He was vice president of the former bank at the time of the consolidation of the two under the title of the First State Bank, of which he has since been the president and the affairs of which he has directed, as chief executive, along progressive and yet careful and conservative lines, the institution now having larger deposits than any other bank in the county. Its operations are based on a capital stock of \$25,000, its surplus fund is in excess of \$10,000, and it pays to its stockholders regular annual dividends, at the rate of 8 per cent. Jacob F. Manz is vice president of the bank, Perry H. McCormick is the cashier, and G. N. Peterson is assistant cashier, while the directorate of the institution includes the three executive officers and also Messrs. Dahlka and Mosher.

Mr. Weninger was one of the principal organizers of the Perpetual Building & Loan Association, in 1906, and has been its president from the time of its incorporation. This substantial and ably ordered corporation, of which G. N. Peterson is secretary, has an authorized capital of \$200,000, and its loans are made exclusively to residents of Starke County. It controls a specially large and prosperous business, has exercised most benignant function, has paid regular dividends and has

never had a dollar of loss on its loans or investments, its dividend in 1914 having been rendered at the rate of 10 per cent.

Mr. Weninger is one of the leaders in the Starke County councils and activities of the democratic party, and as candidate on its ticket he was elected county auditor in 1912—an office in which he is giving a characteristically careful and efficient administration. He has been a delegate to the local conventions of his party, served two terms as town clerk of North Judson and one term as trustee of Wayne Township, of which he was a trustee from 1900 to 1904. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, in which last mentioned he is past chancellor of the lodge at North Judson. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in their home village and he is serving as a member of its board of trustees.

On the 29th of September, 1897, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Weninger to Miss Maude Collier, who was born in the State of Ohio, in 1878, and who was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, in the City of Delaware. She is active in church work, especially as a member of the Ladies' Aid and Home Missionary societies, and is a popular figure in the representative social activities of North Judson. Mr. and Mrs. Weninger have one son, Howard Leslie, who is attending the public schools.

ADAM G. W. SHERMAN, whose death occurred November 1, 1914, was a well-known retired merchant and honored citizen of Knox. He had been prominently concerned with the public and business interests of Starke County for many years, had exerted his influence along lines of benignant order and had so ordered his course as to retain the unqualified confidence and esteem of the community in which he maintained his home for many years, his commodious and attractive residence standing on the site of the one that became his place of abode fully forty-five years ago, a fact that shows that he was entitled to prestige as one of the sterling pioneer business men of the City of Knox, judicial center of the county.

Mr. Sherman came from Laporte County, this state, and established his residence at Knox in the year 1867. Here he engaged in the retail grocery business on Washington Street, but in the following year he removed to more eligible quarters, on Main Street. There he built up a large and prosperous business and after his establishment was destroyed by fire, in 1886, he erected near its site a substantial frame building, now known as the Swartzel Block, and in 1894 built a brick building on Main Street, which is still known as the Sherman Block. In the Swartzel Block he resumed business, and he continued to be one of the representative figures in local business circles until 1893, after which time he lived virtually retired, his enterprise and well ordered endeavors enabling him to acquire a substantial competency. About the time of his retirement from business Mr. Sherman erected his residence, on the site of the house in which he took up his abode nearly half a century ago, as previously noted. At the time of the construction of the Nickel Plate

and the Chicago, Indiana & Southern railroads through this section of the state, Mr. Sherman became a successful contractor and supplied ties for the building of many miles of the two lines. His civic enterprise was further shown by his erection of a second business block in Knox, the Sherman Block referred to, and he was liberal and influential in the material upbuilding as well as the social progress of the county seat.

Mr. Sherman claimed the historic Old Dominion as the place of his nativity. He was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, on the 11th of September, 1834, and is a son of Adam S. and Elizabeth (Nicholas) Sherman, both natives of Virginia and representatives of old and honored families of that commonwealth, the father of the subject of this review having been a first cousin of Gen. William T. Sherman. Adam G. W. Sherman was only a few weeks old at the time when his parents removed from Virginia to Ohio and numbered themselves among the pioneer settlers of Marion County, where the father purchased a tract of land and instituted the development of a farm. This property he later sold and on a portion of the same was established the present Village of Cardington. Adam S. Sherman purchased another farm in the same county and on this homestead he continued to reside until the death of his wife, who had passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and he passed the closing years of his life in the home of one of his daughters, at Greencamp, Marion County, Ohio, where he died when nearly eighty years of age. He was originally a whig in politics but transferred his allegiance to the republican party at the time of its organization and ever afterward continued a stalwart supporter of its cause. He was a man of strong character, mature judgment and well fortified convictions, both he and his wife having been honored for their sterling worth and both having early become members of the Christian Church. Of the children, Jacob, a brother of the subject of this review, is the only one now living, the daughters, Eliza, Sarah, Mary and Rebecca having married and reared children before they were summoned to the life eternal. Of the sons the eldest was John, who likewise married and left children. Jacob was youngest of the three sons that attained to maturity, and the only one now living.

In Marion County, Ohio, Adam G. W. Sherman was reared to maturity under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days, and his initial experience of a practical order was that gained in connection with the work of the home farm. In the meanwhile he duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period. In 1851, when about seventeen years of age, Mr. Sherman came to Indiana and after residing for a time in Starke County he indulged his propensity for adventure by going to the State of Texas, where he remained two years and had a varied experience in frontier life. He then returned to Indiana and established his residence in Laporte County, where, in 1857, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Mary A. Benson, who was born on the 31st of January, 1840, a daughter of Elijah and Ann (Sanders) Benson, natives of Ohio, and her parents, born in North Carolina, removed from that state to Ohio in an early day, Mrs. Sherman hav-

ing been born in Greene County, that state. In 1840 Mr. Benson removed with his family to Randolph County, Indiana, where he remained until 1851, when he established his residence in Laporte County, where he reclaimed a farm in the virgin forest and became a substantial and influential citizen, the old homestead having been near the little village of Durham. He and his wife passed the declining years of their lives at Westville, Laporte County, where Mr. Benson died at the venerable age of eighty-four years, his wife having been somewhat more than eighty years old at the time of her demise and both having been zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Benson was first a whig and later a republican in politics. Of the children Noah died when young; Elias is a substantial farmer of Laporte County; Mrs. Sherman was next in order of birth; John died young; Elzabank died in early childhood; Lorenzo died also in early youth; and Minerva died at the age of seven years, two of the children having been victims of a cholera epidemic in Randolph County, and two had died from an epidemic of diphtheria in Laporte County.

After his marriage Mr. Sherman continued his residence in Laporte County and there two of his children were born prior to his earnest response to the call of patriotism, when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation. Upon President Lincoln's first call for volunteers he enlisted in Company I, Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Milroy. The regiment went to Virginia, and there was soon called upon to participate in the engagements at Greenbrier and Cheat Mountain. From that time onward Mr. Sherman was found with his command in all of the battles in which it participated during his three years of service, save that for two months he was confined to the hospital, after having received an accidental wound by the explosion from his own gun of a cartridge shell, a fragment of which destroyed his right eye. This was at the time of the Atlanta campaign, incidental to which he was drying and caring for shells that had been soaked in a rainstorm, the explosion of one of these shells causing his injury. Among the specially desperate battles in which Mr. Sherman took part were those of Shiloh and Pittsburg Landing, in the former of which he narrowly escaped death, as a Confederate bullet plowed through his scalp but failed to break his skull. He proved a faithful and valiant soldier and his record in the war will reflect enduring honor upon his name. In later years Mr. Sherman perpetuated the more gracious memories and associations of his military career through active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic.

After the close of the war Mr. Sherman continued his residence in Laporte County until 1867, when he came to Starke County and engaged in business at Knox, as noted in a preceding paragraph of this sketch. During his service in the Civil war Mr. Sherman's wife, with all of self-abnegation and patriotic spirit, assumed the burdens that were thrown upon her shoulders, and with utmost devotion cared for her two little children, Mr. Sherman's fine physical powers having made it impossible for him to gain even a furlough in which to visit his loved ones.

Concerning the children brief record is here given: Annie E. is the wife of Frank Hoffman, a skilled mechanic residing at Knox, and they have one son, Sherman F.; at the time of her marriage to Mr. Hoffman Anne E. was the widow of Dr. Sturges S. Yeley, and the one child of the first marriage is Capitola G., who is the wife of Grover Pemberton and has one daughter, Imogene E.; Clara D., the second child, is the wife of Ritz L. Callahan, a prosperous farmer of Center Township, Starke County, and they have one son, Guy Lavan, a young man of twenty-four years; a son, Adam G. W., Jr., died age twelve, and Ida M. and Charles G. died in infancy. Mr. Sherman was a member of the Christian Catholic Church, of Zion City, Illinois, as is also his wife. In national politics he gave his allegiance and support to the republican party, being non-partisan in local affairs.

EDGAR W. SHILLING. The loyalty that this well-known citizen has ever shown to his native county has been fully justified, for he is now numbered among its most extensive landholders, has prestige as one of its representative agriculturists and stockgrowers, is a citizen of prominence and influence, a substantial capitalist, and a man whose character and achievement have gained and retained to him a host of friends in the county that has been his home from the time of his nativity. Though giving a punctilious general supervision to his various farm operations, Mr. Shilling now resides at Knox, the county seat, where he is the owner of an attractive and modern home, on Heaton Street, and is known as a worthy scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Starke County, more detailed data concerning the family history being given on other pages, in the sketch of the career of Hiram H. Shilling, elder brother of him whose name initiates this paragraph.

On the old homestead farm, near Round Lake, in California Township, Starke County, Edgar W. Shilling was born on the 5th of June, 1857, and in his native township he was reared to maturity, in the meanwhile availing himself of the advantages of the public schools of the locality and period. He continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits in his native township until he was thirty years of age, when he purchased 700 acres of unimproved land in Davis Township and instituted the herculean task of reclaiming the same to cultivation,—a work for which his energy, ambition and former experience amply qualified him. At a cost of \$1,200 he constructed proper fencing on his farm, and made other excellent improvements, including the erection of a good house, a barn 54 by 90 feet in dimensions, and the clearing of much of the land, which he developed into a specially productive farm, besides becoming there a successful grower of high-grade live stock. His interposition brought about within the eight years of his ownership a great appreciation in the value of the property, and at the expiration of that period he sold the same at the rate of \$45 an acre, the same land having since been sold for \$110 an acre. After disposing of this farm Mr. Shilling established his residence in the thriving little City of Knox, and his enterprise and mature judgment soon led him to make investments

in farm properties in Center and Washington townships. Along the north bank of Yellow River he now owns a well improved farm of 170 acres, the property lying in section 15, Center Township, and its permanent improvements including a substantial and commodious house and a fine barn, the latter being 40 by 65 feet in lateral dimensions. This land is excelled in fertility and productiveness by none in the township, and on the place Mr. Shilling maintains excellent grades of live stock in addition to obtaining from the land large yields of the various crops best suited to the soil and climate. In sections 14, 13 and 24, of the same township, Mr. Shilling is the owner of 174 acres, and the improvements on this place also are of excellent type. In Washington Township he is the owner of a valuable landed estate of 475 acres, mostly improved with good buildings and under a high state of cultivation, this farm being leased to a tenant. The area of the entire landed estate of Mr. Shilling in Starke County is more than nine hundred acres, and he gives special attention to the raising and feeding of horses, cattle and hogs, with an average herd of more than one hundred head of cattle, and on his various farms the average number of calves raised each year is about forty, these being principally of the Polled Durham breed. Mr. Shilling takes great satisfaction in his close identification with the agricultural and stock-growing industries in Starke County and in all departments of his farm enterprise he ably and insistently maintains the highest possible standards. He devotes nearly one hundred acres annually to the growing of corn, which yields an average of from fifty to sixty bushels to the acre, and from an average of about eighty-five acres given to the cultivation of wheat he has received more than forty bushels to the acre in yield. Such are the men whose ability and progressiveness give special dignity and value to the fundamental industries which are the real basis of general prosperity, and Mr. Shilling merits credit for his splendid achievement as one of the essentially representative agriculturists and stock-growers of the Hoosier State. As a citizen he is loyal and public-spirited, appreciative of the duties and responsibilities which personal success imposes, and he is always ready to lend his aid in support of measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the community. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Knox, of which he has been a director and the vice president from the time of its incorporation. He is associated with his brother Schuyler in the ownership of the Citizens Bank at Culver, Marshall County, and is financially interested in other substantial and important business enterprises. For many years the Shilling family's political faith has been that of the republican party, and from the same Edgar W. Shilling has found no reason to deflect his course, though he has been signally free from ambition for public office of any order. He and his wife and their elder son, Elmer, are affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the family being one of prominence in the representative social activities of Starke County.

In this county, in the year 1887, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Shilling to Miss Flora M. Spiker, who was born in the State of West Virginia, on the 25th of August, 1868, and who was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Ohio, whence, a short time later, 1887, removal was made to Starke County, Indiana, where Mrs. Shilling was reared and educated. She is a daughter of William and Nancy (Hardesty) Spiker, both of whom maintain their home at Knox, the former being seventy-six years of age and the latter seventy-four years at the time of this writing, in the spring of 1915. Mr. Spiker, though a Southerner by birth, was a valiant soldier of the Union during the Civil war, in which he participated in many important engagements, his chief incidental ill luck being the receiving of a severe wound in the leg. He took part in the second battle of Bull Run, the battle of Antietam and that of Lookout Mountain, besides many other engagements marking the progress of the great conflict, in connection with which he had many narrow escapes. Prior to his retirement Mr. Spiker had been a prosperous farmer of Starke County, besides which he had done much service as a skillful carpenter and builder. He is a republican in politics, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and both he and his wife have for many years been zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which their daughter, Mrs. Shilling, likewise holds membership. Elmer H., the eldest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Shilling, was born March 25, 1888, and after he had completed a course in the high school he spent four months in foreign travel, visiting England and France and finding his journeys both interesting and profitable, as he acquired much valuable information and greatly widened his mental ken. He now has charge of one of his father's fine farms and is known as one of the alert and enterprising young agriculturists and stock-raisers of his native county. He wedded Miss Oakie M. Clapsaddle, a native of Ohio, and they have no children. Maybel L., the second of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Shilling, was born May 18, 1890, and after a course in the high school she was a popular teacher in the schools of Starke County. She is now the wife of Janus B. Wittrup, who holds a responsible position with the Goodrich Rubber Company, in the City of Chicago, their one child being a son, Jack. Russell W. Shilling was born May 25, 1893, and is a graduate in the agricultural department of the Purdue University, with the class of 1915. Effie F., who was born September 15, 1895, is a student in the department of domestic science in the University of Indiana.

FRANK JOSEPH. The fiscal affairs of Starke County have been intrusted to the administration of Mr. Joseph since 1910 and he has shown much discrimination and executive ability in his service as county treasurer, the while the popular estimate placed upon him and his administration is indicated by his reelection at the close of his first term, his second term expiring in December, 1914. He is one of the influential representatives in this county of the democratic party and was elected to office on its ticket. Aside from his official preferment

Mr. Joseph is to be designated as one of the most substantial and progressive agriculturists and stock growers of the county and his finely improved landed estate is situated in North Bend Township.

Mr. Joseph was born in Jennings County, Indiana, on the 20th of October, 1860, and is a son of David and Julia (Green) Joseph, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Indiana, a representative of a sterling pioneer family of this state. David Joseph was born in the year 1839, a son of John Joseph, and in 1848 his parents, accompanied by their five children, immigrated to the United States, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel of the time common to trans-Atlantic navigation at that time and several weeks being consumed before the ship reached its destination. The family home was established on a pioneer farm in Jennings County, Indiana, and there the parents continued to reside on their homestead until their death, when well advanced in years. Both were zealous members of the Baptist Church and the father was a democrat in his political proclivities, this faith having continued to be that of the major number of his descendants. Of the five children three are living, one sister, Margaret, being a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, while another sister is a resident of Madison, Indiana, and David, the youngest of the number, now being a resident of Culver, Marshall County, where he is living virtually retired, after many years of earnest and fruitful industry.

David Joseph was about nine years of age at the time of the family immigration to America and was reared to maturity under the conditions and influences of the homestead farm in Jennings County, where he acquired his early education in the pioneer schools. In that county he wedded Miss Julia Green, who was born in the year 1838, and there he continued to be engaged in farming until 1862, when he removed with his family to Marshall County and purchased a farm in Union Township. He developed one of the valuable farms of that county and continued to reside on the homestead until 1900, when he and his wife removed to the Village of Culver, where they have since resided, well preserved in physical and mental powers and held in unqualified esteem in the county that has represented their home for more than half a century. Both are earnest members of the Reformed Church and Mr. Joseph is a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party. Of their children, Frank, of this review, is the eldest; William, who is one of the substantial farmers of Marshall County, has been twice married and has one son Clyde, born of the first marriage, the only child of his present marriage having died when young; Elizabeth is the wife of John E. Osborn, a prosperous agriculturist in the State of North Dakota, and they have several children; John also is numbered among the successful farmers of North Dakota; he wedded Miss Amanda Yoder, of Indiana, and they became the parents of thirteen children, most of whom are living; Charlotta is the wife of William Baker, engaged in the teaming business at Knox, Starke County; and Frederick, who is successfully identified with the agricultural indus-

try in Marshall County, married Miss Maude Burkett: they became the parents of four children, two of whom are living.

Frank Joseph was a child of about two years at the time of the family removal from his native place to Marshall County, where he was reared to maturity on the home farm and where he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools. After his marriage, in 1885, he continued to be engaged in farming in Marshall County until 1891, when he removed with his family to Starke County and purchased 120 acres of land in section 12, North Bend Township. This is one of the well improved and admirably productive farms of the county and much of the thrift and prosperity thus evidenced represents the results of the energy and enterprise of Mr. Joseph. The buildings include an attractive and modern residence of nine rooms and with concrete basement, slate roof and modern appointments and facilities, while the substantial bank barn, 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, is one of the best in North Bend Township. The farm has an excellent system of tile under-drainage and the land is of exceptionally fertile order, with a soil of remarkable integrity. Mr. Joseph gives special attention to the raising of wheat, oats, corn and clover, and on the place are kept also excellent grades of live stock. Mr. Joseph is known as one of the most progressive farmers of the county and is always alert in adopting improved machinery and other accessories for facilitating the operations of his fine farmstead, his general supervision of which is not hindered by his incumbency of the office of county treasurer. He is loyal and public spirited in his civic attitude, is unwavering in his allegiance to the democratic party, and is affiliated with Knox Lodge, No. 639, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, besides which he is past master of the lodge at Culver, Marshall County, having been affiliated with the same until the time of his removal to Starke County.

In the year 1885 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Joseph to Miss Louisa Hawkins, who was born in North Bend Township, this county, on the 6th of May, 1863. In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph: Charles died in early childhood, Pearl at the age of three years and Mertie at the age of six years; Edna is the wife of Oscar Fry, who has the active management of her father's homestead farm, and they have one child, Esther; Elva A. is the wife of Amos E. Hatten, who is employed as a railway engineer, their home being at Knox, and their children being Harry and Helen; Chloe, who remains at the parental home, was graduated in a business college in the City of South Bend, as a member of the class of 1914; and Dennis and Robert are attending the public schools.

SIDNEY J. CHILDS. Starke County is signally favored in the personnel of its officials at the time of this writing, and in the administration of the multifarious details of the office of county recorder Mr. Childs is proving most conclusively that the public confidence in his eligibility for the position was amply justified. He is now serving his second term of four years, his first election having been in 1908 and his second

in 1912. He was a resident of Davis Township at the time he was called upon to assume this important and exacting county office and he is there the owner of one of the finely improved farms of this section of the state.

Mr. Childs claims the old Buckeye State as the place of his nativity and in both the paternal and maternal lines is a scion of families that were founded in America in the colonial era, the genealogy of each tracing back to sterling English origin. Mr. Childs was born in Erie County, Ohio, on the 8th of February, 1860, and in that section of the state he was reared and educated, there continuing his residence, latterly in Huron County, until he had attained to the age of twenty-six years, when he came to Starke County, Indiana, and became one of the energetic farmers of Davis Township, where his industry and well ordered efforts gained to him success worthy the name. From 1895 to 1901 he served as township assessor, and his ability and civic loyalty, as combined with his invincible integrity of purpose, marked him as specially eligible for higher official preferment, the result being his election to the position of county recorder in the autumn of 1908. He was re-elected in 1912 and in November, 1914, again appeared as the republican candidate for the office, with a resultant victory at the polls, so that he will have three consecutive terms of service. Mr. Childs is well known to the citizens of Starke County and his circle of friends is virtually coincident with that of his acquaintances. He is a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party and has been one of its zealous workers in Starke County. He is affiliated with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Village of Hamlet, near which his farm is situated, and he is affiliated also with the Loyal Order of Moose, at Knox, and with the Knights of the Modern Maccabees, in which he is a members of the tent at Hamlet. His wife and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are popular factors in the social activities of Knox, the county seat, where the family home has been maintained since Mr. Childs assumed his present office.

In the year 1889 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Childs to Miss Mary R. Hall, who was born in Whitley County, this state, but the major part of whose life thus far has been passed in Starke County, the date of her nativity having been February 17, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Childs have three children, all of whom remain at the parental home: Grace V., who was born August 14, 1890, made good use of the advantages of the public schools and later attained skill as a typewriter operator, with the result that she has proved her father's efficient assistant in the office of county recorder, her devotion to her duties being such that she has taken but few holidays during her incumbency of her position in this county office; Gladys A., who was born July 7, 1892, acquired her early education in the schools of Davis Township, and in 1913 was graduated in the Brown Business College, at Valparaiso, her proficiency having gained to her her present position as a clerk in the Farmers' State Bank of Knox; Blanche J., who was born August 24, 1893, received the advantages of the high school at Knox and the busi-

ness department of Valparaiso University, and she is now engaged as stenographer in the law offices of Oscar B. Smith, a prominent attorney of Knox.

Mr. Childs is a son of Horace J. and Elizabeth (Johnson) Childs, both natives of the State of New York. Horace J. Childs is a son of Horace J. Childs, who served as a valiant soldier in the War of 1812, in which he took part in the Canadian campaign and was wounded in action. Thereafter he was a farmer in the old Empire State until his removal to Ohio, where he followed the same basic vocation for a number of years, having been a pioneer settler of the Buckeye Commonwealth, and his death occurred while he was visiting kinsfolk in Indiana. He passed away on the 4th of July, 1840, and his remains were interred at Crown Point, Lake County, as were also those of his widow, who survived him by several years. Horace J. Childs and his wife continued their residence in Ohio until after the birth of all of their children,—seven sons and three daughters, and he is now living retired in the Village of Hamlet, Starke County, after having devoted his entire active career to agricultural pursuits, of which he was a successful exponent both in Ohio and Indiana. He celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary on the 19th of June, 1914, his cherished and devoted wife having been summoned to eternal rest in April, 1910. He has ever been a stalwart supporter of the principles of the republican party and is a member of the Universalist Church, as was also his wife. Mrs. Elizabeth (Johnson) Childs was a daughter of Sidney and Mary (Hughes) Johnson, who removed from the State of New York to Ohio in an early day and who continued to reside in the latter state until their death, when venerable in years. Of the children of Horace J. and Elizabeth Childs five sons and three daughters are living, and all are married and well established in life. One of the two deceased children, both sons, was Simeon, who was a twin of Sidney J. of this sketch and who was fifteen years of age at the time of his death. The other twins of the family were Heman W. and Horace J., Jr., both of whom are living.

JOHN W. LONG. In every community will be found a quota of men of distinctive initiative and constructive ability and their influence is ever potent in the furtherance of civic and material progress. Starke County has such a citizen in the person of Mr. Long, who is known as one of the representative business men and influential citizens of the county, where his capitalistic interests are varied and important. At Knox, the thriving county seat, he is engaged in the lumber business; he is the owner of several hundred acres of valuable farming land in the county and has been successful in the purchase and sale of several hundred acres aside from his present holdings, and more recently he has been a potent force in the development of a large brick manufactory near North Judson, this county, this being destined to prove one of the leading industrial enterprises of its kind in this part of the state.

The prosperous and representative lumber business now owned by Mr. Long was established many years ago, by William Bollman, who was the controlling principal of the enterprise for a long period. For two years the business was conducted under the firm name of R. Close & Company, but Mr. Bollman then resumed control, to continue as the owner of the business until 1902, when Mr. Long purchased the same. The present proprietor has admirably upheld the high reputation that has ever attached to the enterprise and he conducted the business in an individual way until March, 1912, when he sold a half interest to Albert H. Thompson, of Francesville, Pulaski County, with whom he has since been associated under the firm name of Long & Thompson. The firm has a large and well equipped plant and controls an extensive business in the handling of all kinds of building material, including paints, lime and cement, besides which they also make a specialty of handling coal. The trade extends into all parts of the county and the plant includes substantial buildings and sheds adequate to meet all demands.

Mr. Long takes a due measure of pride and satisfaction in reverting to Indiana as the place of his nativity. He was born in Cass County, this state, on the 10th of April, 1855, and he is a scion of sterling pioneer families of that county, where both his paternal and maternal grandparents settled in an early day. Mr. Long is a son of John H. and Helen (Palmer) Long, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, of German lineage, and the latter of whom was born in Virginia, a representative of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The parents were young at the time of the removal of the respective families to Cass County, Indiana, and there their marriage was solemnized. Christian Long, grandfather of him whose name initiates this article, was one of the first settlers in Cass County, which now opulent section of the state was little more than a forest wilderness at the time he there established his home and instituted the task of reclaiming a farm. He became one of the successful pioneer farmers of the county and his kindness and consideration gained to him the lasting friendship of the Indians, many of whom still wandered through that section. He erected log cabins for a number of Indian families and when he settled in the county his nearest white neighbor resided five miles distant from his humble log house. Christian Long became one of the influential pioneer citizens of Cass County and both he and his wife continued to reside on their old homestead farm until their death, when well advanced in years. They were primarily instrumental in the organization of the first Presbyterian Church in their township, and the modest little edifice of the pioneer congregation was erected on the farm of their son, John H., this continuing for many years as the family place of worship. Christian Long obtained his land from the Government, played well his part in the development and progress of Cass County, and his name merits enduring place on the roster of the honored pioneers of Indiana.

After his marriage John H. Long began his independent career on a farm adjoining his father's homestead, and he became also a skilled workman as a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He personally supervised the

building of the little church edifice previously mentioned, and he personally sawed nearly all of the lumber utilized for the building, much of it being taken from fine black walnut trees that were then abundant in that locality. He also manufactured by hand many of the coffins used in that county in the pioneer days, measurements for these "narrow houses for the long home" having been taken after persons had paid the final debt of mortal nature. Mr. Long continued to give attention to the management of his farm until he was about fifty-six years of age, when he opened a general country store at Big Indian, a little cross-roads settlement in Cass County, and there he conducted a successful business until his death, at the age of seventy-five years. He was born about 1812 and his death occurred fully a quarter of a century ago, his wife having passed to the life eternal in 1856, when about forty years of age, and both having been zealous and devout members of the Presbyterian Church, with a faith that made them true and faithful in all of the relations of life. John H. Long never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party and was called upon to serve in various offices of local trust, including that of trustee of Harrison Township, a position of which he was the incumbent for twelve years.

John W. Long, whose name introduces this review, was reared to manhood in Cass County, where he early gained fellowship with honest toil and endeavor and where his educational advantages were those afforded in the common schools of the period. At the age of nineteen years he became identified with the lumber business, and during the long intervening years he has not severed his connection therewith, the while he has achieved marked success in this field of enterprise. He is familiar with all branches and details of the business and prior to coming to Starke County he was actively concerned with the business in Cass and Fulton counties, in the latter of which he operated a planing mill for seventeen years, at Kewanna, where also he owned and conducted a grain elevator for two years. He has maintained his beautiful and modern residence on Main Street, Knox, Starke County, since 1907, and is one of the progressive and representative business men and honored citizens of the county, where his character and achievement have given him inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem. He has recently become associated with others in the development of a noteworthy enterprise in this county, that of manufacturing brick from the excellent sands found in the vicinity of North Judson, millions of tons being available for the purpose. The extensive plant will manufacture in large quantities a purely sand brick of superior quality, the same being of vitrified order and possible of production in many delicate gray tones, the brick being perfectly smooth and having met with the highest commendation on the part of architects and builders. As before stated, Mr. Long is the owner of valuable farm property in Starke County and has shown marked discrimination and good judgment in his various investments, from all of which he has received excellent returns.

In politics Mr. Long has designated himself an independent democrat, with firm belief in the basic principles of the party but with no partisan

bias in matters of local order, where no general political issues are involved. He has been a member of the town board of Knox since 1908; both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is affiliated with Knox Lodge, No. 639, Free and Accepted Masons, having previously been affiliated with the lodge at Kewanna, Fulton County, and having served as treasurer of the same. He is a member of but not now in active affiliation with the Knights of Pythias. In addition to his lumber business Mr. Long is vice president of the Farmers' State Bank of Knox and president of the Long Vitriified Brick Company, of which mention has been made and which was organized in 1906.

At Kewanna, Fulton County, November 24, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Long to Miss Georgia M. Shaffer, who was born in that county in 1865 and who was there reared and educated. She is a daughter of Uriah and Helen (Norris) Shaffer, who settled in Fulton County many years ago and who later removed to the City of Logansport, Cass County, where Mr. Shaffer was elected mayor and gave a most effective administration. He later returned to Kewanna, where his wife died in 1912, when about sixty-five years of age, and he later came to live in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Long, where he died, January 12, 1915, aged seventy-eight years six months and five days. He had always been a stalwart republican, and was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Long, have one child, Helen Adaline, born February 12, 1892. She graduated from the Knox High School and also from Tudor Hall, Indianapolis, and is a young woman of many accomplishments.

CHARLES H. PETERS. The ambition and determined purpose that enabled Mr. Peters to overcome adverse conditions and by his own efforts prepare himself for an exacting profession, gave definite augury for success in the active practice of that profession, and his high standing at the bar of Starke County shows that he has utilized his powers most effectively and that his character and achievements have given him secure place in popular confidence and esteem. At Knox, the county seat, he has been engaged in the active general practice of law since 1896, with a record of identification with many important cases tried in the various courts of this part of the state, besides which he has presented a number of causes before the Supreme Court of Indiana, in which he has been eligible for practice since February 8, 1901. As a loyal and public-spirited citizen and representative lawyer of Starke County he is entitled to definite recognition in this history.

Charles Hamilton Peters takes due pride in reverting to the historic Old Dominion as the place of his nativity and he is a scion of the patrician old families of that commonwealth. He was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, on the 8th of October, 1861, and thus appeared on the stage of life at the time when the nation had entered into the great civil conflict which brought so great a burden of disaster and sorrow to the fair Southland. At his native Town of Harrisonburg, judicial center of Rockingham County, the opposing military forces

came into conflict in the spring after his birth, and there also engagements occurred in June, 1864, and March, 1865, so that in more senses than one this able Indiana lawyer was born on historic ground.

Mr. Peters is a son of Robert J. D. and Mary J. (Kettell) Peters, both of whom were born in Virginia in the early '30s, five brothers of Mrs. Peters having been gallant soldiers of the Confederacy in the Civil war, in which one or more became commissioned officers and in which certain of them sacrificed their lives. Dr. Robert J. D. Peters was a son of John Peters, and the maiden name of his mother was Drury, she having been a representative of the prominent Virginia family in whose honor Drury's Bluff was named, both she and her husband having passed their entire lives in the Old Dominion State. John Peters was a substantial planter and slaveholder in the ante-bellum days and served with distinction in the War of 1812, in the command of Gen. Winfield Scott. He participated in the historic battle of Lundy's Lane and carried to the end of his life the minie ball which wounded him at the time of that engagement. Representatives of the Peters family were also found enrolled as patriot soldiers of the Continental Line in the war of the Revolution.

The ravages of the Civil war in its earlier period brought great financial and property loss to Dr. Robert J. D. Peters, and in 1863 he left his native state and came with his family to the North, his sympathies having been with the cause of the Union and this having resulted in his becoming to a large extent persona non grata in the ancestral commonwealth. He established his residence in Pickaway County, Ohio, whence he later removed to Fairfield County. Finally he came with his family to Indiana and established his home in Pulaski County. In his home state he had thoroughly fortified himself for the work of his chosen profession, and virtually his entire active career was devoted to the successful practice of medicine and surgery. He passed the closing period of his life in Miami County, Indiana, where he died in 1894, at the age of sixty-seven years—a man of fine intellectual and professional attainments and one whose gentle and noble personality, exponent of the best of the old Southern regime, gained to him the high regard of all with whom he came in contact. His devoted wife, a woman of gracious refinement, passed to the life eternal on the 13th of January, 1883, having been a devout member of the United Brethren Church and her husband having been a staunch republican after removing to the North. They are survived by sons and daughters, some older and some younger than he to whom this sketch is dedicated.

Charles H. Peters passed the days of his boyhood and youth partly in Ohio and Indiana but was reared to maturity in Indiana, within whose gracious borders he has since continued to maintain his home. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Pulaski County and prior to following along the line of his ambitious purpose to become a lawyer, he had served seven years as deputy county clerk of that county. His financial resources were but nominal and he realized that upon his own efforts must he depend in acquiring his professional

education. He showed his mastery of expedients under these conditions by going to the City of Chicago, where he took a special course of study in one of the leading law schools, in which he attended the night classes, his days being devoted to such occupation as would provide for his maintenance and incidental expenses. Though he was not able to complete a regular law course in a college, his ambition and close application overcame this seeming handicap, and he has become known for his broad and accurate knowledge of the science of jurisprudence, as well as for his facility in applying the same in his active practice as an attorney and counselor.

In 1896 Mr. Peters was admitted to practice in the lower courts of Indiana and he forthwith opened an office at Knox, which thriving little city has since been his professional headquarters and place of residence, though his law business has extended beyond the limitations of Starke County and has included since 1901 his appearance as a practitioner before the Supreme Court of the state, besides being eligible also for practice in the various Federal courts in Indiana. He is a strong and versatile trial lawyer and has appeared in many important cases in the courts of Starke and adjoining counties. As attorney for the defense he won, in the Supreme Court of Indiana, a decisive victory in the case of the First National Bank of Peoria, Illinois, versus the First National Bank of Wabash, Indiana, this having to do with an attachment interest of \$160,000 and involving property consisting of 3,500 acres of land. Mr. Peters appeared for the plaintiff in the case of Hayes versus Martz, in Noble County, and after protracted litigation, carried through the various courts and finally to the Supreme Court, won a victory for his client, the case having attracted much attention in Northern Indiana. These are but two of the many important causes in which Mr. Peters has appeared, and he has achieved success that is consonant with his earnest application and well recognized professional ability.

Mr. Peters is found aligned as a staunch supporter and effective advocate of the cause of the democratic party, and he served one term as county attorney of Starke County, with an admirable record. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is affiliated with the chapter and council thereof at North Judson, Indiana, also a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite body of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and with the Blue Lodge of Masons, known as Lodge No. 629, at Knox, Indiana. He is a member of the commandery of Knights Templars at Plymouth, Marshall County, and in the City of Hammond he is affiliated with Orak Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. At Knox he holds membership in Yellow River Lodge, No. 631, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in this fraternity he is serving as deputy grand master of the grand lodge of the state.

On the 9th day of April, in 1882, at Winamac, Pulaski County, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Peters to Miss Addie Dukes, daughter of the late James R. Dukes, who was a prominent banker and influential citizen of that county, a native of the State of Pennsylvania, and a

non-commissioned officer in the Civil war, his death having occurred at Winamac in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have one son, Glenn Duker Peters, who was graduated in the University of Indiana and later in the law school of the great University of Chicago. He was for a time associated in practice with his father and he is now one of the prominent young attorneys in the City of Hammond, this state, where he is retained by a number of important corporations. He wedded Miss Grace Baerd, of New Albany, Indiana, January 25, 1913.

CAPT. CHARLES WINDISCH, who is one of the representative business men of Knox, has been a resident of Starke County from his boyhood days, his parents having here established their home fully thirty-five years ago. It was his honor to represent this county and state as a soldier and officer in the Spanish-American war, even as his father had served in the Civil war, and as a citizen and man of affairs he has manifested the same intrinsic loyalty that prompted his enlistment at the inception of the Spanish war. The captain owns and conducts an admirably equipped grocery and meat market at Knox, his establishment being eligibly located on Main Street, and his substantial and representative patronage indicating alike the efficiency of the service given and his personal popularity in the community.

Capt. Charles Windisch claims the old Buckeye State as the place of his nativity, though he has been a resident of Indiana since his boyhood. He was born at Nevada, Wyandot County, Ohio, on the 15th of April, 1872, was an infant at the time of the family removal to Crestline, Crawford County, that state, and was six and one-half years old when his parents came to Starke County, Indiana, and established their home on a farm in Center Township, in 1878. The Captain is a son of William and Rosa (Weibel) Windisch, both natives of Germany, whence the latter came with her parents to America when she was a girl of fourteen years, her father, Joseph Weibel, having established a home in the City of Philadelphia, where later was solemnized her marriage to William Windisch, who was reared and educated in his native land, where he learned the trade of cabinetmaker. William Windisch came to the United States as a youth of eighteen years, was self-reliant and ambitious and determined to achieve for himself success and independence in the land of his adoption. After his marriage he continued his residence in Philadelphia until after the birth of three of his children and he then removed with his family to Ohio and established his residence at Nevada, Wyandot County. There he engaged in the work of his trade and eventually built up a prosperous business as a dealer in furniture, with which line of enterprise he was later identified at Crestline, that state. In 1878 he came with his family to Starke County, Indiana, and purchased a farm in Center Township, where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits for several years and won distinctive success through his industry and good management. He finally removed to Knox, the county seat, and here he died in 1910, at the venerable age of eighty-two years,—a man of

sterling character and a citizen who commanded unqualified esteem. His widow passed to the life eternal in 1913, at the age of eighty years, both having been zealous communicants of the German Lutheran Church and his political allegiance having been given to the republican party.

While a resident of Nevada, Ohio, William Windisch signalized his loyalty to the land of his adoption by tendering his aid in defense of the Union, soon after the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served eighteen months and took part in a number of engagements. He was captured in one of the battles in which he took part and was held for some time in Andersonville Prison, his exchange finally being effected. He received his honorable discharge at the close of his term of enlistment and in later years was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. Of the three sons and four daughters Captain Windisch of this review is the youngest, and all of the other children are still living, all having married and reared children with one exception and five of the number being still residents of Starke County.

Captain Windisch was reared to maturity in Starke County, where he acquired due discipline in connection with the work of the home farm and availed himself of the advantages of the public schools. He finally became a member of Company H, Third Regiment of the Indiana National Guard, and was made second lieutenant of his company at the time of its organization, at Knox. Two years later he was chosen its captain, and upon the inception of the Spanish-American war his company and regiment promptly tendered service in the country's cause. In 1898 his command was mustered into the United States service, as Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, this having been the only company to enlist from Starke County, and Captain Windisch having been mustered in as captain of his company, in the spring of 1898. The regiment proceeded to a reserve camp in the State of Florida and was assigned to the command of General Shafter. As the war progressed the regiment was embarked on a transport for the purpose of going to the stage of active military conflict in Cuba, but the vessel became disabled in Tampa harbor and the troops were unable to find transportation to Cuba until after the close of the war. After a service of six months the members of Captain Windisch's company received honorable discharge, after having shown excellent military spirit and discipline in the reserve camp and manifesting regret that they could not have been at the front. Captain Windisch is in active affiliation with the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association but is not identified with the Indiana National Guard except as a reserve.

After the close of his military service Captain Windisch returned to Starke County and in 1899 he formed a partnership with W. J. Wilhelm and opened a grocery and meat-market at Knox. Later he purchased his partner's interest and thereafter he was associated in partnership with Hugh E. Kreuter, until 1902, when he became

the sole owner of the business, which he has since conducted with marked success, Mr. Kreuter being now engaged in the hardware business in the City of Knox.

As a citizen and business man Captain Windisch is essentially progressive and loyal and he has a wide circle of friends in the county that has represented his home during virtually his entire life thus far. He is a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party and both he and his wife are communicants of the German Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they were reared.

In 1902 was solemnized the marriage of Captain Windisch to Miss Tena Küch, who was born in Illinois, in March, 1880, and who was reared and educated at Blue Island, that state. The one child of this union is Frances E., who was born December 27, 1912.

JOHN W. HORNER. One of the native sons of Starke County who has realized that within its borders are offered opportunities for successful enterprise along many lines of legitimate business is the well-known and popular citizen whose name initiates this paragraph and who is established in the hardware and implement business at Knox, the county seat. He is one of the progressive and representative business men of this thriving little city and that he has not been denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem is indicated by the fact that he has served as trustee of Center Township and that his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Mr. Horner was born on the old family homestead farm, in Washington Township, this county, and the date of his nativity was May 27, 1870. He is a son of Amos and Eliza Horner, both natives of Pennsylvania and scions of fine old Pennsylvania German stock. The marriage of the parents was solemnized near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and shortly after this important event in their lives they came to Starke County, Indiana, where Amos Horner purchased a tract of land in Washington Township. He reclaimed this wild land to cultivation and continued to be numbered among the substantial farmers of the county until his death, in 1876, at which time he was in the very prime of his sterling manhood. His widow later became the wife of Orrin Humphreys, who likewise is deceased, and Mrs. Humphreys, now sixty-one years of age, resides in Knox, where she has the supervision of the pleasant home provided by her bachelor son, John W., of this review, who finds the domestic relations most grateful and who accords to his mother the utmost filial solicitude. Both mother and son are members of the Christian Church. No children were born of the second marriage and John W. Horner is the youngest of the three children of the first marriage. Elmer, who likewise maintains his home at Knox, married Miss Ida Cooper and they have three children, Grace, Irvin and Ruth; Catherine is the wife of Daniel S. Nave, of Knox; they have no children.

The public schools of Starke County afforded to John W. Horner his early educational advantages and he continued to be a successful

exponent of the agricultural industry in Center Township until 1908, when he removed to Knox and became associated with Hugh Kreuter in the hardware and farming implement business. They purchased the stock and business of the firm of Bacon & Son, the enterprise having been founded in 1898 by J. A. Byers, who is now deceased. The establishment of the firm is specially well equipped in all departments, the stock including heavy and shelf hardware, stoves, ranges, building supplies, farm implements and machinery, wagons, buggies, carriages, harness, etc. The general hardware department is now in charge of W. C. Borgman, who has more recently become associated with the prosperous enterprise, which is one of the most extensive and important of its kind in the county. The firm has an extensive and representative trade throughout the fine section of country normally tributary to Knox, and the interested principals are alert and progressive business men who command unequivocal confidence and esteem.

Mr. Horner is inflexible in his allegiance to the republican party and as candidate on its ticket he was elected trustee of Center Township, an office of which he continued the incumbent for a term of four years and in which he made an admirable record for effective service in behalf of the township and county. In a fraternal way Mr. Horner is affiliated with Knox Lodge, No. 296, Knights of Pythias.

HIRAM G. SHILLING. There is no small number of high-grade, prosperous farms in Starke County, places which for many years have been paying generous revenues to their owners. But this is not saying that all such farms are keyed up to the highest degree of productiveness and profit. Even a poorly managed farm will often pay a profit, but only the best will show such annual returns as a well conducted store or factory. To see farming at its best—scientific and practical management, maximum per acre yield, and annual profits without impoverishment of the soil—probably the best exhibit in the entire county is the Shilling Farm on section 20 of Center Township. Mr. Shilling is one of the most practical and scientific farmers in the state, and has on many occasions shown a progressiveness that has proved stimulating as an example to the community. He has the distinction of being the first man in Starke County to ship out a carload of corn. He also purchased for use on his farm the first manure spreader, and also the first tile ditching machine used in the county. He is not only a raiser of the staple crops and of much fine stock, but has a reputation as a horticulturist, and has a splendid orchard of apple, peach and cherry trees, there being about three or four hundred bearing fruit trees in his orchard. There is no better land in the state for melon growing than is found on his place, and he has won many prizes on his exhibits of melons, fruit and other farm products.

Mr. Shilling represents one of the pioneer families of Starke County, and he himself was born on a farm in California Township, Starke County, September 22, 1856. His parents were William F. and Lovina (Gesaman) Shilling. The parents were natives of Stark County, Ohio,

FARM RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. HIRAM G. SHILLING



where they grew up and were married, and soon after their wedding came west, by way of the Wabash and Erie Canal as far as Logansport, and thence by wagon and team to Starke County, locating in California Township. William F. Shilling was accompanied by his father, Samuel, who had lost his wife in Ohio. They entered adjoining tracts of land in California Township. That was in the early '50s, when development had hardly begun in the county. Nearly the entire country was unsettled; it was marked by few homes and improvements of civilized men but the prairies and marshes supported abundance of wild game and fish in the streams, while many of the early settlers also depended upon the wild fruits as part of their table fare. The Shilling family went through all the experiences of pioneers, lived in log cabin homes, and the school attended by their children was a log house, with puncheon floors, split log benches, and other primitive paraphernalia of the early temples of learning. It was in a school not greatly advanced beyond that stage that Hiram G. Shilling acquired his early training. Grandfather Samuel Shilling died in Starke County when about eighty years of age. William F. Shilling and wife lived and labored and improved a farm, built a good home, and were people of thrift, industry and exercised a good moral influence in their community. William F. Shilling died in 1885, when about fifty-four years of age. About eight years before his death he had suffered a stroke of paralysis, but, being a man of great energy and pluck, refused to remain quiet and rode about his farm looking after details. He was one of the strong men to whom the later generations in Starke County owe a great deal. In politics he was a strong republican and with his wife was active in the United Brethren Church. His widow survived him twenty-six or twenty-seven years, and died at Knox at the home of a daughter when aged eighty-four years and five months. An excellent example of the pioneer noblewoman, she had for many years performed the various duties of home and household, and was almost constantly engaged in serving and working kindness to her family and neighbors. There were five children: Hiram G.; Edgar, who is a prosperous farmer of Center Township and lives in Knox, and has four children, all of whom have finished their education; Sarah, who is the wife of Reuben Coffin, a farmer of Knox, and they have four sons and three daughters; Schuyler A., president of the Culver State Bank in Marshall County, is married and has one son and four daughters; Malinda is the wife of Dr. Dorr Collier, a physician at Brook, Indiana, and their family consists of two daughters and one son.

Hiram G. Shilling grew up on the old homestead in California Township, lived there until twenty-six years of age, and in the meantime had enjoyed the advantages not only of the home schools but had been well trained for his future career of usefulness as a farmer. He and William B. Sinclair were the first Starke County boys appointed to scholarships in Purdue University, but owing to his father's ill health he was unable to pursue the advantage. On leaving home he moved to Center Township and in 1884 bought forty acres of land. That was the nucleus

around which his enterprise has steadily worked, and since then has accumulated the present splendid estate under his proprietorship. His farm now comprises 460 acres of land, most of it in section 21, and nearly the entire acreage is thoroughly improved, drained, tiled, fenced, and there is very little waste land on the Shilling Farm. Mr. Shilling grows all kinds of grain, corn, wheat, oats, has the best exhibit of alfalfa in the county, and has found that a profitable crop, and also has fields of clover, timothy, potatoes, melons and other staples of Indiana farms. In looking over the county at large there would probably not be found a better barn anywhere than Mr. Shilling's. It stands on a foundation 50x100 feet, the foundation being concrete, and it is thoroughly equipped for stock and grain. Adjoining it are two large silos, each with a capacity of 130 tons, and there are a number of sheds and other buildings which serve the purposes of a large and well managed farm.

Mr. Shilling was married near Knox to Miss Alice Prettyman on December 14, 1880. Mrs. Shilling was born July 24, 1861, in Washington Township, Starke County, a daughter of J. Burton and Mary (Boots) Prettyman, who now live in Knox. Mrs. Shilling received her education in the public schools of Indiana and Illinois, and prior to her marriage was a successful and popular teacher. Mrs. Shilling comes of an old English family, and it will be proper to record some of the incidents in the early settlement. The founder of the family on this side of the Atlantic was George Prettyman, who, with his wife, came over from England with Lord Delaware and located on the coast of Delaware, at that time a wild and unbroken wilderness. He received a grant from King George III for a tract sixteen miles square along the coast. This grant was written on parchment and signed by the right honorable secretary of the king. The old parchment deed went down through several generations of the family, and when last known was in the possession of Joseph Prettyman, an uncle of Mrs. Shilling. Several members of the family were named George in honor of the king, though that name lost its popularity after the revolution. The Joseph Prettyman just mentioned had an uncle, Zachariah, who served in the Revolutionary war and was with the colonial forces for about seven years. He took part in the disastrous battle at Long Island early in the war and was with a detachment of the American forces that were sent up the island and consequently cut off from the main body when Washington withdrew his troops under the cover of night to the mainland. He and his comrades fought their way back and suffered greatly from hunger and thirst. It is related that while he stopped to get a drink of water at a well the bucket from which he was drinking was pierced with nine musket balls. He and some of his comrades finally reached safety. Joseph Prettyman's father was old enough to serve in the War of 1812, and leaving home joined the American troops at Lewistown, sixteen miles from the old home. That place was besieged by a large number of British battleships and a large force of troops, but the Yankees drove back the soldiers when they attempted a landing and also blew up one of the English vessels.

The father of Joseph Prettyman died on a part of the old family grant in Delaware.

Mr. Shilling and wife are the parents of a fine family of children: Effie, died in infancy; William, lives at home; Maude, who is the wife of Hal Jones of Benton Harbor, Michigan, has a daughter, Virginia L.; Edith, who died aged twenty-seven on August 20, 1914, was the wife of George F. Brand, a dentist at Knox, and she left a son, John, born in December, 1910; Benjamin, who lives at home; Emery, who died January 1, 1896, aged three years; Columbus, who finished school with the class of 1913; Bert, who is in the class of 1915 in the township high school; and Grace V., born August 19, 1901, and a student in the Center Township High School. The son, William, has long been one of the mainstays of his father and mother in the management of the farm and has been a helper in its development from the swamps and wilderness. On account of his duties at home he was able to complete only two terms of the Knox High School, and each evening after school hours hurried home on horseback in order to accomplish a large amount of chores. While attending school he fed and otherwise looked after fifty head of hogs which he marketed in Chicago. He finally gave up schooling with much regret, and is now one of the practical and progressive young farmers of his county. He owns and operates a traction ditching machine, which has excavated for many miles of tile drainage on the Shilling Farm and at other places in the county. He was the nominee for clerk of the court on the progressive ticket in 1914. The son, Benjamin, who is also at home, continued in school until near the close of his second year at high school, when, owing to a serious accident which befell his father he left school in order to assist his brother William on the farm. He took charge of the dairy, and for several years managed the herd of about thirty cows. On account of the accident and subsequent illness of the father the two daughters, Maude and Edith, also abandoned their schooling. Maude was at that time a student of music in Chicago and Edith was studying voice culture in Joliet. The son Benjamin is the practical machinist of the family. The son Columbus while growing up on the farm also had his special duties, and for several years looked after his father's herd of sheep. He graduated from the Knox High School well up in his class and was class treasurer and secretary and did successful work as a debater. He has made considerable success as a salesman for the International Dictionary, and is the youngest man on the sales force of his firm and now has a territory comprising half the State of Indiana. The son Bert, who is a member of the senior class of the Center Township High School, is president of the Debating Society and of the baseball team, and also manifests strong traits as a machinist and as a book lover and student.

Mr. Shilling and family are members of the Christian Church, and in politics he is an independent republican.

C. ELMER TUESBURG. The marvelous development which has transformed various sections of Illinois and Indiana from worthless, unpro-

ductive property into veritable garden spots of productiveness, has been brought about by men whose foresight has led them to recognize possibilities and whose ability has enabled them to make these possibilities certainties. Nowhere in the great agricultural section of the Central West has the value of this improvement been better exemplified than in Starke County, Indiana, and probably no name in this line of endeavor is better known or more worthy of praise than that of Tuesburg. To the efforts of several men bearing this name is due the credit for the reclamation of vast areas of formerly useless land; theirs have been the labors mainly instrumental in advancing land values. Prominent among these development wonder workers is C. Elmer Tuesburg, of Knox, whose vast farming interests and large realty holdings place him among the substantial citizens of the county, while his activities in the line already mentioned are continuing to be pushed with zeal and tireless energy.

The Tuesburg family is of Danish origin, the grandfather of C. Elmer Tuesburg, Hanson Tuesburg, being a native of Denmark, a lieutenant in the navy of his country at the age of twenty-two years, and subsequently captain of a merchant vessel in the South American trade for a period of thirty years. One of C. E. Tuesburg's most highly-prized possessions is an old flint-lock pistol with a steel bayonet which belonged to his grandfather. This weapon was generally used by the mariners of that day in their frequent conflicts with the pirates who swarmed the South American waters. It has a romantic story, and shows the effects of usage, but, while probably 150 years old, is still in a state of good repair. In 1835, at the age of fifty-two years, Captain Hanson Tuesburg came to America and located at Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois, where he was married to Mary Jones. She was born near Boston, Massachusetts, in 1808, and removed with her father's family to Tremont, Illinois, in 1834, becoming a member of the first colony that settled that place and developed it. She was of Puritan stock, and was a Baptist in religious belief, while Captain Tuesburg adhered to the faith of the Lutheran Church. Politically he was a democrat.

Charles H. Tuesburg, father of C. Elmer Tuesburg, was born at Tremont, fourteen miles south of Peoria, Illinois, in December, 1844, and was still a lad when his father died, in 1859, and was one of three sons and an adopted son left to be reared by the widowed mother. The two older sons enlisted for service in the Civil war, in 1861, and the foster son served efficiently as an army surgeon for a period of six years, while Capt. Hanson, the eldest son, met a soldier's death in the advance on Corinth, during Sherman's march to the sea, being shot from ambush while leading his company. He was unmarried. Charles H. Tuesburg served as a lieutenant of Company C, One Hundred Thirty-ninth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the latter part of the war, where he had an excellent record.

At the age of twenty years Charles H. Tuesburg went to Livingston County, Illinois, and there entered upon his real career, in which he has since gained much success and reputation. Without influential aid or funds he purchased and undertook to pay for 160 acres of land, and dur-

ing the next fifteen years his struggles were of a nature which tested to the limit even his strength and capacity. However, when he had his land paid for and improved he found his lot easier, and began to add to his original purchase until he owned an entire section in Odell Township. There he resided until 1892, at which time he removed with his family to Pontiac, Illinois, in order that he might find better educational advantages for his children.

Having early shown his natural adaptation for business, and his fidelity to engagements even when he was young and without means, Mr. Tuesburg attracted the attention of the owners of the large Scott Estate, extensive landed interests in Central Illinois. Although still a young man, Mr. Tuesburg was selected to manage their interests, representing several thousand acres of land in the control of which he was practically given *carte blanche*. He early conceived the idea of the importance of underground drainage, and became one of the pioneers of this system in Illinois, spending \$60,000 of his employer's money in tiling in less than two years. The wisdom and foresight of this move is shown by the fact that these lands in Livingston, Champaign and other counties formerly practically worthless, for a cost of from \$5 to \$8 per acre for drainage, became worth from \$200 to \$300 an acre. Later Mr. Tuesburg became interested in the swampy and apparently unreclaimable lands of the Kankakee Valley, in Indiana, especially in Starke and Laporte counties, and in 1891 he transferred his operations to this locality, the center of his activities being the Town of Lacrosse, right in the heart of the swampy section. Here he not only invested his own money, but induced his friends to do likewise, and while making a fortune for himself aided others to clear large sums of money. The leader in any new movement receives a certain amount of ridicule from those who have not the foresight to see beyond the conventional rut of time-worn methods, and in Mr. Tuesburg's case it was no exception. Time and again real estate men, with high opinion of their own sagacity, "unloaded" upon the newcomer what they believed to be worthless properties and laughed to themselves at his credulity. They lived, however, to see him increase the value of the lands to many times their original worth, and to regret the shortsightedness that made them dispose of their holdings. To illustrate: Mr. Tuesburg by persistent effort induced five of his friends to join with him in the purchase of 5,000 acres of frog-pond land at \$22 an acre, the original owners feeling that they had driven a great bargain. With characteristic energy Mr. Tuesburg set his machinery to work, and under his efforts the frog ponds were soon yielding marvelous crops of corn, oats and wheat. The result was that the land brought a rental equal to the most fertile Illinois lands, and later sold as high as \$200 per acre, yielding the new owners about one hundred thousand dollars each in profit. This is but an instance. All along Mr. Tuesburg has been in the front rank of developers, improving the value of lands, and in this he has been ably seconded by his sons.

A man of education himself, Mr. Tuesburg has been a great friend of the schools, was a member of the school board for a number of years at

Pontiac, Illinois, and at Lacrosse has continued to promote and support movements of an educational nature. He has long been prominent in the ranks of the prohibition party, and at one time was candidate for lieutenant-governor and stumped the State of Illinois. He was married in Fulton County, Illinois, to Miss Sarah E. Dunn, who was born in that county in November, 1843, and has been of the greatest assistance to her husband in helping him to his present high position. They have four children: John, who has been since 1899 a resident of North Bend Township, Starke County, where he is largely engaged as a farmer, stock-raiser and peppermint and onion grower, married in Illinois Bertha Cox of that state and has six children,—Arthur, Claude, Gladys, Ethel, Madge and Robert; Lillian, who is the wife of John Adams of Laporte County, Indiana, and lives on the old Adams homestead, one of the first farms to be settled in the southern part of that county, and has one child,—Clarence; C. Elmer, of this review; and William, the owner of the finest developed truck farm in Laporte County, a tract of 300 acres, near Hannah, married Nellie Harsen, of Laporte County.

C. Elmer Tuesburg was born in Livingston County, Illinois, in March, 1879, and was well educated, completing his training in the Pontiac High School. When he laid aside his school books he at once became associated with his father in his work of farming and development, assisting in the management of the Scott interests. By 1903 the Tuesburg interest had largely been transferred to Starke and Laporte counties, Indiana, and the largest part of the original Scott Estate had been sold and reinvested in Indiana land, making it necessary for Mr. Tuesburg to move to Indiana. From 1903 to 1908 he had his residence at Laporte City, Indiana, but since 1908 has been a resident of the Village of Knox, where three years ago he erected one of the finest homes of this section, at the corner of Delaware and Shields streets. He has large interests in North Bend Township, Starke County and also in Laporte and Marshall counties, where he is interested in growing grain, peppermint and onions, as well as in the breeding and shipping of all kinds of livestock. He is justly accounted one of the most practical as well as progressive agriculturists of the section, and is a worthy successor to his honored father.

Mr. Tuesburg was married at Pontiac, Illinois, to Miss Myra Boynton, who was born in Tazewell County, Illinois, in 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Tuesburg became acquainted in childhood and were members of the same graduating class at the Pontiac High School, in 1909. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tuesburg: Martha and Jack, who are both attending school. The family has long been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Tuesburg is serving as Sunday school superintendent, trustee and steward. Like his father and brothers, Mr. Tuesburg is a stalwart prohibitionist.

GUS REISS. No more noteworthy illustration of the rewards attainable through a life of honest industry and earnest perseverance could be found than that exemplified in the career of Gus Reiss, of Knox, now one of the most prominent and successful of Starke County's busi-

ness citizens. Coming to this country a poor emigrant lad of sixteen years, without means and handicapped by a lack of knowledge of the English language and the business methods of his adopted land, he has so steadfastly and energetically persisted that today, in the full prime of manhood, he finds himself at the head of business and financial ventures of a most important character, and the possessor of a reputation for commercial ability and good citizenship that might well be envied by most men even after a life time of effort.

Mr. Reiss was born at Rheinpfalz, near the River Rhine, Germany, July 5, 1868, and is a son of Alexander and Helen (Sampson) Reiss, who now reside at their old home at Alsheim, Rheinpfalz, the father being eighty years of age and the mother seventy-six. During his active years the father was engaged as a farmer and winegrower, and is now retired with a generous competence. Both he and his wife are members of the Hebrew Church. Mr. Reiss served his regular time in the German army, as have his two sons: Jacob A., a wholesale linen dealer at Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, who is married and has one daughter; and Albert, a clothier at Mannheim, Baden, Germany, who is married and has a son and a daughter.

Gus Reiss grew up at his native place and there received a good education in the public schools which he attended until reaching the age of sixteen years, at which time, to escape military duty, he decided to come to the United States. Accordingly, in 1884, he boarded the steamer *Westerland*, at Antwerp, and in August of that year landed at Castle Garden, New York. In spite of his handicaps, the youth eventually found employment in a clothing factory, where he was given a salary of fifty cents a week, but after three weeks so favorably impressed himself upon his employers by his fidelity, industry and general ability that his salary was raised, and from that time on his advance was steady, he finally being given the position of assistant foreman. While with this concern Mr. Reiss applied himself so assiduously to learning the clothing business that he became thoroughly familiar with every detail of every department, and to this he attributes the knowledge that has made him known as one of the best buyers in the country. The manufacturing, retail and wholesale prices are an open book to him, "from A to Z," and there is not a department of the business in which he cannot take his place and accomplish satisfactory results.

In 1888 the youth who four years before had landed in this country without a dollar went to Winamac, Pulaski County, Indiana, and there engaged in the selling of goods for four years. He came to Knox in February, 1892, but after he had established himself here returned in the same year to Winamac, where he married Miss Flora A. Haas, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1878, and removed as a girl to Winamac with her parents, Jacob and Sophia Haas. Her parents, natives of Rheinpfalz, Germany, became engaged in their native land, but were not married until Mrs. Haas came to the United States to join her husband who had preceded her to make a home. Mr. Haas has for years been a clothing merchant at Winamac, and has been very suc-

cessful in his operations. His wife died in 1891 at the birth of their last child, who died also, and left three children: Mrs. Reiss, and two sons, the latter being Julius D., successor to his father in the Winamac business, who is married and has two sons and a daughter; and Leo A., who is manager of the finest store at Clinton, Oklahoma, is married and has a son and a daughter.

When Mr. Reiss first came to Knox, in February, 1892, he established himself in a clothing business in the store adjoining the one he now occupies, but after two years, needing more commodious quarters, removed to the Castleman Building, in the next block. This was his location until 1902, when, his business having increased to large proportions, he erected his present structure, known as the Reiss Block, on Main Street, in the center of the business district. This building, 43 by 100 feet, is 2½ stories in height, and the top part is occupied by the Reiss Opera House, which seats 800 people.

In his store Mr. Reiss keeps a full line of the very best class of merchandise for men's and boys' wear. It has always been his policy to carry only the finest of goods, to price them reasonably and in every way to live up to his agreements with the people, so that his reputation has grown and extended until his name is synonymous with honorable dealing and absolute integrity. While this store has grown and extended its scope, Mr. Reiss has found it necessary to establish branches in order to meet the heavy demands of his patrons in other sections, and he now maintains establishments at North Judson, Starke County; Walkerton, St. Joseph County, and Nappanee, Elkhart County. All of these stores carry the same line of goods handled by the main house, and in them the same honorable policy is maintained. In addition to his large mercantile interests, Mr. Reiss has found time to devote to other matters of importance. He has been a director of the Farmers State Bank since its organization under this name, was president of the water works and one of the organizers thereof, and was president of the Knox Metal Wheel Company. While he has not mixed in politics in any way, save as a democratic voter, he has not neglected the duties of citizenship, for he has been a member of the school board for twelve years, and during eight years of this time has served as its president. In every movement making for advancement, whether of a business, civic, educational or social nature, he has taken a most active and prominent part, and his associates therein have come to look to him for advice and leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Reiss are the parents of one daughter, Sylvia Lucile, who is nineteen years of age. She graduated from Knox High School in the class of 1913, taking the highest honors, and at present is a student at Bryn Mawr University, a young ladies' college near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the only institution of its kind whose graduates are admitted to the universities of Europe direct. She is a young lady of many attainments, and her many friends at Knox and elsewhere testify to her popularity.

Mr. Reiss has taken an active and interested part in fraternal work,

and at the present time is a member of Knox Blue Lodge, No. 639, A. F. & A. M., and is past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias here. He belongs also to the Chicago Chapter of the B'nai B'rith. The beautiful home of Mr. Reiss at Knox is located on the corner of Washington and Heaton streets, and is one of the most attractive and substantial residences of the city.

WILLIAM S. DANIEL. A progressive and influential business man and prominent citizen now residing at Knox, judicial center of Starke County, Mr. Daniel has been a potent force in the development and upbuilding of the splendid business controlled by the Winona Telephone Company, of which he is secretary-treasurer as well as superintendent. He has been identified with the company from the time of its organization and incorporation under its present title, in 1903. The enterprise dates its inception back to the year 1898 and its projectors were I. N. Cotter and A. M. Swartzel, who initiated operations under the title of the Knox Telephone Company. In 1901 Phillip and J. G. Steinman became the controlling factors, and by them the business was transferred to the present company on the 1st of January, 1903, William S. Daniel soon afterward becoming a director of the new company and assuming also the office of general superintendent, a position of which he has since continued the efficient and resourceful incumbent. The original principals associated in the organization and incorporation of the Winona Telephone Company were Samuel Tomlinson, of Plymouth, Marshall County, who became president of the corporation; A. B. Diggs, who assumed the position of general manager; and besides these two officials the directorate included William S. Daniel, L. E. Daniel, and L. A. Tomlinson. The board of directors remains with the same personnel to the present time, Mr. Diggs being a resident of Winamac, Pulaski County, and L. E. Daniel maintaining his home in Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana, while L. A. Tomlinson is a resident of Waynesville, Ohio.

At the time when the present company assumed control the system operated had in commission 178 telephones, and the splendid growth of the enterprise is indicated by the statement that the present number of subscribers is in excess of 800 in Starke County. The original system had no toll lines or service, and to-day the company has more than 400 miles of toll lines, with direct operations in the counties of Starke, Marshall, Fulton and Pulaski and with extension facilities into other counties in this section of the state. The service is of the best modern kind, the business is constantly expanding in scope and importance and the fine system has proved one of the most valuable public utilities in the counties which it covers. Local exchanges are maintained by the company at Knox, Hamlet, Winamac, Kewanna, Grass Creek, Plymouth and Monterey, and the list of rural subscribers is representative in each of the four counties.

William S. Daniel was a resident of Randolph County, Indiana, for five years prior to his removal to Starke County, in 1903, and he claims the old Buckeye State as the place of his nativity. He was born in High-

land County, Ohio, on the 27th of December, 1860, and was there reared to adult age under the benignant influences and discipline of the old homestead farm, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools. Mr. Daniel came to Indiana and assumed a clerical position in the office of an extensive grain and lumber firm at Winchester, Randolph County, the proprietors of the business, the Tomlinsons, being kinsmen of his. With them he later became associated in the organization of the Winona Telephone Company, and after serving for a time as local manager of the company at Knox he was made superintendent, later becoming secretary-treasurer and having since been the directing executive of the practical affairs of the company.

Mr. Daniel is a son of Joseph and Rachel (Tomlinson) Daniel, the respective families having been founded in North Carolina and Old Virginia in an early day. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Daniel was Moses Tomlinson, who was born in North Carolina and who became a pioneer settler in Ohio, where he became a prominent and influential citizen of the community in which he established his home. He was a staunch abolitionist and in the climacteric period leading up to and culminating in the Civil war he was a zealous conductor on the historic "underground railroad," by the means of which many slaves were aided in obtaining their freedom, his home having been a "station" on this famous system. In Ohio was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Daniel's parents and they continued to reside on their homestead farm, in Highland County, that state, until the close of their lives, the mother having passed away at the age of forty-seven years and the father having been sixty-five years old when he was summoned to the life eternal.

Mr. Daniel is essentially loyal and progressive as a citizen as well as a business man. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has given effective service in behalf of its cause, including that rendered in the capacity of chairman of its county committee in Starke County and as a representative in its state conventions in Indiana. Mr. Daniel is affiliated with the lodge of Free & Accepted Masons at Knox, and also with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, in the last mentioned of which he has served as chancellor commander.

The year 1881 recorded the marriage of Mr. Daniel to Miss Anna M. Chapman, who was born and reared in Ohio, where she acquired her education and continued to reside until her marriage. Of the three children the following data are entered: Carrie is the wife of Edward W. Welch, who is representative of the Winona Telephone Company at Hamlet, Starke County, and they have one daughter, Margaret: Homer S., who is wire chief of the Winona Telephone Company, with residence and headquarters at Knox, wedded Miss Bessie Nave; and Harold is a student in the high school of Knox, a member of the class of 1915.

HENRY R. ROBBINS. Virtually half a century has passed since this honored citizen of Starke County initiated the practice of law in

Indiana, and he is still active in the work of his profession, at Knox, the judicial center of Starke County, where he has maintained his home for nearly forty years and where he now stands as the dean of the bar of the county. He has not only gained marked precedence as one of the able lawyers of this section of the state and been identified with much important litigation in both the state and federal courts, but his dominant progressiveness and public spirit as a citizen has made him most influential in furthering the civic and industrial development and progress of Starke County, which must consistently pay to him lasting honor for the admirable work which he accomplished, and that, against bitter opposition, in perfecting a far-reaching and admirable drainage system through which hundreds of acres of land in this county were made eligible for cultivation, and which now constitutes one of the veritable garden spots of the Hoosier Commonwealth. Mr. Robbins has been essentially dependent upon his own resources from the time he was a lad of ten years and with strong mind and brave heart he early faced the opposing forces of life, acquired an excellent academic and professional education, and pressed forward to the mark of large and worthy achievement as one of the world's productive workers. This discipline has made him a man of strong individuality, distinct self-reliance, firm convictions and dauntless courage and pertinacity in supporting principles and enterprises which he has known to be right. None has ever had the temerity justly to doubt his integrity of purpose and there has been no equivocation or subtlety in any phase of his long and worthy career. He is direct and sincere in all things, and his firmness in maintaining his well fortified convictions has been so insistent that at times it has been taken for stubbornness; but results have invariably justified his course under such conditions. As one of the thoroughly representative men of Starke County he merits special consideration in this history.

In the agnatic line Mr. Robbins is a scion of sterling Scotch stock, the original American progenitors of the Robbins family having settled in New England in the colonial days, and on the distaff side he is a representative of German lineage. Mr. Robbins was born in Sandusky County, Ohio, on the 8th of September, 1840, and though he has passed the span of three score years and ten he is essentially virile in mental and physical powers and indicates the value of right living and right thinking. He was the third in order of birth in a family of five children, most of whom were born in the old Buckeye State, and he was a child of two years at the time of the family removal from Ohio to Monroe County, Michigan. He is a son of Joseph B. and Sarah Ann (Klein) Robbins, the former of whom was born in Vermont, in 1805, and the latter of whom was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1818, of German parentage. Joseph Robbins was reared to maturity on a farm in the old Green Mountain State, and for some time he was identified with navigation interests on beautiful Lake Champlain. As a young man he emigrated to Ohio and established his residence in Sandusky County, where his marriage was solemnized, and about 1842

he removed with his family to Michigan and became one of the pioneer farmers and mechanics of Monroe County. There he maintained his home for many years, but both he and his wife passed the closing period of their lives in St. Joseph County, Indiana, where he died at the age of seventy-one and his wife at the age of seventy-seven years. Both were originally members of the Methodist Episcopal Church but later they became earnest and devoted exponents of the Spiritualistic faith. Mr. Robbins was a stalwart abolitionist during the climacteric period leading up to the Civil war and espoused the cause of the republican party at the time of its organization.

Henry R. Robbins was reared to maturity in Monroe County, Michigan, and as a mere boy he began to depend upon his own efforts in providing a livelihood for himself and in furthering his ambitious determination to acquire a liberal education. After duly availing himself of the advantages of the common schools he continued his studies in the Michigan State Normal School, at Ypsilanti, to attend which he walked a distance of twenty miles each week and never failed to respond at roll call. Pedestrian exercise of equal extent was his portion during the greater part of his experience of about six years as a teacher in the district schools of Monroe and Washtenaw counties, Michigan, and Marshall County, Indiana.

After formulating definite plans for preparing himself for the legal profession, Mr. Robbins was signally fortunate in being able to avail himself of the advantages of the law department of the great University of Michigan, in which department, then, as now, one of the foremost of its kind in the West, he was graduated as a member of the class of 1863 and with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He recalls with pleasure his association with the late Judge Thomas M. Cooley, Judge James V. Campbell, and Judge I. Walker, distinguished members of the faculty of the law school, and with the honored Henry P. Tappan, who was then serving his last term as president of the university, his successor having been Dr. James B. Angell, who served many years as the head of this celebrated institution and who, venerable in years, is now its president emeritus.

Upon his admission to the bar Mr. Robbins engaged in the practice of his profession in the Village of Berrien Springs, which was then the judicial center of Berrien County, Michigan, and in the same year he was drafted for service in the Civil war, but he was soon called into the Government's civil service, in which connection, after his removal to Laporte, Indiana, in 1864, he was associated with others in exposing and defeating the plot against the life of Governor Morton of this state. He later tendered his services as a soldier in the ranks, but the Government authorities requested him to continue in the civil service, with which he continued to be identified until the close of the war.

Mr. Robbins continued in the practice of his profession at Laporte for eight years and then removed to Walkerton, St. Joseph County, where he remained until 1880, his practice having in the meanwhile become one of important order, in the courts of St. Joseph, Laporte

and Starke counties. In the year last mentioned he established his home at Knox, which has since continued his place of residence and his professional headquarters. At the time when he established his residence in Starke County there was within its limits a large amount of land that was deemed virtually impossible of reclamation, owing to swampy conditions. Land that could then have been purchased at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$40.00 an acre is now appraised at a valuation ranging from \$100.00 to \$150.00 an acre, and it may be said without fear of legitimate contradiction that this marvelous change in valuation has been largely due to the well ordered efforts and determined progressiveness of Mr. Robbins. Realizing the possibilities in this connection, Mr. Robbins set to himself the task of gaining local and external cooperation in the furtherance of the great improvement that has resulted in the reclamation of this valuable land. In 1887 he and his associates obtained control of 320 acres of land in Oregon and Davis townships, and he initiated forthwith the construction and development of the admirable drainage canal now known as the Robbins Ditch, the same extending a distance of sixteen miles in the townships mentioned, and its original construction having given it a width of sixteen feet, with a depth of eight feet. The project met with bitter opposition on the part of numerous taxpayers in the county and the enmity against Mr. Robbins was such that he barely escaped physical injury. Those who were his most implacable adversaries at the time lived to realize the inestimable value of the work which he achieved and to thank him for his efforts and enterprise. He and his associates endured nothing less than persecution when they were carrying forward the undertaking, and this was especially directed against him and his most intimate and valued friend, Judge William Spangler, of Winnemac—a man whose ability and personal integrity are of the highest order. This great drainage ditch, with its numerous branches or tributaries, now covers a distance of 200 miles, the main canal now having a width of from 50 to 100 feet and a depth of fifteen feet. This represents one of the largest and most important drainage systems of the state and its construction is of the most scientific type, the while it may consistently be said that the value of products from lands thus reclaimed has exceeded many fold the entire land valuation of the entire county. This great improvement alone entitles Mr. Robbins to the lasting gratitude of the people of Starke County, both in the present and future generations. As a lawyer and citizen his course has been dominated by impregnable honesty of purpose and by a high sense of responsibility. In his professional capacity he has accordingly never permitted himself to be retained in any action or enterprise that has impugned in the least upon the best interests of the county, either civic or material.

To right a wrong is a matter of principle with this veteran member of the Indiana bar, and this was significantly shown in his earnest and humane action in bringing about an abatement of heinous abuses in the state reformatory at Jeffersonville, where inmates were virtually being made naught more than human slaves. He investigated conditions

and his righteous indignation found its vent when he appeared as attorney for the complainant in the case of Terry versus Byers, the defendant having been at the time superintendent of the institution mentioned. The result was a decisive victory for the complainant and the entire elimination of the abuses that had been practiced in the reformatory. Mr. Robbins has long been known as a strong, tenacious and implacable adversary when appearing as a trial lawyer, and he has won innumerable forensic victories of important order, including numerous cases which he has carried to the Appellate and Supreme courts of the state, besides practicing also before the Federal courts of Indiana.

Mr. Robbins is a stalwart in the camp of the republican party and has been a zealous advocate of its principles and policies, even as he was of abolition principles in the period of the turbulent conditions that culminated in the Civil war. He has had no ambition for public office but has subordinated all extraneous interests to the demands of his profession, in connection with which it may incidentally be noted that within his long years of successful practice he has filed briefs in more than three hundred cases in the Appellate and Supreme courts of Indiana. He is a strong Spiritualist in his religious faith, as was also his second wife, and he has been most zealous in showing a "reason for the faith that is in him," with firm convictions and deep sentimental appreciation of the benign tenets of this faith.

The maiden name of the first wife of Mr. Robbins was Mary Meixel, and of the children of this union Ida died in 1912; Jennie is the wife of Edward Cogan, of Mishawaka, St. Joseph County, and they have one son and three daughters; John C. died at the age of five years, and Harry at the age of three months. For his second wife Mr. Robbins wedded Mrs. Ruth M. (Rogers) McKnitt, widow of William McKnitt, the only child of her first marriage having been Mary, who died at the age of one year. Mrs. Robbins was born in Cass County, this state, and the great loss and bereavement of her husband's life came when she was summoned to the life eternal, on the 25th of October, 1912. Concerning the children of their union the following brief record is given in conclusion of this article: Harriet is the wife of Clarence M. Fuller, of Knox, and they have one son, Wayde; Martha is the widow of Francis S. Gold, and now resides in the City of Washington, D. C., where she holds a responsible executive position; Nellie R. is the wife of William C. Pentecost, city attorney of Knox and former attorney of Starke County, and they have twin daughters, Lenora and Lucille; John M., who was graduated in the law school of Valparaiso University, is a resident of Chicago, where he is an actuary for the Lozier Motor Company: he married Miss Harriet Silliman; George Burson was a student of law in the office of his father at the time of his death, when twenty-one years of age.

ARIS WILSON SWARTZELL. One of the residents of Knox who has demonstrated beyond the reach of controversy the truth of the adage that perseverance and pluck, when united to unswerving integrity, are

bound to succeed, is the well-known department store owner, Aris Wilson Swartzell. He is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the phrase, and yet is devoid of the egotism which is so often apparent in those who have been the architects of their own fortunes. Perhaps no inconsiderable part of Mr. Swartzell's success is due to his possession of sterling traits of thrift and industry, inherited from his forefathers. His great-grandfather, whose name was John Swartzell, was one of four brothers who emigrated to America from Germany, locating in Pennsylvania about the time of the close of the Revolutionary war, and there continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He was married and had a large family of sons and daughters, among whom the names of but four are recorded: William, John, Levi and Samuel.

John Swartzell, the grandfather of Aris Wilson Swartzell, was born near Little York, York County, Pennsylvania, about the year 1790. He grew up as a farmer, receiving an ordinary education, and during the War of 1812 displayed his patriotism by gallant service as a soldier. At the close of that struggle he returned to his home, resumed his farming operations, and was married to Margaret Spangle, the daughter of a neighboring farmer. Subsequently the young couple removed to Ohio, locating at an early day as a pioneer of Marion County. With them they brought their family of small children, among whom was William Swartzell, the father of Aris Wilson Swartzell, who was born in 1820 near Little York, York County, Pennsylvania. He was in his early teens when the family moved to Ohio, and there he resided in Marion County for some fifteen or twenty years, coming to Starke County, Indiana, in 1850. William Swartzell entered 200 acres of land in Washington Township at a time when the hostile red man still roamed the county, when deer meat was the principal kind used and about the easiest obtainable, when other wild game was to be found in great numbers, when wolves howled at the doors of the settlers throughout the long nights, and when fur was to be obtained in abundance by the pioneer who was at all handy with the rifle or the trap. The first home of the Swartzells was a log cabin, with a clapboard covering bound down by poles, a side chimney of sticks, daubed with mud, puncheon floors and tanned coon skins for windows. Mr. Swartzell, like the other pioneers of his day, was a man of hardy enterprise and indomitable spirit. While it cannot be said that the pioneers of Starke County were moved by that high moral purpose which brought the Pilgrim Fathers to America, they were upheld in their efforts by the earnest desire to better their condition and the worldly prospects of their offspring. Thus the strongest attribute of these early settlers was their spirit of enterprise, which led them to develop natural resources of their chosen county with remarkable rapidity. There was much in their lives that was picturesque, exciting and romantic, but there was also much that was dull, laborious and discouraging. Having learned the trade of cooper in Ohio, Mr. Swartzell, when not engaged in hunting and trapping, in which he was an expert, made barrels, churns,

tubs and firkins for the early settlers, securing the wood from the trees on his own farm, and many an "old oaken bucket that hung in the well" of the pioneers of Starke County was the product of his skill and dexterity. Like others of the builders of the county, Mr. Swartzell kept a large drove of hogs, of the "razor back" variety, the register of which were ear marks distinguishing one from the other, and many were taken from the droves that then ran wild and fierce in the forest depths.

While Mr. Swartzell devoted much of his time to hunting and trapping and to the trade of cooper, his energetic nature and tireless activity enabled him to find time to clear his farm from the timber and put it under improvement. He engaged in raising crops for some seasons, but eventually traded his farm for a store and hotel at Knox, to which town he came in 1864 and erected the first cane molasses mill. He changed the name of the hotel to the Swartzell House, conducted the store and hostelry together, and also had a large barn in which were accommodated the horses of the travelers who stopped at his house on their journeys overland. A man of industry, with ability to make a success of any enterprise in which he was engaged, Mr. Swartzell prospered well, and at the time of his death, in May, 1887, was considered one of the substantial men of his community. He was a leading democrat, but not an office seeker, although he could have probably had almost any office within the gift of the people of his community, and at one time served as county commissioner. His father, John Swartzell, had also come to Indiana with him, and entered land adjoining, and there passed away in 1855. Three other sons, Samuel, Levi and John, had settled in White County, Indiana, where the last-named's widow located and later married her second husband, Mr. Haskins, both dying there but leaving no children.

While a resident of Marion County, Ohio, William Swartzell was married to Miss Sarah Sherman, who was born in Virginia, in 1827, and came as a girl to the then far West. She died at the hotel conducted by her husband, January 10, 1879. Mrs. Swartzell was a sister of A. G. W. Sherman, a sketch of whose career will be found on another page of this work. Nine children were born to William and Sarah Swartzell: A. George W., who is now seventy years old, was formerly a merchant of Knox, and at this time a clerk for his brother, Aris W., married Louisa Morris, of Starke County, Indiana, and has two sons, John, deputy sheriff of Starke County, who is married and lives at Knox, and Roy, who married for his first wife Daisy Cram and had no children, and was married the second time to Martha Fechtner and has a daughter, Margaret; Sarah Jane, who was married the first time to Wallace Gould, who died leaving two daughters, Clara and Alice, both single, and was married the second time to Conrad Groshans, of Walkerton, Indiana, and has four children, Esther, Blanche, Laura and Wilson; J. Wesley, a mechanic living on Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, is married and has three children; Clyde, Bessie and Nora; Mary, who married Theodore Herr, a plasterer and mason of Deshler, Ohio,

and has had Charles, George, Grover, Fred and Kate, the last-named now deceased; Amanda, who is the wife of Samuel Kline, son of Zachariah Kline, a former attorney of Knox, where Mr. and Mrs. Kline now live and have an adopted daughter, Mattie, who is now married; William, a bachelor, who resides at Knox; Jacob, who died at the age of five years; Aris Wilson, of this review; and Alice, who married the first time Frank Paul, by whom she had one son, Harry, and was married the second time to Parker M. Lewis, of Chicago, in which city Mr. and Mrs. Lewis now reside.

Aris Wilson Swartzell was born April 23, 1860, in Washington Township, Starke County, Indiana. He was given just a common school education, was trained to work hard and industriously, and taught that the best way to secure a dollar was to buckle down and work for it. Mr. Swartzell was raised behind the counter of his father's store, and there are few angles of the business with which he has not a close acquaintance. He succeeded the elder man in the business June 9, 1887, and since that time has been at its head, successfully directing its affairs, enlarging its scope and adding to its holdings. This is the oldest general store in the county, and for forty-four years has been located on Main Street, Knox. Mr. Swartzell's grocery and market are located at the corner of Main and Lake streets, where he occupies a well-arranged, finely-stocked establishment 22 by 132 feet, in the management of which he is displaying the best of business ability. Like his father, Mr. Swartzell enjoys an excellent reputation for honorable dealing and fidelity to engagements. He has won success through the medium of his own efforts, his keen observation and his ability to grasp opportunities and make the most of them, but he has never taken an unfair advantage of a competitor and for this reason is known in commercial circles as a man of high business ideals. It may also be added that he was the first merchant in the Town of Knox to use modern systems in his store, such as Dayton computing scales, gas-line lighting system and National cash registers. He also erected the first modern residence in Knox, equipped with running water, bath, toilet and electric lights.

Mr. Swartzell was married in Pulaski County, Indiana, to Miss Rosa Becker, who was born and reared on a farm in that county, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Becker, natives of Germany and early settlers near Monterey, Indiana, where they died in middle life, Mrs. Swartzell still being a child. Mr. and Mrs. Swartzell are the parents of the following children: Bertha M., educated in the Knox graded and high schools, married Richard R. Zeller, who operates an automobile and taxicab line in Chicago, where Mrs. Zeller is engaged in the millinery business, and they have two children, Richard and Camille, aged respectively eleven and nine years; Mamie G., who is the wife of Emery C. Seider, a tea and coffee merchant of Toledo, Ohio, and has two children, Raymond and Annette.

Mr. and Mrs. Swartzell are members of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics a democrat, he has at various times served capably in town

offices, and at all times has endeavored to contribute to the progress and advancement of his community. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both of Knox. Mr. Swartzell was the organizer of the first telephone company in Starke County, in 1898, and later took into partnership S. C. Close and the latter's uncle, but after some years disposed of his interests to other parties. He is a practical musician, and in 1876 was the organizer of the first band and orchestra in Starke County, being its leader from that time until about ten years ago. Widely known, Mr. Swartzell is highly esteemed in every walk of life, and his career is one eminently worthy of mention in a work of this nature.

ANDREW O. CASTLEMAN. During his long residence within the borders of Starke County, the late Andrew O. Castleman worked out an admirable destiny, and from modest beginnings drew around him for the comfort and happiness of his later years such substantial compensations as wealth, the credit for having contributed largely to the general development of the community, and the confidence and good will of his business and social associates. The career of Mr. Castleman was characterized by activities in a number of enterprises, and in each he was rewarded by success which only comes to those who labor faithfully and well. In agriculture he met with prosperity in the development of unproductive lands into fertile and paying properties; as a business man his operations in mercantile pursuits and the field of real estate gave him name and standing among Knox's foremost business citizens, while as a public official his record is one worthy of emulation by any servant of the people.

Mr. Castleman's long and useful life began at Wabash, Indiana, where he was born April 30, 1852, a son of David and Phoebe Castleman. The place of birth of the parents and the date of their coming to Indiana are not now remembered, but it is known that they came from or near Warsaw, Indiana, during the early '50s and located in the deep woods of North Bend Township, Starke County, where they settled on a wild property and developed it into a farm. There the father, an energetic and industrious agriculturist, died about the close of the Civil war, when still in the prime of life. He was a democrat in politics, although not an office holder, and a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Castleman subsequently married Mr. Clinton Chapman, who died about thirty years ago, when past middle life, he having also passed his career as an agriculturist. They had no children. Mrs. Chapman still survives and makes her home with her son, William Castleman, on a farm in North Bend Township. While she is very old, she is still active and in possession of her faculties. Like both of her husbands she is a devout church woman and has always been an active worker in behalf of religious and charitable movements. There were six or seven children in the family of David and Phoebe Castleman, and of these three are still living, all are residents of Indiana, are married and at the head of families.

The boyhood and youth of Andrew O. Castleman was spent amid rural surroundings on his father's homestead place in North Bend Township, and his education was secured in the district schools. When he attained his manhood and entered upon a career of his own he chose agriculture for his life work, and at the time of his marriage commenced farming and stockraising on a property in the near vicinity of Argos, Marshall County, Indiana. After two years spent in that locality, he went to the State of Michigan, and there passed about one year, then returning to Marshall County and resuming his operations there. Soon, however, he returned to North Bend Township, securing a good farm of about one hundred acres, and continued to make improvements and to carry on general farming until 1880. Mr. Castleman had for some time been interested in political matters, and had shown the people of his community that he was a good, reliable and energetic citizen, so that when he became the candidate for the office of county treasurer he secured their support and was elected by a handsome majority. The able manner in which he discharged his duties and handled the business of the county during his first term brought him re-election at the ensuing election, and he continued to ably act in that capacity for two years more, thus strengthening himself in the confidence of the public.

When his services as county treasurer were completed, Mr. Castleman resumed the activities of private citizenship. At the time of his first election he had moved his residence to Knox, where, during his second term as county treasurer, he had erected a home. Casting about for a field in which to carry on business, he associated himself with Austin P. Dial in the banking business, but after several years therein severed his connection with financial proceedings and took his abilities into the field of real estate, with which he continued to be connected during the remaining years of his life. As a dealer in realty he was instrumental in the upbuilding and development of Starke County, and particularly of Knox. Among his associates he was looked upon as a man who could be depended upon for leadership, and his integrity was never questioned. For a number of years Mr. Castleman also acted as an auctioneer, and sold chattels all over the county. His support was given unflinchingly to the democratic party and its candidates, and he did his full share in attending conventions, both local and state. While not a professed member of any religious body he was a devout Christian, and was much interested in Sunday school work. When he died, September 26, 1913, Knox lost one of its best, most energetic and most helpful citizens.

On November 18, 1872, Mr. Castleman was married near Elkhart, Indiana, to Miss Sarah Swigart, who was born in Summit County, Ohio, October 11, 1851. She was reared in Marshall County, Indiana, whence she came as a child of six years with her parents, Joseph and Mary (Rex) Swigart, natives of Ohio, who were married in Summit County, and came to Marshall County in 1857, here continuing in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of their lives. The father passed away in 1873, in Marshall County, at the age of seventy-five years, while the mother died some years later, aged seventy-six years, at the home of

her daughter, Mrs. Castleman, in Starke County. They were members of the United Brethren Church, and were widely and favorably known. Mr. Swigart was a lifelong democrat. In their family there were eleven children, of whom six grew to maturity and were married, and Mrs. Castleman now has one living sister: Mary A., the widow of Edward Pipher, who was a farmer in Michigan and died some twenty years ago, and she still lives at the old home, aged seventy years, and has five sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Castleman still resides in the handsome home at the corner of Lake and Pearl streets, Knox, which was erected by Mr. Castleman about 1882, in addition to which she is the owner of a valuable farm in Washington Township. She has no children, but has a faithful companion in the person of Mrs. Helen Wilhelm. Mrs. Wilhelm was born in Starke County, Indiana, February 4, 1855, and was reared, educated and married here and here has always made her home. She has four living children, all of whom are married and have families and live in Starke County. Both Mrs. Castleman and Mrs. Wilhelm are members of the Christian Church, and both have many friends in Knox.

ROBERT H. BENDER. No history of Starke County and its people would be complete that did not make mention of the life and labors of the late Robert H. Bender, who at the time of his death, July 2, 1909, had probably lived in the county longer than any other man. Four years prior to the time when Starke County was formed and organized, Mr. Bender settled on the old Koontz farm at the mill in Oregon Township, and from that time forward continued to be one of the leading citizens of his community, a progressive agriculturist, a successful business man and a citizen who was frequently called to public office, in which he served with sterling integrity and entire efficiency.

Mr. Bender was born March 17, 1834, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, a son of Jacob and Jane (Dobbs) Bender. His father was born, in 1804, in Pennsylvania, of Holland Dutch stock, although the original ancestors of Mr. Bender came from Russia during the seventeenth century and early settled at Jamestown, Virginia. The grandfather of Mr. Bender served as a soldier during the War of 1812, and in more than one hard fought battle proved his bravery and courage. Subsequently he and his wife removed to Pennsylvania, and there both died. Jane (Dobbs) Bender came of a family of Irish origin which had been founded in Pennsylvania during colonial days, and her great-grandmother had been burned to death at the stake by the Indians. In 1838, when Robert H. Bender was still a small child, his parents moved to Wayne County, Ohio, the father for a time operating a mill at Shreve, and at a later period moved to Richland County, of the same state. He brought his family to Starke County, Indiana, in 1846, and in 1855 moved to Koontz Lake, near Walkerton, St. Joseph County, where he conducted what was known as the Koontz mill, but subsequently moved to a farm in the same vicinity and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until the time of his retirement. Mr. Bender died August 18, 1889,

and Mrs. Bender, January 14, 1893, both in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which they were life-long members. Mr. Bender was an uncompromising democrat, and although he devoted the greater part of his time to his private interests he was known as a man of influence in his community and his party. Mr. and Mrs. Bender were the parents of a large family of children, all of whom have passed away but two, Jacob G., who was born in July, 1844, a thread merchant of Chicago, Illinois, and who survives a wife and two children, one of whom, Benjamin C., was well educated, was clerk of the City of Goshen and at the time of his death had been nominated for recorder of Elkhart County; and Susanna, of Marion, Indiana, the widow of Edward Tibbetts, who has one son and three daughters, all of whom are married. John S., one of the brothers of Robert H. Bender, was a prominent lawyer and politician and died in October, 1912, while in practice at Plymouth, Indiana.

Robert H. Bender received his early education in the schools of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and was twelve years of age when the family came to what afterward became Starke County, Indiana. He was reared to manhood amid pioneer conditions and surroundings, and upon reaching his majority adopted mercantile pursuits for a time, later entering politics and business, in which he continued to be engaged the remainder of his life. He was thrifty and industrious, and his faithful wife was even more so, and at this time she is the owner of 160 acres of good land, every acre under a high state of cultivation and planted to oats, wheat and corn, there being eighty acres of the last named grain. The property is located in one of the best sections of Davis Township, has modern improvements of every character, and is known as one of the best quarter sections in the township. Mrs. Bender has also various other interests, and is considered an energetic and shrewd business woman.

As early as 1856 Robert H. Bender, then twenty-two years of age, was elected surveyor of Starke County, a capacity in which he served four years, and his next office was that of county auditor, to which he was elected in 1868, and in which he served eight years. He was then deputy auditor under Doctor Perry, continuing as such seven years, and was then appointed to fill the unexpired term of Doctor Perry, who had been killed in a railroad accident at Kouts, Indiana. Mr. Bender was then, in 1888, again elected auditor and served four years, and altogether was in charge of the auditor's office twenty-four years continuously. He also served in various other offices, being trustee of Center Township, treasurer for many years of the Town of Knox, and a member of the Starke County Council, of which body he was its chairman. In each of his official capacities he displayed an earnest and conscientious desire to aid his community in every possible way. He was noted for his strict integrity and honesty, and few men of his community were held in higher esteem. About a year previous to his death Mr. Bender suffered an attack of dropsy, and in February, 1909, was compelled to be confined in his bed. He passed away in the midst of his family, death having

been expected for some time. The funeral was conducted from the home on South Main Street and was in charge of Rev. E. W. Strecker. After the sermon the members of the Masonic Blue Lodge of Knox and North Judson, No. 639, of which Mr. Bender was a past master, took charge and conducted the services at the grave. Interment was given in Oak Park cemetery. The funeral was largely attended, practically every old resident of the county coming to show respect to one who, in the vigor of his early manhood, had helped shape the affairs of the county and bear the burdens always laid upon the pioneer.

Mr. Bender was married December 1, 1863, at Knox, Indiana, to Miss Elvira J. Morris, who was born at Marion, Grant County, Indiana, February 11, 1845, educated there until fourteen years of age, and came to Knox in 1859, where she completed her education, once being a pupil of her husband, who spent a short time as a school teacher. She is a daughter of William J. and Margaret (Jones) Morris, the former born in Indiana, of Scotch-Welsh ancestry, and the latter a native of Kentucky, although reared principally in Grant County, Indiana, where her parents were early settlers. The latter were North Carolinians, Mr. Jones having been an overseer of slaves in that state and subsequently in Kentucky. Both William and Nancy (Conner) Jones died in Grant County, Indiana, the latter being of Scotch parentage. William J. Morris was born in 1820, and died at Marion, Indiana, on his farm, in 1851. Four years later his widow married Samuel Beatty, who died at Knox in 1885, while Mrs. Beatty, now eighty-eight years of age, still survives, making her home with a maiden daughter, Bettie.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bender, namely: Atalanta E., born September 11, 1864, was educated at Knox and at the Methodist College of Fort Wayne. She was married to J. D. Oakes, proprietor of the LaPorte County Abstract Company, and has a grown daughter, Miss Elvira, who has been well educated. Marcus V. Bender, born March 16, 1866, was a student at the Northern Indiana Normal School, also at Purdue University, and at the Methodist College of Fort Wayne. He was deputy auditor under his father for eight years, then held the same position for four years under John W. Kurtz, and was for six years an abstractor of titles for Starke County. He is now a resident of Warsaw. On October 22, 1895, he was united in marriage to Ada Idelle Swank, an accomplished young lady of Walkerton, to which union was born one son, Wade S., eighteen years of age, who was graduated from the Warsaw High School in 1914 as valedictorian of a class of fifty-three, thereby winning an honor scholarship (\$120 tuition fees) granted by the University of Chicago, which institution he entered in the autumn of 1914, and will be graduated with the class of 1918. Andromeda Z., born November 7, 1867, completed her education in the Methodist College at Fort Wayne, and is now the wife of James C. Fletcher, a sketch of whose career appears on another page of this work. Margaret B., born June 18, 1869, died September 8th of the same year. Mr. Bender was an official in the Methodist church at Knox and superintendent of its Sunday school. He was also one of the organizers of the First National

Bank at Knox and a member of its directorate from that time until his death, ever being proficient in his work for its interests.

Mrs. Bender was reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, as was her mother, her father being a member of the United Brethren Church. During her long residence in Starke County she has formed a wide acquaintance among its people, and is known for her numerous benevolences and many excellencies of heart and mind.

FRANKLIN PIERCE WHITSON. The passing of three years since the death of Franklin Pierce Whitson, which occurred at Knox, September 20, 1911, has not sufficed to lessen in the minds of those who survive him their appreciation of a man whose name was synonymous with integrity, justice, honor and business capacity, who during a long residence has permanently identified himself with the best material, intellectual and moral advancement of the city. Farming, banking and the brokerage business, each received his attention and benefitted by his labors, while as a public official his services were distinctively helpful in character and as a citizen he merited the highest commendation because of the stand he took upon all questions of public importance.

Mr. Whitson was a native son of Starke County, born near Bass Lake, in North Bend Township, December 1, 1853, his parents being Solon Oscar and Sarah (Curtner) Whitson, both of whom came from excellent families, the father a native of Indiana and the mother of Virginia. The records show little history pertaining to the early Whitsons, save that Mr. Whitson's grandfather was a Methodist minister. Solon Whitson was a young man when he came to Starke County, and at the age of twenty-nine years was married to Mrs. Sarah (Curtner) Turner, who was thirty-six years of age, and was already twice a widow. She had also been an early resident of Starke County, and by her first husband, Mr. Case, had eight children, while by her second marriage, to Mr. Turner, she had one daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Whitson commenced their married life on their farm in North Bend Township, and there their only child, Franklin Pierce, was born. Mr. Whitson became widely and favorably known in Starke County during the early days, and some time in the '60s was chosen to fill the office of county treasurer. Accordingly he moved to Knox, the county seat, and while performing the duties of that office boarded for a time with Mrs. Lambert, who had been the first white woman to settle in this town. He continued to act as county treasurer for many years, and when he left the office returned to his farm, on which he continued to carry on operations until his death, in 1870, when he had reached the age of forty-nine years. Mrs. Whitson survived him until 1885, and was seventy-one years of age at the time of her death.

Franklin Pierce Whitson was reared in North Bend Township and the City of Knox, and was seventeen years of age at the time of his father's death. His education was secured in the district and graded schools, where he proved himself an attentive and retentive scholar, so that he was able to secure more knowledge from his training than some of his fellows. On the home farm he was brought up to agri-

cultural pursuits, and upon attaining his majority devoted himself to agricultural work, carrying on operations until 1884. From the time he had cast his first vote, Mr. Whitson had been a strong and uncompromising democrat, and had done much to aid the success of his party in this section. He was also known as a man of absolute integrity and probity of character, and these qualities combined to make him the logical candidate for the office of county treasurer, to which he was subsequently elected. During his two terms in that high and important office, Mr. Whitson admirably upheld the high record which had been established by his father, and left the office with the good will, confidence and esteem of the people who had placed their trust in him. Although he did not serve in other offices following that of county treasurer, Mr. Whitson always maintained his interest in the success of his party, and did much to insure its gains.

When he accepted his public office, Mr. Whitson came to Knox to reside, and when his second term was completed he decided to remain in this thriving and ambitious little city. He accordingly became one of the founders of the Farmers State Bank of Knox, of which he was cashier and a director for a period of seventeen years. During this time the bank prospered greatly and much of its success was accredited to Mr. Whitson's abilities and his devoted application to its interests. He was a man of very attractive appearance, but of great physique, and feeling that his health would be improved in a business less sedentary and confining he disposed of his financial interests and entered the brokerage business, in which he met with an equal success. While residing at Knox he erected a home on South Pearl Street, and there he passed away. Following his death this house was moved to an adjoining lot, and in 1913 Mrs. Whitson and her son built their present seven-room house, one of the beautiful residences of Knox, with a broad veranda and terrace on each side, and with elegant interior appointments.

Mr. Whitson was married January 19, 1879, in Washington Township, Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Katharine M. Green, who was born in Union County, Ohio, and when but a child was taken to Wood County, in that state, but at the age of nineteen, after having received her education, returned to Union County. She came to Washington Township, Starke County, Indiana, and here engaged for a time in teaching school, in which she had also engaged in Ohio, her entire period as an educator covering some eight years. Her parents, Ira and Phebe (Heath) Green, were engaged in carrying on agricultural operations, improving a good farm in Washington Township, where the father died at the age of eighty-six years, and the mother when fifty-seven years of age. He had formerly married Betsey Shirk, who died when twenty-three years of age, leaving two sons and a daughter, the former of whom died young while the latter, Julia, is now the widow of George Wade, of Fostoria, Ohio, and has five children. By his third marriage Mr. Green had no children, his third wife being Mrs. Elizabeth Leggett. Mrs. Whitson's sister, Hannah, is now the wife of William Durfinger, a farmer near Bass Lake, and has one son, Clyde, and a daughter, Imogene;

another sister is Ruth, who was married first to Ichabod Colbert, who met an accidental death by falling from a tree, leaving three children,—Ira, Elizabeth and Rachel, and Mrs. Colbert subsequently became the wife of Joseph Deaver, of West Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitson became the parents of one son: Franklin Forest, born October 24, 1888, who was graduated from the graded schools at the age of fifteen years, from the high school at nineteen years of age, and from the South Bend Business College at twenty-one years of age. He subsequently became associated in the brokerage business with his father, since whose death he has taken complete charge of the brokerage and loan operations, as well as of his mother's business interests. He is a very capable and energetic young business man, and is widely and favorably known in Knox and throughout Starke County. He affiliates with Knox Blue Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity, No. 639.

Mrs. Whitson is a member of the Methodist Church. She is a lady of marked business ability, amiable character, strong common sense and refined tastes, still retains her vigor of mind and body, and is the object of sincere respect and cordial regard among a wide circle of friends.

JACOB S. SHORT. A lifetime of residence in Starke County, during which time he has been connected with the educational interests of the section as a teacher; its mercantile operations as the proprietor of a business house, its financial matters in connection with one of the leading state institutions, and its public affairs in positions of responsibility and trust within the gift of his fellow townsmen, has established for Jacob S. Short a reputation for ability, resource and unflagging industry. He is one of the captains of success who have piloted their own craft to a safe harbor, and from comparative obscurity has risen to the position of cashier of the Hamlet State Bank, at Hamlet, in which he is accounted one of his community's substantial citizens.

Mr. Short was born in California Township, Starke County, Indiana, January 3, 1870, and belongs to an old and honored Delaware family, although his parents, James and Christiana (Westhaver) Short, were natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Ohio. After their marriage they began housekeeping on an unimproved farm in California Township, Starke County, and Mr. Short was engaged in farming until the outbreak of the Civil war, at which time he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, an organization with which he served three years, participating in some of the hardest-fought and most sanguinary battles of the great struggle between the North and the South, including Shiloh and Chickamauga, and receiving one of the enemy's bullets in his left side and carrying it to his grave. His record was a particularly gallant one, stamping him as a brave and faithful soldier, and one who was admired by his comrades and esteemed by his officers. When the war was finished he returned to his farm, purchasing 120 acres in section 9, California Township, and there continued to reside and carry on agricultural operations during the remainder of his life, his

death occurring January 9, 1904, when he was sixty years of age. The farm is still undivided and is owned by members of the family, Mrs. Short making her home there. She is still hale and hearty, despite her seventy-six years, and recently demonstrated her fitness by making a trip to the State of Washington and back. She, like her late husband, is a member of the United Brethren Church, although formerly connected with the Methodist denomination. He was a republican in politics and was favorably known as a good and public-spirited citizen. Of the nine children born to James and Christiana Short, eight are living: Cornelia C., who is the wife of Jacob Regg, of Laporte, Indiana, has a family of nine children; Phoebe R., who is the wife of Daniel Sharp, of Bellingham, Washington, and has five children; Jacob S., of this review; Foster D., a farmer of California Township, married and has a daughter; Linus C., in business at Bellingham, Washington, married and has a daughter; Mary L., who resides at home and is unmarried; Homer L., formerly a teacher, and now a farmer and road building contractor, married and has no children; and J. Lester, a farmer of Laporte County, Indiana, married and has one son. The mother of the above children had the line of her family, the Westhavers genealogy prepared and published in 1912 by Francis M. Westhaver, of Greenwood, Indiana, a valuable work.

Jacob S. Short grew up on the home farm, and received his education in the county public schools. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and even after he began teaching continued to work on the farm during the summer months. He served as an educator for eight terms, seven in California Township and one term in North Bend Township, and in 1901 established himself in business as a merchant at Knox. He continued to carry on his operations in mercantile lines until his election to the office of county treasurer, in 1906, and so well discharged the duties of that office during his first term that he was chosen to serve again and did so until January 1, 1911. Mr. Short then came to the Hamlet State Bank, of which he has been cashier since it started under this name and state charter, in October, 1911, with a capital of \$25,000. This bank has always paid a dividend. The original bank was known as the Bank of Starke County, a private institution, and was founded by the people who control the state bank interests, in 1904, with Mr. Stanton and Monroe C. McCormick as directors, and a capital of \$10,000, this continuing until its organization as a state bank. This is now known as one of the most substantial and successful institutions in the county, and is growing rapidly, its depositors being attracted by the well known ability and reliability of its officials, the present officers being: Daniel H. Stanton, president; James L. Denaut, vice president; Jacob S. Short, cashier; and John M. Wolfram, director. A successor to O. D. Fuller, who died recently, has not been named. The excellent condition of this bank is shown in the statement made at the close of business, June 30, 1914: Resources: Loans and Discounts, \$131,809.65; Overdrafts, \$57.27; Other Bonds and Securities, \$3,750.00; Banking House, \$1,850.00; Furniture and Fixtures, \$2,000.00; Due from Banks and Trust Companies, \$18,339.39; Cash on Hand, \$7,980.61; Cash Items, \$594.00; Total Resources, \$166,380.92.

Liabilities: Capital Stock paid in, \$25,000.00; Surplus, \$4,000.00; Undivided Profits, \$738.08; Exchange, Discounts and Interest, \$683.91; Demand Deposits, \$66,818.84; Demand Certificates, \$59,140.09; Due to Banks and Trust Companies, \$10,000.00. Total Liabilities \$166,380.92.

Mr. Short was married to Miss Lillie M. Raschka, who was born in Starke County, Indiana, in 1872, and reared and educated here, daughter of John and Mary (Kane) Raschka, of Germany, who came as young people to the United States and to Starke County and were here married in California Township. There they established themselves on a farm, the father continuing agricultural operations until his death in 1902, while Mrs. Raschka is still living with one of her daughters. Of the eight children in the family, all are living, and all are married except one. Mr. and Mrs. Short are the parents of five children: John E., who completed his education at Hamlet, is eighteen years of age, and is associated with his father in the bank; James E. and R. Grace, who are attending high school; Walter W., in the sixth grade, who has the remarkable and commendable record of having never been tardy or absent since starting to school; and Harold, the baby, aged five years. Mr. Short is past master of Knox Blue Lodge No. 639, A. F. & A. M., and a member of the Council and Chapter at North Judson. He is a republican in politics.

DANIEL H. STANTON. The career of Daniel H. Stanton is an expression of practical and diversified activity, and in its range has invaded the fields of agriculture, finance, politics and society, all of which have profited by the breadth of his views and the conscientious manner in which he has performed his duties, which are distinctive features of his work and character. Mr. Stanton, who is now retired from agricultural pursuits and living at his home at Hamlet, where he is president of the Hamlet State Bank, has taken an important part in the upbuilding and development of Starke County. On the paternal side he comes of Irish ancestry, his grandfather being Thomas Stanton, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States after his marriage to Comfort Conway, locating in Kentucky and beginning his life in this country as a farmer. There his first child was born, Greenbury Stanton, and very soon after this event the little family came to Warren County, Indiana, where the grandfather established a home. There he continued to be engaged as a farmer and through energy and industry was making a success of his life. While engaged in some manner of military duty, down the Mississippi River, he contracted smallpox, and from the effects of this disease died in 1820, while yet in service and in the prime of life. This occurred three months prior to the birth of his young son, Jesse Conway Stanton, the father of Daniel H. Stanton, September 24, 1820. He also had two other children: Nancy, who died in young womanhood; and Eliza, who became the wife of John Littlejohn, a showman, and resided in the South, where both passed away about the time of the Civil war. The widow of Thomas Stanton was married a second time, to Daniel Hullinger, who settled in Ohio and died in Shelby County, leaving three sons. It is supposed that

the grandfather was a democrat in his political sympathies, but he is not on record as having held public office.

Jesse Conway Stanton was born in Warren County, Indiana, but was reared in Champaign County, Ohio. The family being in humble circumstances, he had little chance to gain an education, and when a mere lad was bound out to a hatter, but did not take kindly to that trade and finally ran away to engage in farming. He was married in Champaign County, Ohio, to Rachael Purkeypile, who was born January 26, 1821, in Ohio, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stanton lived on a farm in that county and there Mrs. Stanton died February 22, 1854. Mr. Stanton then married Mrs. Malinda Pike, who was born in Ohio some time after 1820, and she died in Hardin County, Ohio, in the prime of life, in 1848-9. She left four children by her second marriage and had also a small family by Mr. Pike. Jesse C. Stanton later came to live with his son, Daniel H., in Washington Township, Starke County, and here continued to reside until his death, June 21, 1887. He was a democrat in his political views, and he and Mrs. Stanton were lifelong members of the New Light Christian Church, of which he was a layman preacher. Mr. Stanton, although he had been given but few advantages in his youth, had developed into something of a student in later years, was a great reader and well versed in the Bible, and was also known as a good conversationalist and capable political orator. Mr. Stanton's children were as follows: Sarah, deceased; Daniel H., of this review; William P., who is married and has children; Greenbury, who is also married and has a family; John and Mary E., who are deceased; and Elias and Ann Eliza, twins, who died in childhood.

Daniel H. Stanton was born in Champaign County, Ohio, September 13, 1842, and was reared and educated in his native community, being reared to agricultural pursuits and attending the district schools during the short winter terms. There he was married to Miss Sarah J. Hall, who was born in Champaign County, Ohio, May 9, 1847, and there reared to womanhood, a daughter of Thomas and Theresa (Dickinson) Hall, natives of Virginia. Mr. Hall was a son of John and Anna (Hall) Hall, who were born in the Old Dominion State, but spent their later years in Champaign County, Ohio, where both passed away in advanced years. John Hall served as a soldier during the War of 1812, and for his services was given a land grant by the United States Government, the property being located on the Mississippi River, in the territory that was later settled by the Mormon, Joseph Smith, at Nauvoo, Illinois. Thomas Hall was twice married in Champaign County, Ohio, and there passed his entire life in tilling the soil, becoming a well-to-do and highly esteemed citizen, and passing away March 4, 1886, when more than seventy-two years of age, having been born November 8, 1813. His first wife, Mariah Bowman, born May 10, 1812, died in the prime of life, leaving two sons and two daughters. The mother of Mrs. Stanton was born October 24, 1824, and died May 9, 1885, having four daughters, all of whom are living, are married and have sons and daughters. She was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, while Mr. Hall was a Universalist.

After his marriage, more than fifty-one years ago, May 17, 1863, Mr. Stanton located on a farm in Champaign County, Ohio, to the operation of which he gave his entire time and attention until February, 1868, when he came to Starke County, Indiana, and settled on a farm in Washington Township. There he purchased and improved a valuable property, which he continued to operate as a general farm until 1902, in that year disposing of his land and retiring to the Village of Hamlet, where his home has since been located. He is the owner of valuable land in Davis Township, but has not been active in its operation for some years, his attention having been diverted to other matters. In 1904, with others, Mr. Stanton became an organizer of the Starke County Bank, at Hamlet, a private institution, of which he was elected president and a director. This bank had a capital of \$10,000, but in October, 1911, it was reorganized as a state bank, the First State Bank of Hamlet, with a capital of \$25,000. Since the organization of the bank, Mr. Stanton has continued as its president, and as a director, and has missed only two meetings of the board. His own personality and the confidence in which he is held by the people have done much to attract depositors to this institution, in the management of which he has shown foresight, shrewdness and excellent ability in conserving the people's interests. He is a staunch democrat, and on occasions has been called upon to fill public offices, having served as county commissioner for six years, and for four years as trustee of Washington Township.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanton have been as follows: Victoria E., the wife of Stephen D. Tucker, of Chicago, had two daughters both of whom died early in life; Thomas Franklin, a farmer in Jackson Township, Starke County, married Bertha Kiser and has one son, Lep, who is twenty-three years of age and lives at home; Florence R., who is the wife of Walter Gibbs, a mint grower of Starke County, and has two children—Fay, the wife of Albert Ross, and Lovey; Della T., who is the wife of Grant Macumber, of Oregon Township, Starke County, a farmer, and has one daughter, Leray F.; Dora, who is the wife of Jasper Kiser, a farmer of Starke County, and has two children—Irene and Claud, both residing at home; Clyde, a farmer of Starke County, who married Maggie Masterson, and has four children—Alma, Edith, Ruth and Woodrow; Iva P., the wife of Charles Sider, lives in Washington Township, and has four children—Delight, Mary J., Beulah C. and Chas. Wayne; and P. Seaman, a farmer of Washington Township, who married Bertha Otto, and has two children—Charles D. and Bernice J.

JOHN M. WOLFRAM. At present a retired citizen of Hamlet, John M. Wolfram has been one of the industrious men of Starke County, linking his name with all that is admirable in agriculture and wise and progressive in individual life. In his long extended career he has discharged his duties as an individual with unvarying fidelity and this may be also said of his public life, for at present he is serving efficiently in the capacity of justice of the peace. He has been identified with all movements tending to promote the best interests of his locality, and has

made an irreproachable record as a man of strict probity and pure motives. By his old neighbors, as well as by the townspeople of Hamlet, he is held in the highest esteem.

John M. Wolfram was born August 4, 1840, in Austria, although his ancestry was of the purest German stock. His parents were Simon and Margaret (Egelkraut) Wolfram, who were also born in Austria, of German parentage, between the years 1815 and 1820. Until he was thirteen years of age Simon Wolfram attended the public schools, and at that time began to learn the trade of weaver, which he followed in his home town in Austria until 1853. Seeing nothing ahead of him in his native land but many years of hard labor, with little chance of obtaining a competency, Mr. Wolfram finally decided to bring his little family to the United States, it then consisting of his wife and three children, John M., Mary and Anna C. Mr. Wolfram was very poor, but had received assurance of assistance from his wife's brother, Christian Egelkraut, and accordingly the little party set out for Bremen. The vessel they had contracted to come on was delayed for some weeks, and young Egelkraut, while investigating conditions, found a vessel ready to start and accordingly boarded it, this leaving him no time to leave his brother-in-law some money. After much delay and unpleasantness in the dirty immigrant station, the little party finally secured passage on the little sailing ship Norman, which had a very limited capacity, but after he had purchased the tickets Mr. Wolfram found himself with but 50 cents and his kinsman many weeks on his way to America. After three days of favorable sailing weather, the wind changed and for two weeks the boat made no headway, but finally got a full sail to the west and the boat made port at New York City forty-nine days later. It was the pitiful, careworn face of Mr. Wolfram's tired and worried wife that attracted the attention and pity of a good-hearted German lady who was on the way with her future husband, Herman Casper, and they gladly came to this distracted little family's rescue, Mr. Casper loaning Mr. Wolfram \$50 that enabled him to get from New York, via the river, lakes and canal, to Huron County, Ohio, where he had friends and kinsmen and was soon found busy making jeans and other material to repay his good friend Casper. After five years, or in 1858, he came on to Starke County, Indiana, and located in North Bend Township on a little farm of forty acres of rather poor land, although the father continued to follow his trade as a weaver of blue jeans, in his later years he devoted the greater part of his time to weaving carpets, and was thus engaged at the time of his death, which occurred June 27, 1887. Mrs. Wolfram died November 7, 1883. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Wolfram was a democrat in politics. His was a life of industry, characterized by the highest integrity, and the various obstacles, disappointments and difficulties which arose in his path were overcome by his perseverance and indomitable spirit.

John M. Wolfram received only ordinary educational advantages in his native land, and was thirteen years of age when the family emigrated to the United States. He was variously employed in young manhood,

accepting such honorable work as presented itself until coming to Starke County at the age of eighteen years. He here worked on his father's farm until 1865, when he enlisted in Company H, Fifty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for about six months, being almost constantly on the move and having reached North Carolina when he received his honorable discharge by reason of the close of the war. Returning to the pursuits of peace, Mr. Wolfram again devoted himself to farming, and in the years that followed succeeded in the accumulation of 120 acres of well-improved land, not far from the Town of Hamlet, in Oregon Township, of which he still owns forty acres. That Mr. Wolfram has been progressive is shown by the fact that his is the first name to be found on the first petition for a drainage ditch, although there were three others that came later before the ditch was obtained. Mr. Wolfram carried the chain on the Robbins ditch, one of the largest in the county, and at all times has shown himself a useful and public-spirited citizen, ready to do his full share in promoting his community's interests. For eight years he served Oregon Township as deputy sheriff and justice of the peace, and in 1905, when he retired from active labors, came to Hamlet, where in 1910 he was elected justice of the peace, a position he has since continued to fill with the greatest ability.

During his younger years, while teaching school in Starke County, Mr. Wolfram was married to Miss Elizabeth Groshans, who was born at Wapakoneta, Auglaize County, Ohio, June 12, 1840, was reared and educated in that county, and when thirteen years of age came to Starke County, Indiana, where she was engaged for some time in teaching school. She is a daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Wirten) Groshans, natives of Wurttemberg, Germany. Mr. Groshans served as a member of the civil branch of the German army for thirteen years, in order to secure the money to marry the girl whom he loved, and after their marriage Mr. Groshans worked as a tailor, at 12 cents per day, while Mrs. Groshans served as a seamstress for a stipend of 6 cents a day, out of which meagre wage they managed to save enough with which to come to the United States. With their first-born, Jacob, they made the journey to this country in a sailing vessel, in 1828, the trip taking sixty-seven days in the accomplishment from Havre to Baltimore. The family first located in Pennsylvania, but subsequently went to Champaign County, Ohio, and a few years later moved on to Auglaize County, in that state. Up to this time he had followed the trade of tailor, but in Auglaize County purchased wild land and there developed a good farm. The wife of this sturdy emigrant was of the greatest help to him, and at one time, when he experienced a spell of sickness that kept him disabled for sixteen weeks, she walked to and from the farm, forty miles away, two or three times a week, in order to care for the crops. In 1853 the family came to Starke County, Mr. Groshans taking up land here, and here he passed away April 12, 1858, at the age of sixty-three years, Mrs. Groshans dying September 21, 1867, when sixty-nine years of age.

They were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and in his political views Mr. Groshans was a democrat.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wolfram there have been born the following children: Catherine, the widow of Hamlin Hardesty, living at Hamlet, and has three children, Raymond, a graduate of Purdue University, Edna B., who is married, and Catherine; Edward, a merchandise clerk of Hamlet, married Ida Patrick, and has three children, Mabel, Mildred and Earl, all attending school; William A., a merchandise clerk, single and residing with his parents; Louisa, the wife of Joseph McCormick, for twenty-two years an employe of the Pennsylvania system at Plymouth, and has two well-educated children, Ralph C. and Leta E.; Ann E., the wife of Porter Jack, a large farmer of Oregon Township, and has two children, Elizabeth and Richard; Frank C., a cement worker of Hamlet, single and living at home; and Philip J., living at West Lebanon, Warren County, Indiana, a large dealer in grain and head of the Wolfram Grain Company, of Marshfield, married Rae Shumaker, and has a son, Donald J.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfram were confirmed in the Lutheran Church, but for some years have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES S. McCORMICK. Centralized and conducted in the Village of Hamlet is a community enterprise of maximum importance in such a fine agriculture district as that which lies tributary to the town. This enterprise involves the facilities and extensive business controlled by the Farmers' United Grain Company, of which Mr. McCormick is the efficient and popular manager and which handles an average of 300,000 bushels of grain annually, a fact that bears its own significance as touching the commercial facilities here afforded and the exceptional advantages afforded to the farmers of this part of the county. Mr. McCormick was one of the organizers of the company, in 1910, and the other officers of the corporation are as here designated: Henry C. Shultz, a substantial farmer of Davis Township, is president; William C. Hayes, vice president; and Peter Sebens, treasurer. Associated with the executive officers in the ownership of the stock company, which is capitalized for \$7,000, are Peter Sebens, of Davis Township; C. O. Harness, Charles Westbrook, E. T. Morse, Charles Swartz and William Sebens, likewise substantial farmers of Davis Township. The company buys grain from local producers and ships to the leading markets of the East and Central West.

Mr. McCormick was born in the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 27th of October, 1877, and adequate data concerning the family genealogy appear on other pages of this work in the sketch of the career of his uncle, Joseph N. McCormick, editor of this history. Mr. McCormick was five years of age at the time of his parents' removal to Starke County, where he was reared to manhood on the homestead farm, in Davis Township, in the meanwhile duly availing himself of the advantages of the public schools. He eventually became the owner of one of the fine farms of this township and county and the same continued to be his place of residence the greater part of the time for

fifteen years, the property being still in his possession. This admirably improved farm comprises 240 acres, in section 9, Davis Township, and is on the Kankakee River. It is under a high state of cultivation, is devoted principally to the propagation of wheat, oats and corn. About one hundred acres are given annually to the growing of corn and the average yield is seventy bushels to the acre, the year 1913 having given a total yield of fully 7,000 bushels and the product for 1914 being up to the same standard. The farm gives equally fine returns in its large acreage of wheat and oats. This place has an excellent system of tile drainage, everything about the farm shows thrift and prosperity and the fine crops indicate the great value of such properly drained land in one of the garden spots of the Hoosier commonwealth.

John T. and Catharine (Rose) McCormick, the honored parents of the subject of this sketch, now reside in the Village of Hamlet, each having attained virtually to the psalmist's span of three score years and ten and their residence in Starke County having covered a period of nearly forty years and the father having been a representative merchant of Hamlet for a long period, prior to which he was for nearly a quarter of a century identified with railroad operations, in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company and later in that of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company. Of the children the eldest is Joseph W., who is baggage master on the Pennsylvania Railroad system and who has one son and one daughter; Cora is the wife of Charles O. Harness, a prosperous farmer of Oregon Township, this county, and they have two sons and three daughters; Ruey is the wife of Frederick Gresham, of the Village of Hamlet, and they have one son and two daughters; James S., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Charles F. is engaged in the mercantile business at Hamlet and he and his wife have two sons and one daughter; and Erwood G., who is associated with his brother Charles in the mercantile business, has one son.

James S. McCormick is known as one of the upright, loyal and progressive citizens of Starke County and as a reliable and enterprising business man. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has held the office of secretary of the camp at Hamlet for nearly a score of years, and he is identified also with the local tent of the Knights of the Modern Maccabees, in which he has passed various official chairs. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, but he has not been imbued with ambition for public office.

At Grovertown, this county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McCormick to Miss Mamie Cole, who was born at North Liberty, St. Joseph County, this state, on the 4th of September, 1877, and of the four children of this union two are living, Marie, born in 1901, and Catherine, born in 1912. Glenn B. died in infancy, and Helen at the age of three years.

FRANK HAY. The popular summer resort, Bass Lake, has benefitted materially by the labors of Frank Hay, proprietor of the Hay House,

which was erected in 1894, and is admirably suited to the various purposes of rest and recreation for which it is intended. The owner, who has a fine appreciation of the value of fine natural effects, adheres steadily to a policy of improvement, with the result that his hotel conforms to every demand for comfort and convenience, and throughout the summer months this is one of the most popular hostelrys of the section. As a summer resort it would be hard to discover a place more admirably situated than is Bass Lake. The leafing of its beautiful trees in the spring and the songs of the early and courageous birds give promise of opportunities for communion with nature and healthful enjoyment which continues unabated until the winds of fall whistle through the skeleton branches and the ground is covered with its protecting carpet of leaves. Mr. Hay has been one of the men to whom may be accredited the advancement and development of this charming locality, for he has labored steadfastly in its behalf and has allowed no progressive movement to pass unaided by him.

Frank Hay was born near Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1857, and is a son of Abner Hay, the family tracing its ancestry directly back to Earl William Hay, Earl of Scotland. The early records of the family show that one branch migrated from Scotland to Alsace-Lorraine, France (now Germany), and it is believed that through these emigrants the family has come down to the present time, the progenitor in America coming here prior to the Revolutionary war. William Hay and Henry John came to the United States together and settled at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and it is from the former that John Hay, the grandfather of Frank Hay, was descended, being two or three generations removed. After his marriage, grandfather Michael Hay removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and John Hay came later to Fort Wayne, Indiana, when his son, Abner, the father of Frank Hay, who had been born in 1834, was a very small child. The present thriving and prosperous Indiana city was then little more than a hamlet, and Abner Hay had for his playmates principally Indian children. The sparsely settled region was infested by roving bands of Redskins; the wild forests close at hand held deer, wild turkeys and other game in great abundance; only the necessities of life were to be had, and comforts and conveniences were not even expected by the early settlers. Yet these sturdy and self-reliant pioneers did not complain; they were satisfied in the knowledge that they were making a place for themselves and their children in the new West and that they were able, through their industry and perseverance, to gain a livelihood among conditions that would have daunted any but courageous hearts.

John Hay continued to reside in Indiana for a number of years and to carry on agricultural pursuits with some degree of success, later returned to Pennsylvania for a time, then located in Starke County, Indiana, for several years, and eventually went to Dunn County, Wisconsin, where he spent the evening of life and passed away when nearly ninety years of age. That he was able and active, quick of eye and alert in body even when advanced years put their stamp upon him, is shown by the fact

that on his eightieth birthday he took his squirrel rifle and with it shot two deer on the run through the woods. He was a blacksmith by trade, a good workman, and at all times was considered a man of integrity and honorable dealing by those who came into contact with him.

Abner Hay grew up amid pioneer surroundings in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and after his marriage again became a pioneer when he came to Starke County and located in the wild section of Washington Township, about two and one-half miles from Bass Lake. He was a natural mechanic, as well as a farmer, and built the first skiff that was launched on the now popular summer resort lake, although prior to that time there had been in use a walnut dugout. The wild game and fish from the lake kept the family larder well supplied with meat, as Mr. Hay was both a skilled huntsman and fisherman, and it was well that this was so as money was a scarce commodity and although the wants of these pioneers were few, still they had to make numerous sacrifices. Abner Hay was a practical, industrious man, so that he got along well in life, and during his latter years passed a good deal of his time in hunting and fishing near Spooner, Wisconsin, where was located the Benoit Hunting and Fishing Club, consisting of Indiana gentlemen. He is well to do and in the best of circumstances, and is now enjoying the comforts brought to him by his years of earnest effort. Mr. Hay is a republican, and was the first of his party to be elected to office in North Bend Township, serving some years in the capacity of trustee. He enlisted in Company K, Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry, in the fall of '63, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland under Gen. "Pop" Thomas. He was present at the battles of Nashville, Franklin and Mobile, and was on detached duty, but was never wounded. He served until the end of the war, in 1865, and received his honorable discharge at Indianapolis. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Abner Hay married Miss Eleanor Emigh, of Cambria County, Pennsylvania, a sister of William H. Emigh, in whose sketch elsewhere in this volume will be found the record of the Emigh family. She died in Wisconsin in the prime of life, in 1875, having been a devout member of the German Baptist Church. Three children were born to this union: Frank, of this review; Mary, who is the wife of Benjamin Moorman, an early settler of Miami County, Indiana, and the owner of a large estate, and has a family of sons and daughters; and Alice, who married Pliny Nave, a real-estate agent of South Bend, Indiana, and has several married children.

Frank Hay grew up in Starke County, and from earliest youth displayed a natural adaptiveness that enabled him to master the rudiments of blacksmithing, boat-building, carpentry, plumbing, etc. In fact he may be termed a handy man or a jack of all trades, and there are few mechanical problems which he fails to solve. Mr. Hay is an acknowledged leader at the Lake. He is president of the Bass Lake Improvement Company of which he was one of the founders, and during the years that he worked in association with Prof. W. H. Blatchly, the state geologist, whom he assisted in surveying nearly all the rivers of the state,

became a great collector of specimens of various kinds, living and dead, effecting the geology of the state.

The Hay House, which was erected by Mr. Hay in 1894, is one of the best on Bass Lake, being very conveniently located, and having fifteen rooms, with a dining room capable of accomodating fifty people. Under Mr. Hay's able management this house has steadily grown in popularity, and is in the enjoyment of a large, liberal and representative patronage.

Mr. Hay was married in Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Sarah Laramore, a sister of Charles Laramore, in whose sketch in this volume the family history will be found. She was born, reared and educated in Starke County, and is the mother of one child: L. Orma, who was educated in the township schools and Knox graded schools, and is now twenty years of age. Mr. Hay is independent in his political views, and has not sought public office. He is a charter member of Knox Lodge No. 296, Knights of Pythias, and was formerly a member of the Sons of Veterans, his father having fought as a soldier through the Civil war.

OSCAR B. ROCKWELL. Few citizens of Starke County have wider and more exact knowledge of its property valuations than Captain Rockwell, who is one of the venerable pioneer citizens of this section of the state, who has witnessed and aided in the civic and industrial development and upbuilding of Starke and Jasper counties, who represented Indiana as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, who has held various offices of distinctive public trust, and who completed on the 1st of January, 1915, eight years of consecutive service as county assessor of Starke County. The captain resides at Knox, the county seat, and no citizen is better known or commands more secure place in popular confidence and esteem. He is a representative of a family whose name has been long and worthily identified with the annals of American history, as is denoted by the fact that his great-grandfather, Jabez Rockwell, was a gallant soldier of the Continental Line in the war of the Revolution, in which he served as a member of Company Six of the Seventh Regiment, commanded by Colonel Pierson.

Captain Rockwell was born in Butternut Township, Otsego County, New York, on the 8th of September, 1837, and is a son of Levi Clark Rockwell and Permelia R. (Knapp) Rockwell, whose marriage was solemnized in that township, the latter having been a native of the State of Massachusetts, and having been young at the time of her parents' immigration to the Empire State. Levi C. Rockwell was born in Butternut Township, Otsego County, New York, on the 1st of August, 1809, and he attained to the patriarchal age of eighty-eight years, his death having occurred in Jasper County, Indiana, on the 10th of July, 1897. His cherished and devoted wife, who was born at Springfield, Massachusetts, preceded him to the life eternal by many years, her death likewise having occurred in Jasper County, where they established their home in 1855 as sterling pioneers of this part of the state. Levi C. Rockwell emigrated with his family from New York State to Indiana in 1854, and on the 1st of May of that

year he established his residence in Montgomery County. In the following spring he removed to an embryonic farm in section 36, Kankakee Township, Jasper County, the place lying on the line of Starke County. In a primitive log cabin of the type common to the pioneer days the family home was established, and the father, with the aid of his sturdy sons, then essayed the herculean task of reclaiming his farm to cultivation. The place was eventually made one of the fine farms of this section and on this homestead Levi C. Rockwell and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, both having been members of the Presbyterian Church prior to their removal to Indiana, where they became devout adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Rockwell was originally aligned with the whig party but transferred his allegiance to the republican party at the time of its organization and ever afterward continued a staunch supporter of its cause. The remains of this honored pioneer and those of his noble wife rest side by side in the cemetery at San Pierre, Starke County, not far distant from their old homestead. They became the parents of six sons and two daughters, Captain Rockwell, of this review, being the eldest of the number, four of the sons having served as loyal soldiers of the Union in the Civil war and two of the number having sacrificed their lives in the cause—Wallace H. and Edward S. Wallace H. Rockwell died in historic old Andersonville Prison, one of the most miserable of the prison pens of the Confederacy, on the 11th of August, 1864, his capture having been effected at the battle of Chickamauga, Tennessee, and his death having resulted from hardships endured in the field and in the prison. He was a young man at the time of his demise, as was also his brother Edward S. The latter served as a member of the Twelfth Indiana Cavalry from 1864 until the spring of 1865, when he died in a hospital at Mobile, Alabama, as the result of illness contracted while at the post of duty. Another brother, Alfonso P., served during virtually the entire period of the war, as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he participated in many of the important battles and minor engagements marking the progress of the great internecine conflict. He was accorded his honorable discharge at the close of the war and has ever since been a resident of Jasper County, Indiana, where he is now a retired farmer, residing in the Village of Wheatfield. Of the other brothers it may be noted that George Sheldon Rockwell is a prominent brick and cement contractor in the City of Valparaiso, this state; and that Malcom V., who has been one of the successful representatives of the agricultural industry in Starke County, now resides at Knox, the county seat. Of the two sisters the elder is Frances M., who is the wife of Thomas H. Robinson, a prominent farmer and stock-grower of Jasper County and a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served as a member of the Ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The younger sister, Ida Emma, is the wife of George Taylor and they reside on her father's old homestead farm, in Jasper County. All of the living

representatives of this generation of the Rockwell family are married and have reared children.

Capt. Oscar B. Rockwell acquired his early education in the common schools of the old Empire State and was a lad of seventeen years when he accompanied his parents on their migration to Indiana. He was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm of which mention has been made and availed himself of the advantages of the pioneer schools, thereafter continuing his active identification with agricultural pursuits until the dark cloud of Civil war cast its pall over the national horizon, when he sacrificed his personal interests and responded to President Lincoln's call for volunteers. On the 11th of September, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Col. John F. Miller, with Silas F. Allen as captain of Company C. Private Rockwell was soon afterward made corporal of his company and he forthwith proceeded with his command to the front, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Ohio. The first engagement in which he took part was at Green River, Kentucky, and later he was with his regiment in the memorable battle of Shiloh, the regiment having been a part of the central division of the Army of the Ohio, with Gen. Thomas Woods as brigade commander. Thereafter the history of his gallant regiment stands as the virtual record of the remainder of his military career, which was marked by ability, lofty patriotism and utmost fidelity,—a record that shall ever reflect honor upon his name. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga, where his brother Wallace H., who was a corporal in the same regiment, was captured. At the battle of Stone's River Captain Rockwell received a gun-shot wound in his right leg, below the knee, and his injury caused him to be confined to a hospital until he recovered sufficiently to rejoin his regiment on the stage of action. At the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment he re-enlisted, as a veteran, and his entire service covered more than four years. He received his honorable discharge December 2, 1865, as captain of Company F, Twenty-ninth Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry, his commission as captain having been received after his participation in the battle of Chattanooga. The captain has vitalized the more pleasing memories and associations of his military career by active affiliation first with the John W. McCune Post No. 587, San Pierre, disbanded, and later transferred to Daniel Lake Post No. 571, North Judson, disbanded, and transferred to Langdon Post No. 290, Grand Army of the Republic, at Knox, Starke County. He was a charter member of McCune Post and is active in the affairs of his post, in which he has been prominent and influential, as evidenced by his service as its commander.

After the close of his long and valiant service as a soldier of the Union Captain Rockwell returned to Indiana and again turned his attention to the great basic industry of agriculture, with which he has been identified in both Jasper and Starke counties, the while his ability and personal popularity have conserved his preferment in positions of distinctive public trust and responsibility. His record as a public

official is without blemish and his services have brought him into contact with the citizens of both Starke and Jasper counties, with the result that he has a specially wide acquaintanceship in this part of the state, with a virtually equal number of friends. The captain served two terms as a trustee of Kankakee Township, Jasper County, and after establishing his home in Railroad Township, Starke County, where he maintained his home for many years, he served two years as a member of the township advisory board. In 1890 he was United States census enumerator for that township, and since 1907 he has served consecutively in the office of county assessor, having been re-elected for a second term in November, 1911, and having given an administration in this difficult and exacting position that has met with the highest approval on the part of the tax-payers of the county. The captain and his children hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, as did also both his first and second wives, and the family has held a prominent place in this section of the state for fully sixty years, with an escutcheon that has no stain or other blemish.

As a young man Captain Rockwell wedded Miss Louisa Gannon, who was born near Crawfordsville, this state, on the 1st of January, 1839, and whose death occurred on the 16th of June, 1866. She was survived by one son, Grant R., who holds a responsible position in one of the leading industrial establishments in the City of Wabash. He married Miss Della M. Ridgeway, and they have one son, Thomas Sherman, who was graduated in Harvard University as a member of the class of 1914 and with high honors: he holding a position in the editorial department of the well-known book-publishing house of the A. W. Shaw Publishing Company, at Chicago, Illinois. In Jasper County, on January 11, 1871, was recorded the second marriage of Captain Rockwell, who then wedded Miss Mary Acelia Cantwell, who was born in the State of Ohio, March 23, 1851, and who was a girl at the time of the family removal to Indiana. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 26th of February, 1911, and in conclusion of this sketch are entered brief data concerning the children of this marriage: Louisa B., born December 20, 1871, died February 4, 1886; Arthur E., born July 8, 1873, is employed as a bookkeeper in the offices of the Stephens Manufacturing Company, at Toledo, married Miss Lois Flynn; they have no children; Elmer Hayes, born June 29, 1876, who is employed as an expert shoe-lasting mechanic in the City of Binghamton, New York, married Miss Marie Burco, no children having been born of their union. Both of these sons were afforded the advantages of the public schools of Starke County and also those of the Brown Business College of the Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, both also having made excellent records as teachers in the public schools. Arthur E. likewise was a student at the Tri-State Normal School, Angola, Indiana, and while attending this institution, in 1898, he was one of twenty-six students who enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war. They became members of the volunteer regiment of which Colonel Studebaker was colonel, and the regiment was in one of the reserve camps in the South,

though not called to the field of action, much to the regret of its members.

JOHN C. LARREW. Although fifteen years have passed since the death of John C. Larrew, he is still well remembered by the people of Starke and the adjoining counties by reason of his long and honorable years of activity among them. Mr. Larrew was one of those who wielded the implements of destruction as well as those of construction, for he fought bravely as a soldier during the Civil war, and when he returned to the pursuits of peace so governed himself in a variety of activities that he won the esteem and respect of all with whom he came into contact.

Mr. Larrew was born in Ohio, in 1840, and died July 21, 1899, at Knox, Indiana. He was a son of Stephen J. and Eliza J. (Hagle) Larrew, natives of one of the eastern states who came of a mixed ancestry of Scotch, Irish, French and German stock. They located early in Ohio and it is thought that they were married in that state, where they entered upon their married life as agriculturists. There all of their children were born, as follows: Sophina, John C., Martha, Cordelia, Carrilda, Charles and Mary A., all of whom were married and had children except the youngest, and all of whom are now deceased except Charles and Carrilda. During the early '40s the parents came to Indiana and for a time resided at Brook, Newton County, and Elwood, Madison County, but in the early '60s removed to Knox, at that time a hamlet with a few hundred people. Here Stephen J. Larrew pursued his trade, that of a custom boot and shoemaker, until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy years of age, he being at that time one of his community's well-known citizens. Mrs. Larrew had preceded him to the grave some years.

John C. Larrew was still a boy when his parents brought the family to Indiana, and he had just about attained his majority when they took up their residence at Knox. He was given an ordinary education in the public schools, and under the preceptorship of his father learned the trade of shoemaker. About this time the Civil war broke across the country in all its fury, calling all the patriotic sons of Indiana to the defense of the Union, and Mr. Larrew soon joined a body of youths from his locality and became a member of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which organization he served until the close of hostilities. Mr. Larrew took no part in any serious engagements, and at all times had the record of a good soldier, faithful in the performance of duty and winning the respect of his officers and the esteem and friendship of his comrades.

When peace had been declared, Mr. Larrew returned to his Indiana home, and at Knox, taking up the broken threads of every-day life, he established himself in a small livery business. Soon he became a "star router" for the United States Government, carrying mail from Knox to North Judson, San Pierre, Monterey, and Hamlet. In addition to this he operated a hack line between various points, but the advent of the railroad with its better and cheaper facilities soon drove him out of this

industry and he again established his livery business, in addition to which he conducted a feed and stock exchange and dealt extensively in horses and cattle, both as a trader and dealer. In this line he traveled all over Starke and the adjoining counties, and there are many old citizens there who will testify not alone to his shrewdness and skill as a dealer, but to his honorable methods of carrying on his transactions. Later, Mr. Larrew established a small bakery, which was at first conducted by his wife, and to this subsequently added a grocery department, later selling buggies and wagons. As his interests and finances grew, he invested in farm lands, which he operated to some extent, and in each one of his activities displayed a versatile ability that made him one of his city's best business men. A democrat in politics, he never mixed in the controversies of his day, nor could he be induced to run for public office. His life, on the whole, was a useful and helpful one, and when he died there were many left to mourn his loss.

Mr. Larrew was married in 1865, at Knox, to Mrs. Catherine (Lash) Jackson, the widow of Jesse Jackson, and daughter of Jacob and Sarah J. (Miller) Lash, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Larrew's parents were married in the Keystone State and subsequently removed to Sandusky County, Ohio, where Mr. Lash died on his farm in 1834, when about thirty-five years of age. His widow was married a second time in Ohio to Wilbur Crandall and subsequently removed to Grant County, Indiana, and finally late in life came to Knox, where she made her home during her declining years with Mrs. Larrew and died at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Crandall had died in the State of Missouri prior to this time.

Mrs. Catherine Larrew was born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1833, and was a babe when she accompanied her parents to Sandusky County, Ohio, where her father died three months later. She was thirteen years old when she accompanied her mother and stepfather to Grant County, Indiana, in 1846, and there she was reared and received the greater part of her education in the public schools. There Mrs. Larrew was united in marriage with Jesse Jackson, of Ohio, but who became a pioneer farmer and miller in Grant County, Indiana, and in 1858 they came to Starke County, Indiana, and located on a farm of nearly a half a section in Center Township, which Mr. Jackson had secured in trade for a mill he had owned in Grant County, near Marion. On this farm they lived until 1862, when Mr. Jackson consummated another trade, giving his farm in exchange for a property in Knox, including one of the best residences in the town at that time, several lots, a store and \$1,000 worth of merchandise and general store supplies. Becoming a merchant, he was successfully engaged in business until his death, in 1865. He was a democrat in politics, and took an active interest in the affairs of his community, serving in the capacity of county commissioner for a number of years. He was a consistent member of the Christian Church. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, namely: Jesse, who is engaged in farming in Center Township, is married and has two sons, Forest and Cecil, the former of whom is married and has a son, Glenn; Andrew J., a general workman, who resides with his mother

and is the father of two children,—Wilbur and Lora; and Henry Allen, who is now in business as a shipping clerk in Chicago, is married and has four children,—William, Marceline, Ross and Pauline.

Mr. and Mrs. Larrew were the parents of four children, as follows: William C., who is successfully engaged in business at Knox as the proprietor of a leading department store, married Jessie Smith, and has two children,—Charles who is married and has a daughter, Katherine; and Gertrude, who is single; Addie L., who was first married to Charles Hart and had two children,—George B. and Malia J., the latter married and a well-known violinist, and Mrs. Hart was married to David Connell of Kokomo, Indiana, where they now reside; Alonzo Everett, who died at the age of one year, and another who died unnamed.

Mrs. Larrew still survives and is one of the best known and most highly esteemed ladies of Knox, where she still resides in the old home, one of the landmarks of this attractive city. She has done much for charity, in a private way, and for many years has been connected with the Free Methodist Church, of which she is now a member.

WILLIAM HENRY EMIGH. Of the men whose ability, industry and forethought have added to the character, wealth and progress of that well-known and beautiful summer resort, Bass Lake, Indiana, none stand higher than William H. Emigh. Mr. Emigh is a hotel man, not only by training and broad experience, but by temperament and preference, and the manner in which he has conducted the Best View Hotel has done much to add to the popularity of the community in which this hostelry is located. A man of sterling worth of character, he is a worthy representative of an honored family which originated in Germany and was founded in the United States by the great-grandfather of Mr. Emigh, who emigrated to this country a century and a quarter ago and settled in Pennsylvania, where during the remainder of a long and active career he was engaged in the peaceful pursuits of the husbandman. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and were well known and highly respected people of their day and community.

The grandparents of William H. Emigh were Frederick and Katherine Emigh, both of whom were born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, where they passed their entire lives. They were reared in rural communities and throughout their careers were identified with agricultural matters, accumulating handsome competencies as a result of many years of hard and industrious labor. The mother reached the age of eighty-two years, Frederick Emigh having passed away several years before. They were known as honest, industrious and God-fearing people, were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Emigh was a democrat in his political views. Of their four sons and three daughters, all grew to man and womanhood, all were married, and all are now deceased with the exception of Eva, who is the widow of Rynard Rhodes, lives at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and is eighty-seven years of age, she having been the youngest of the children. Of these seven children, Christian, the father of William H. Emigh, was the eldest. He was born in



BEST VIEW HOTEL, BASS LAKE; WILLIAM HENRY EMIGH, PROPRIETOR

1820 and grew up in Pennsylvania, principally in Cambria County, where he became the owner of a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits. In addition to his operations as a farmer, he was the owner of a sawmill and also followed the trade of blacksmith, being, all in all, a remarkably industrious and versatile man. His land was later discovered to cover a valuable coal field, and is now used for mining.

In 1849, in company with a friend, one Daniel Murphy, Mr. Emigh crossed the plains to California in search of gold, and upon arriving at Salt Lake City secured a yoke of oxen and a pair of cows, which he drove on before him to the goal of the "forty-niners." Arriving at his destination, he discovered that his services were greatly in demand as a mill man, and accordingly he accepted a position as such and was given excellent wages. Returning by way of the Isthmus, Mr. Emigh again took up his residence at his former location in Cambria, where he continued to successfully operate his sawmill until 1867, and at that time came with his family to Indiana and settled in Washington Township, Starke County. This was at that time practically new country, almost wholly uncultivated, with pioneer conditions existing all around. The first home of the Emighs was a hewed log cabin, but as the years passed and Mr. Emigh was able to put his 160-acre farm under cultivation this was replaced by a good frame house, and barns and outbuildings improved the appearance and value of the property. There Mr. Emigh passed the balance of his life, in earnest and steadfast endeavor, and died in 1907. One of his community's best known men, he served for eighteen years in the capacity of justice of the peace of his township, and was an influential factor in republican politics at all times. Widely known, his friendships were numerous, and his death was sincerely mourned by many of the residents of this county.

Mr. Emigh was married in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary Paul, who was born in that county, and there grew to womanhood. She died several years ago, at Knox, having attained the remarkable age of ninety-two years. A woman of many excellencies of mind and heart, Mrs. Emigh, like her husband, was much beloved. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Of their six sons and seven daughters, one son died in young manhood, while all the rest grew to maturity and were married, and three sons and two daughters are still living, all having families.

William Henry Emigh was born in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1861, and was still a child when brought to Starke County, Indiana, by his parents. He grew to manhood in Washington Township, dividing his youth and boyhood between attendance at the district schools and work on the home farm. Mr. Emigh followed the vocation of agriculturist until 1901, in which year he came to Bass Lake and purchased five acres of land on the north bank of this beautiful body of water, where in 1905 he erected the Best View Hotel. This he has conducted to the present time, with a gratifying measure of success, the house now having the reputation of being one of the largest and best hotels on the lake, with twenty-five rooms, a large dining room which seats 100 guests, and the

latest and best improvements and conveniences, of every character. In the management of this hostelry Mr. Emigh and his family endeavor in every way to satisfy the wishes of their guests, and it is the homelike character of the comforts and cuisine that attract so many to this house, which is constantly growing in popularity.

Mr. Emigh has been prominent in public affairs, having served six years as county commissioner and being the present candidate of the republican party for the office of treasurer of Starke County. His public service has been characterized by conscientious devotion to duty, and at all times he has endeavored to cooperate with other stirring and public-spirited citizens in the attainment of a fuller measure of prosperity and progress. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, in which society he has numerous friends.

Mr. Emigh was married at Knox, Indiana, February 26, 1886, to Miss Mary Reish, who was born in Darke County, Ohio, June 26, 1862, and was reared and educated there and in the City of Knox, to which she came as a child of twelve years. She has been a great help to her husband in his struggles for success, and has done much to increase the hotel's prosperity. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Emigh; Edith C., a graduate of the Technical College, Indianapolis, where she took a special course for librarian, was for five years assistant in the library at Illinois University, Champaign. On January 12, 1915, she married Paul Gordon Burt, an architect, and their residence is Oak Park, in the City of Chicago. Hazel Lenore, who is a student at Oxford (Ohio) College, class of 1915, assists her mother at the hotel in the summer months. Both daughters are active workers and members of the Christian Science Church, and Edith C., having been second reader in the Church at Champaign.

DANIEL FOLTZ. It was the fortune of the late Daniel Foltz to begin his career in Starke County, in 1869, as the owner of five acres of land at Knox, which was then but a small hamlet, and to cease his activities four years before his death as one of the most substantial citizens of his community. It is doubtful if so wide a divergence appeared upon the speculative horizon of the young man, who, having been born December 20, 1834, at Altensteig, Province of Wurttemberg, Germany, was thus humbly, but honestly, adjusting himself to a life of industry in a practically new community. He had, however, much to assist him in fundamental requisites of good citizenship, for he had received a good training, and was of excellent birth, a member of an old and honored German family and the son of George and Christina Foltz, who passed their lives in the Fatherland, where the father passed away some years before the mother, the latter being nearly eighty years old at the time of her demise.

Daniel Foltz grew up at his native place and there received his education in the public schools, succeeding which he learned the trade of stone mason under the preceptorship of his father. He chose as his life partner Barbara Hoffman, who was born at Altensteig, February 14,

1834, a daughter of German people who belonged to an old family there, and who died when not much past middle life, the father being a shoemaker. Mr. Foltz and his sweetheart went to France and were married in the City of Paris, May 6, 1857, immediately succeeding which they started for the United States. After a stormy voyage of forty-three days, during which the sailing vessel was nearly capsized and the food and water supplies were exhausted, port was finally made at New York, and in that city the young couple resided for one year. In 1858 they made their way to Logansport, Indiana, in which city Mr. Foltz worked a part of the time at his trade and in the stone quarries, while he also had some experience as a farmer on a tract of land in Cass County, and thus continued to be engaged for a period of twelve years. In 1869 he came to Knox, having received glowing reports of the agricultural opportunities to be found in Starke County. During the year of his arrival Mr. Foltz purchased five acres in the little hamlet, on Main Street, now near the heart of the city and the present site of the Free Methodist Church. This is now one of the best developed residence sections of Knox, but at that time contained only one log cabin, and in this Mr. Foltz and his family resided for a year. Subsequently he bought a tract of land of 42½ acres, 2½ miles southwest of Knox, in Center Township, and there settled down to carry on agricultural pursuits, and from time to time adding to his holdings until he had increased his first purchase by 100 acres. When he first located on this land his capital was small and he was forced to be content with a small log cabin as a residence, but this was later replaced by a comfortable white frame house of nine rooms, in which he continued to make his home until within four years of his death, when he retired to Knox and there lived quietly during the remainder of his life, his death occurring January 11, 1912. Mr. Foltz was an industrious and energetic agriculturist, and at all times kept himself fully abreast of the numerous changes which the years brought in the science of farming. He was always ready to adopt new methods, had the capacity for recognizing opportunities, and could always be depended upon to carry them through to a successful conclusion. His land was made attractive by the residence before mentioned, a large red barn and outbuildings of a substantial character, and his good management and industry were made evident by the handsome appearance and good repair of his machinery and equipment of every kind. While he was acknowledged to be a shrewd and far-seeing business man, always watchful of his own interests, the manner in which he conducted his transactions with his fellow-men left no doubt as to his strict integrity. Having succeeded himself, he was ever ready to assist others in their struggles for position and independence. A stalwart democrat, he supported his party's candidates vigorously, but did not care for personal preferment. Beneficial movements for his community could depend absolutely upon his cooperation and contributions. Both he and his wife became members of the Free Methodist Church, in which Mr. Foltz served for many years as trustee, steward and class leader, and as a teacher in the Sunday school.

To Mr. and Mrs. Foltz there were born eleven children, as follows: one who died in infancy; Joan, who became the wife of Joseph M. Kriss, of Winamac, Indiana, and has three children,—Hattie who married Willard R. Lowe and has two children, Clara who is single, and Otto Kriss who is married and lives at North Judson; John, a successful farmer of Center Township, Starke County, who married Miss Jennie Lockridge and has two children,—Edward and Bessie, both residing at home; Daniel, also a successful farmer, who married at Hamlet, Indiana, Miss Ella Smith, and has five children,—Ollie, Fred, Mabel, Harry and Gertrude; Louisa, who was well educated in the public schools, is single and living with her sister, Tena; Christena (“Tena”) A.; William M., her twin, living on the old homestead in Center Township, who married Clara Harmon, and has four children,—John, Vance, Wilbert and Clarice, all at home; Eliza, who is the wife of Dwight Hepner, a railroad brakeman of Hammond, Indiana, and has one son,—Norton; Barbara, who is the wife of Alonzo Miller, a farmer in the vicinity of North Judson, Indiana; Mary, formerly a teacher and later the wife of William Giles, of Knox, died at the birth of her last child, when she was thirty-two years old, leaving three children,—Laredo, who lives with her Aunt Tena, and Barbara and James, who live with their other aunts; and Amanda, who is single.

Miss Christena A. Foltz, affectionately known as “Tena,” is the oldest educator in Starke County in point of service. She began teaching after securing a good education in the schools of Knox, and was given her first school in 1885, since which time she has been continuously devoted to her chosen work. Perhaps no other teacher in the county has gained such widespread and sincere popularity. She has lived to teach three generations, and the work she has accomplished is of a character that is one of the greatest forces in the upbuilding and advancement of a community. She has never ceased to be a student herself, and in 1910 took a post-graduate course at Valparaiso. Miss Foltz was reared in the faith of the Free Methodist Church and there has been an active worker and for a number of years a teacher in the Sunday school. She has also contributed to the upbuilding of the town by the purchase of a handsome eleven-room residence, bought by her in 1908, at the corner of Pearl and Johns streets, where she and her sister, Louisa, make their home. Her sisters, Joan, Mary and Amanda are also members of the Free Methodist Church.

THEOPHILUS J. MEYERS. For many years Mr. Meyers has been regarded as one of the most successful agriculturists of Starke County, with a fine farm in section 2 of Center Township, his postoffice being at Hamlet. Farming, however, is the occupation of his later years, and a source of enjoyment as well as profit. Mr. Meyers was for a number of years one of the most expert iron and steel workers in the country, and gave his services and laid the basis for his prosperity in the steel mills about Chicago and also in the East.

Theophilus J. Meyers was born in Dantzic, Germany, April 25, 1861,

His parents, Antone and Josephine (Meyers) Meyers, who bore the same name but were not relatives, were natives of the same country and lived and died near the City of Dantzic as substantial farming people. The father died at the age of fifty-four and the mother at sixty-three. They were Catholics in religion, and had a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, four sons and two daughters growing to maturity. There are four still living. The two sisters live in Germany. Theophilus Meyers has a brother Anton who is a farmer at Morton Grove northwest of Chicago, and has a family of three sons and three daughters.

The fifth child, Theophilus J. Meyers, grew up and was educated in Germany, and received some technical training there. At the age of eighteen, in 1880, he embarked on a vessel at Bremen, the steamer Hapsburg, and went by way of Southampton, England, landing in Castle Garden, New York, in May, 1880. Coming west to Chicago in the fall of the same year, Mr. Meyers began his career as an American in the North Chicago Rolling Mills. During the two years spent there his proficiency brought him advancement, and on account of his skill he was promoted to another place in the Illinois Steel Company at South Chicago and assigned to the finishing department. In a few years he was credited with being the highest paid man in his department, his wages running as high as \$200 per month. For fifteen years Mr. Meyers gave that company his best service. In the meantime he had bought 120 acres of land in Center Township of Starke County, and in 1900 moved his home to the farm, though his career as an agriculturist was interrupted by further service in his business as an iron and steel worker. At Youngstown, Ohio, he was employed in the steel works a year, and after another interval of quiet industry on his farm was called to the Lackawanna Steel Works at Buffalo, New York, and was with that company nearly three years. In December, 1910, Mr. Meyers returned to the Starke County homestead and has since devoted all his time and attention to its operation. Under his management his land has been thoroughly drained, and has grown many successive and large crops of corn, wheat and oats, and he has some excellent stock on his place.

Mr. Meyers was married in Chicago twenty-eight years ago to Catherine McDonnel, a native of that city, and a daughter of Francis McDonnel, a puddler in the steel mills. Mr. McDonnel was born in Ireland, and married in this country Margaret Iveress, who was born of Irish parents. Mr. McDonnel and his wife died in Chicago, he about forty and she past forty-nine years of age. They were Catholics. Mrs. Meyers died at her home in Center Township, July 12, 1908, at the age of thirty-seven years and eight months. She became the mother of ten children, and died with her last child at its birth. The living children are: Frank, unmarried, and Joseph, who conducts a garage at Knox, married Grace Reynolds, daughter of Robert Reynolds of Starke County; Margaret, aged twenty-two; Theo, aged eighteen; James, aged thirteen; William, aged eleven; and Edward, aged nine, all the younger children

living at home. Mr. Meyers with his family worships in the Knox Catholic Church, and he and his sons are democratic voters.

WILLIAM S. PULVER. One of the young men of progressive enterprise whose energies are contributed to the welfare of the community as well as to the accumulation of a goodly share of material prosperity is William S. Pulver, who has one of the largest and best equipped farms in Starke County, located at Brems, in section 6 of Center Township. He partly owns and manages an estate of 335 acres. He carries on the solid industry which in Indiana brings good crops, and is considered the leading business man of the little community of Brems. Mr. Pulver owns the elevator at Brems, with a capacity of 12,000 bushels, and has a large trade in grain and coal. On his farm is a fine stock, grain and hay barn built in 1912. The Pulver family have owned this land since 1901, and it was purchased by Mr. Pulver's father. William S. Pulver has operated the land for the past five years.

He was born near Paw Paw in Lee County, Illinois, May 29, 1881, and grew up and was educated in that vicinity, and trained for business by a course at Dixon, Illinois, in a business college. His parents were William J. and Mary E. (Sherwood) Pulver. His father was a native of New York and his mother of Lee County, Illinois, where they were married and took up life as farmers in Wyoming Township near Paw Paw. William J. Pulver exhibited a great deal of practical judgment and enterprise, prospered as a farmer, and owned a large amount of property outside of his homestead. He died at Paw Paw, August 29, 1913, having lived retired for the last twelve years. His widow is still living in Paw Paw at the age of sixty, and is a member of the Methodist Church. William J. Pulver was a prohibitionist in politics.

William S. Pulver is the third in a family of three sons and four daughters. In Marshall County, Indiana, in November, 1908, he married Miss Myrtle M. Cooper who was born in that county and acquired her education there. Her parents were William and Rosa (Sult) Cooper, who now make their home in Wexford County, Michigan, on a farm. Her mother is a member of the United Brethern Church. Her father is a republican. Mr. Pulver and wife have one son: William Franklin, born March 1, 1911. Their church home is the Methodist at Knox, and Mr. Pulver votes with the republican party.

NATHAN REBSTOCK. Few residents of the country community in Starke County have more thoroughly deserved the esteem and high standing among fellow citizens than Mr. Rebstock, whose home has been in this county since childhood. His years were still those of boyhood when he first took a hand in the practical affairs of life, and with little education and relying almost entirely on his native ability and industry he has prospered as few other residents in his section have, and now enjoys not only a comfortable competence, an excellent home, but has been honored by his fellow citizens with positions of trust and responsibility, and his name appears among those patriotic young men who went

out from Starke County during the early '60s and fought for the Union. Mr. Rebstock's home is on section 4 of Center Township.

Nathan Rebstock has lived in Starke County since 1852, first in Wayne Township and since 1856 in Center Township. In 1870 he bought the 280 acres lying in Center and Davis townships which comprise his present estate. When he acquired the land it was in a wild condition, and the improvement which more than anything else has made it productive and valuable was the construction by dredging of two open ditches which afford excellent drainage. The house and barns are commodious and well adapted for their purpose, and Mr. Rebstock now enjoys the fruit of an orchard planted by himself. His crops are corn, wheat, oats, potatoes and other staples, and he has for many years kept good horses, cattle and hogs.

Nathan Rebstock was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, March 11, 1844. When eight years of age, he was brought to Starke County, and here spent the remaining days of his youth, and had his education in the local schools. At the first call for three-year men, Mr. Rebstock enlisted from Starke County on December 6, 1861, in Company D of the Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry. His command went to Louisville, was assigned to the great armies battling for the possession of the Cumberland and Mississippi River Valley, and his first important engagement was at Shiloh in April, 1862. At the close of the same year he fought at Stone River under General McCook. In that terrific battle he went through without a scratch, but later in the year at Chickamauga was shot through the right leg, a wound that confined him in the hospital until his honorable discharge on May 14, 1864.

With this fine record as a soldier Mr. Rebstock returned home to Center Township, and has since been steadily going ahead as a farmer, business man and citizen. In 1865 Mr. Rebstock married Miss Nancy Stewart, who was born in Harrison County, Ohio, January 31, 1846, and came to Starke County with her parents James and Elizabeth (Palmer) Stewart. They settled in Wayne Township, and her father improved a farm out of wild land. Later her parents moved out to Kansas in 1870 and died in Harvey County of that state when about seventy years of age. They were members of the Christian Church, and her father was a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Rebstock have two living children: Alice is the wife of Joseph Lancaster, a carpenter and contractor at South Bend, Indiana, and they have a daughter, Minnie, who is the wife of William Myers, and the mother of two daughters; Professor Carson Rebstock, the only living son of Mr. Rebstock, is a well known educator and has a sketch elsewhere in this publication. The deceased children are mentioned as follows: Charles, who was married but had no children; Elizabeth, who died after her marriage to Jesse Coffin, leaving children, Cecil, Virgil and Gladys; Della was the wife of Frank Head, a teacher, and left a daughter Ethel; Grace married Inis Hatter, both now deceased, and their children Ralph and Hazel live with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Rebstock are Wesleyan Church people. Mr. Rebstock is a demo-

erat, and for four years served as township trustee of Center Township. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias at Knox.

WILLIAM F. McINTIRE. Shrewd business ability, capacity for persevering labor, appreciation of the many advantages of his vocation, and belief in his own power to achieve success have combined to place William F. McIntire in a position where he may be justly accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of Starke County. He has been a resident of Indiana since he was two years old, and during the past twelve years has lived in Starke County, where he is now the owner of a valuable farm of 160 acres in section 3, Center Township. His citizenship has been such as to win for him his fellow-citizens' respect and good will, and, all in all, his career has been a highly successful and satisfactory one.

Mr. McIntire was born at South Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, March 24, 1873, and is a son of Joseph and Johanna (Randahn) McIntire, the former born in Ohio, and the latter in the City of Berlin, Germany. Mrs. McIntire was a small child when she accompanied her parents to the United States, the family settling in Chicago, where her father, Frederick Randahn, conducted a hotel for farmers. The great Chicago fire of 1871 caused Mr. Randahn to lose all his possessions, and he was compelled to begin life anew on a farm in the vicinity of Blue Island, Illinois. This he sold and bought another property near Highland, Indiana, but disposed of this tract to buy a hotel at Hobart, Indiana, which he conducted for a short time. Later he gave up the hotel business and returned to the Highland farm, and there passed the remaining years of his life in tilling the soil, both he and his wife passing away there when about eighty years of age.

Joseph McIntire grew up in his native Buckeye State, and as a young man went to Chicago, where he met and married Miss Randahn, who at that time was living at the old farmers' hotel. Subsequently they went to Hobart, Indiana, with the Randahns and there Mr. McIntire conducted the Hobart House, a hotel, but sold out to enter agriculture, securing a farm near Hobart. After a number of years of active and successful farming, Mr. McIntire retired to his home at Hobart, where he and Mrs. McIntire are now spending the evening of their lives in comfortable retirement, being seventy and sixty-five years of age, respectively. Mr. McIntire is a republican. He has professed no religion, but is a Christian man and has given his share to religious and charitable movements. Of the three sons and six daughters of Joseph and Johanna McIntire, all but one have married and are the heads of families, and William F. is the only one residing in Starke County.

William F. McIntire was two years of age when he accompanied his parents to Indiana, and his education was that to be secured in the country schools. Reared amid agricultural surroundings, when he reached his majority he adopted farming as his life work, and in this he has continued to be engaged. His advent in Starke County occurred

in 1902 and for several years he was engaged in farming in California, Jackson and Davis townships, but finally settled in Center Township, which he has since had good cause to believe contains the best kind of soil for his purposes. His present property is a valuable farm of 160 acres, black sand soil of the best kind, on which there is not an acre of waste land. This he devotes to general farming, successfully raising all the cereals and staples, as well as breeding a high grade of livestock. The land is well drained by two large dredge ditches, and all of the improvements are of the most modern character, including up-to-date power machinery and the most approved equipment. His home is a remodeled and commodious farmhouse, presenting an attractive appearance in its coat of white paint, in addition to which he has a large grain barn and various other buildings which are of substantial character. That Mr. McIntire is a skilled and progressive farmer is shown by the large average per acre of his crops, and his business ability is vouched for by those with whom he has had dealings, who will also testify to his strict integrity.

Mr. McIntire was married at Hobart, Indiana, June 17, 1896, to Miss Atta Liston, who was born at Piper City, Illinois, January 18, 1878, and who spent several years of her early life in the West. Her father, James Liston, was born in Scotland and came to the United States as a child, his parents locating in Illinois, where practically all of his life has been spent. He is now retired from active affairs, and is past sixty years of age. Mr. Liston spent his active years in agricultural pursuits, gained success through industry and perseverance, and has always been highly esteemed by those among whom he has labored. He married Elizabeth Patterson, who was born and reared in Illinois, but who was the daughter of sturdy people of the Pennsylvania-Dutch community of the Keystone State. She died when Mrs. McIntire was four years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. McIntire there have been born two children, namely: William F., who was born April 1, 1898, graduated from the graded schools before reaching his fourteenth birthday, and is now at home, a valued assistant to his father; and Frederick James, born February 11, 1900, who is a student in the graded schools. Mr. McIntire is a republican in his political faith, but it would seem that his time and energies have been monopolized by his agricultural interests, so that he has had little to do with political matters. He has, however, allied himself to every movement that has promised the advancement of his locality in any way, and has always proven himself a staunch friend of education and good citizenship. His numerous friends throughout this part of the county indicate his general popularity. In Mr. McIntire's struggles toward independence and substantial position, he has been aided ably by his wife, who is a woman of good judgment and capacity, and who, like her husband, has numerous friends here.

JOHN WYLIE has been a resident of Starke County since 1903 and was successfully engaged in the restaurant business in the City

of Knox until March, 1914, when he retired to his attractive little homestead in section 15, Center Township, in the immediate vicinity of Knox, where he has since given his attention to market gardening, in which he finds both pleasure and profit, though he is nominally retired from active business. His career has been marked by earnest endeavor and in the land of his adoption he now finds his lines cast in pleasant places, with a home in which peace and prosperity find marked exemplification. He has won a host of friends within the years of his residence in Starke County and is a citizen well worthy of recognition in this publication.

A scion of a staunch old family of Ulster, Ireland, and one that has ever retained the Protestant faith of the more remote Scottish forebears, Mr. Wylie himself claims the fair Emerald Isle as the place of his nativity, both his parents and their parents having there passed their entire lives in County Down. Mr. Wylie was born at Groomsport, County Down, on the 18th of May, 1860, and is a son of William and Ann (Dawson) Wylie, who continued their residence in that county until the close of their lives, as previously noted. William Wylie was a tailor by trade and followed this as a vocation for many years. As a youth he served ten years in the British army, and six years of this period he passed in South Africa, where he participated in many encounters with the natives, especially the Kaffirs, and on a number of occasions narrowly missed death at the hands of the natives, who still depended upon their original, crude, but effective weapons. After his return to Ireland he continued to be engaged in the work of his trade, on a modest scale, until he was well advanced in years, and he was about eighty-four years of age at the time of his death, his wife having survived him by about two years and likewise having been of venerable age when she was summoned to the life eternal. Both were earnest members of the Episcopal Church and they lived righteous, upright and kindly lives, with no desire or opportunity for aught of ostentation. They became the parents of four sons and one daughter, of whom James, the eldest, still resides in County Down. He has reared a family of children and he and his wife are in fairly prosperous circumstances. Jane, who is the wife of Joseph Simpson, still maintains her home in her native county. She has no children. William recently immigrated to the United States, and is now a resident of Chicago. He has two sons and three daughters. Samuel is now a resident of the City of Chicago, is married and has one daughter.

John Wylie, the third child, was reared to maturity in his native place, where he was afforded the advantages of the common schools, and at the age of twenty-one years, in 1882, he severed the home ties and came to the United States. At Liverpool he embarked on the steamship "Palmyra," and upon reaching the shores of his adopted land he disembarked in the City of Boston. Within a short time thereafter he went to Buena Vista County, Iowa, where he devoted the ensuing ten years to agricultural pursuits. He then disposed of his interests in the Hawkeye State and for the following eight years he was in the

employ of Sidney Wanzer, the well-known dairyman of Chicago, where the extensive business is now conducted under the firm name of Sidney Wanzer & Sons.

In April, 1903, Mr. Wylie came to Starke County and established his residence at Knox. Here he purchased the Davis restaurant business, established in quarters near the Nickel Plate Railroad station, and two years later he purchased the building in which the business was conducted. He was very successful in this line of enterprise, to which he continued to devote his attention until the spring of 1914, when he sold the business and established his home on his fine little homestead of about six acres, in section 15, Center Township, where he finds ample demands upon his time and attention in the successful propagation of vegetables of various kinds, the products finding ready demand in the local markets. In politics Mr. Wylie is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party, and both he and his wife, as well as their only child, hold membership in the Methodist Church.

While on a visit to Ireland, July 14, 1892, Mr. Wylie was there married, in his native county, to Miss Mary E. Mearns, who was born and reared in County Antrim, Ireland, the date of her nativity having been September 29, 1863. One of her sisters is the wife of William Wylie, brother of the subject of this review, and she has also one brother Samuel, now a resident of the City of Chicago. She also has a sister married to Harry McManus, a resident of Cape Town, South Africa, and a machinist. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie have one son, John Ernest, who was born in Chicago, on the 24th of January, 1901, and who is now a student in the high school at Knox, Center Township. Their pretty homestead is known as Cottage Home.

GEORGE E. PETTIS. Elected sheriff of his native county in 1912 and assuming his official responsibilities on the 1st of January, 1913, Mr. Pettis is giving an administration that fully justifies the popular choice and is one of the popular citizens and able officials of Starke County.

Sheriff Pettis was born on a farm in North Bend Township, this county, on the 29th of March, 1872, and is a son of John and Nancy (Fetters) Pettis, who were born and reared in Marshall County, this state, where their marriage was solemnized and where they were representatives of well known pioneer families. In the late '60s John Pettis removed with his family to Starke County and purchased a farm in North Bend Township. He developed this into one of the fine farms of the county, made substantial improvements of a permanent order and became one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of his township, where he held secure place in popular esteem. He was a citizen of unassuming worth of character and ordered his life righteously in all of its relations. He continued to reside on his homestead until his death, in January, 1896, at the age of forty-eight years, and his widow survived him by more than a decade, she having passed to the life eternal in April, 1909, at the age of fifty-eight years. She

was a woman of gentle and noble character, was reared in the faith of the Dunkard Church but for a number of years prior to her death was a zealous member of the United Brethren Church. Of the children the eldest is Carrie, who was born on the old homestead in North Bend Township, a property now owned by her husband and herself, who there reside; she is the wife of George W. Grove, Jr., and they have four children, Myrtle, Harold, Iva and Wayne; the present sheriff of Starke County was the second child; and Lewis was about twenty-two years of age at the time of his death in October, 1906.

George E. Pettis was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and acquired his early education in the public schools of his native township. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until shortly before attaining to his legal majority and then went to the City of South Bend, where he served an apprenticeship at the barber's trade, which he continued to follow for some time as a vocation. Thereafter he was identified with various other occupations until 1901, when he purchased a barber shop at Knox, the judicial center of his native county, and where he has since continued in the ownership of a half interest in the establishment, located under Green's drug store on Main Street. It is one of the best in this attractive little city and here he has applied himself in a personal way until his election to his present responsible office—a preferment that indicates his strong hold upon popular confidence and esteem. In 1910 he was elected treasurer of the Town of Knox, and he retained this position until January, 1913, when he resigned the office to take the office of county sheriff. In each of his elections to the position of town treasurer he ran ahead of his party ticket, a fact that showed his personal popularity in his home county. He was reelected sheriff in the autumn of 1914 and is now serving his second term. He is unflinching in his allegiance to the democratic party, as was also his father, and he was a delegate to the state democratic convention of 1914. He is affiliated with Knox Lodge, No. 639, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and both he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church in their home city, Mrs. Pettis being an active member of the same.

In 1898 Mr. Pettis wedded Miss Rena M. Hisey, who was born in Ohio and who is the youngest but one in a family of three sons and four daughters. She is a daughter of Henry C. and Hope Hisey and was young at the time of her parents' removal to Starke County, her father becoming a successful farmer in Washington Township, where he continued to reside until his death at the National Soldiers' Home at Marion, Indiana, his widow having died in the prime of life when her daughter, Mrs. Pettis, was young. Mr. Hisey served as a valiant soldier in an Illinois regiment during the Civil war, was a democrat in his political allegiance, and was a zealous member of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Pettis have four children: Gladys Jessie, who completed her education in 1914 at the Knox High School; Lucretia Marie, a student in the high school; Gerald Edward, in the seventh grade of the public schools in 1915; and Iris M.

KNUTE L. LAWRENCE. The wonderful development of the automobile and its kindred interests during the past few years has created a profession almost totally unknown but several decades ago. The men who are connected with this industry in various ways have learned their vocation for the most part in the workshop, in daily contact with the labor which they have had to do, working out the problems which their employment has brought in the school of experience. One of the most important branches of this great industry, is that which has to do with the repair and upkeep of machines, and it is with this connection that Knute L. Lawrence is known as one of the successful business men of Knox, Indiana. Coming to this city in 1907, Mr. Lawrence established himself in business as the proprietor of a general blacksmith and machine shop, and to this was added in 1913 a garage and automobile repair shop. Since the latter time the business has grown by leaps and bounds, and Mr. Lawrence has become one of the substantial, as he is certainly one of the most progressive, of the younger generation of business men here.

Knute L. Lawrence was born May 12, 1881, near Kalmar, Sweden, and is a member of an old and honorable family of that country whose members have for generations been agriculturists in the same locality, the homestead of 300 acres having been the abiding place of the family for 200 years and now the property of Mr. Lawrence's brother. Mr. Lawrence's father is Lawrence Gustaveson, who is now about eighty years of age and living retired from active pursuits on the old home, where for many years he carried on operations as a successful tiller of the soil. He has been a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, and to that faith also belonged the mother, who died about 1902, when fifty-four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Gustaveson had a large family of children, of whom five came to the United States, as follows: Victor, who is a carpenter and skilled mechanic and resides at Chicago; Martin, who is a plasterer and also resides in the Illinois metropolis; Selma, who is a resident of the State of Wisconsin; Anna, whose home is in the State of Washington; and Knute L., of this review. All the children are married, and all with the exception of Anna have one or more children.

Knute L. Lawrence grew up in his native Province of Smoland, Sweden, and there received good educational advantages and was brought up in his youth as a farmer. However, he exhibited a natural inclination for mechanics, and accordingly was given the opportunity to learn the trades of machinist and blacksmith, which he mastered. He was but nineteen years of age when he listened to the call of opportunity in the United States, and made his way to this country in search of his fortune. Locating at Chicago, Illinois, in 1900, he began working at his trades as a journeyman, and during the six or seven years that followed was employed at various places, in the meantime thoroughly familiarizing himself with the customs, language and business methods of his adopted land, and looking over each community which he visited with an idea of permanent settlement. In 1907, having decided upon

the flourishing and ambitious City of Knox as a good field for the exhibition of his abilities, Mr. Lawrence here purchased the shops of George Hollingsworth on Heaton Street, and from that time to the present his enterprise has been a marked success. At first he confined his activities to general blacksmith and machine work, but in 1913, recognizing the rapidly growing field created by the automobile industry, he built his brick and iron automobile garage on Heaton Street, a substantial and well situated structure 30 by 66 feet. Here he "boards" cars and handles some machines for commercial purposes, and also has a complete and well-equipped shop for doing all kinds of automobile repair work as well as blacksmithing. At the time of his branching out, Mr. Lawrence found himself in need of larger capital, in order to secure which he admitted to partnership Charles V. Anderson, and since that time the business has been conducted under the firm style of Lawrence & Anderson. The latter is a live, energetic man, and although a resident of Chicago gives much of his attention to the business at Knox.

While a resident of Chicago, Mr. Lawrence was united in marriage with Miss Nannie M. Peterson, who was born in the southern part of Sweden in 1879. She grew up and was educated in her native land, and as a young woman of nineteen years made the trip to the United States alone and settled in Chicago, where she met and married Mr. Lawrence. They have been the parents of two sons: Herbert Leonard, who was born October 28, 1909; and Elmer, born January 31, 1914.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence were both brought up in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and have continued to be identified with that denomination and are active in their support of the movements of the church at Knox. In his political views Mr. Lawrence has been a stalwart supporter of the candidates and policies of the republican party, but has been too busily engrossed in building up a business to think of entering the arena as a candidate for public honors. He is, however, a public-spirited citizen, and is at all times ready to contribute of his time and services in advancing movements for the general welfare. He has shown some interest in fraternal work, and at this time is a member of Lodge No. 824, F. & A. M., Downer's Grove, Illinois, and of Knox Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Lawrence's business success is but another illustration of the rewards which may be gained through industry, integrity and the intelligent following out of a worthy purpose. He had no particular or unusual advantages at the outset of his career, but his abilities have been so managed and his activities so directed that he has won a substantial material position as well as a place in the confidence of those among whom he has labored.

EDWARD H. TAYLOR. Identified with a line of enterprise that has specially important bearing upon civic and material stability and prosperity of the community, Mr. Taylor holds the responsible position of general manager of the Starke County Title Abstract & Guarantee

Company, at Knox, the judicial center of the county, the facilities and service of this company being authoritative and therefore specially valuable in connection with all real estate transactions in the county. Mr. Taylor was one of the organizers of this company, which was incorporated in 1907, and has been a dominating force in the development of its fine system of records and service, as he has had full executive charge of the business since 1910. In the incorporation of the company he was associated with Messrs. Fletcher and Ellingson, the latter of whom is now a resident of Portland, Oregon. Prior to forming his present alliance Mr. Taylor had been associated with the private abstract office conducted at Knox by Herbert R. Koffer, and thus he gained broad and accurate knowledge of the details of the business and of realty values in Starke County. The Starke County Title Abstract & Guarantee Company is definitely accredited with having the most complete and authoritative abstract and title records in the state and its operations are based on a capital stock of \$25,000. The company now has the only abstract office in the county and its record has been one of the highest order in every respect.

Edward H. Taylor was born on a farm near Frankton, Madison County, Indiana, on the 2d of February, 1880, and after duly availing himself of the advantages of the public schools he completed a course in Valparaiso University. In October, 1901, he established his residence at Knox, where he assumed a clerical position in the Koffer abstract office, with which he continued to be identified until he became associated with the company of which he is now general manager. He is a young man of energy, enterprise and public spirit, is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democratic party, has served two terms as town trustee and one term as a member of the school board, and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, the while both he and his wife are popular factors in the social activities of their home city.

Mr. Taylor is a son of William and Hannah (Hall) Taylor, the former of whom was born in Madison County, this state, in 1855, and the latter of whom was born at Freeport, Illinois, in 1857, she having been a young woman at the time of her parents' removal to Madison County, Indiana, where they passed the remainder of their lives, the father, Lyman Hall, having been a substantial farmer of that county. William Taylor is a son of John and Elizabeth (Meade) Taylor, who were born and reared in Virginia, where their marriage was solemnized and whence they came in the pioneer days to Madison County, Indiana, where they continued to reside until their death, John Taylor having developed one of the valuable farms of that county and having been more than sixty years of age at the time of his death, his wife attaining to the venerable age of eighty-four years. They became the parents of five sons and four daughters, all of whom attained to years of maturity, married and reared families, and all of whom are living except two. William Taylor was reared on the old homestead farm and has never withdrawn his association with agricultural activities in his native

county, where he is the owner of a valuable farm, to which he gives a general supervision, though he and his wife now reside in the Village of Frankton. Mr. Taylor is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party and his wife is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of the five children the eldest is Frank, who is a prosperous farmer of Wayne County and who has two sons and two daughters; Edward H., of this review, was the second in order of birth; Lyman C. is a progressive farmer in Madison County and he and his wife have one daughter; Sarah E. is the wife of Isaac L. Totten, of Knox, and they have one daughter; and Martha A. is the wife of Karl Davis, of Honey Creek, Henry County.

In the thriving little City of Knox, on November 23, 1904, was solemnized the marriage of Edward H. Taylor to Miss Norma Hepner, who was here born and reared, the date of her nativity having been March 1, 1884. She is a daughter of Matthias and Louisa (Spor) Hepner, who have been residents of Knox since the '50s. Mr. Hepner was a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and for the past sixteen years has been a mail carrier at Knox. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have two children, Edward H., Jr., born in 1907, and Robert E., born in 1910.

WILLIAM C. BORGMAN. This representative merchant of Knox, the county seat of Starke County, is a native of Indiana and a member of a family that was here founded more than sixty years ago, when his grandfather, William Borgman immigrated with his family to the United States and established his home on a pioneer farm in Dearborn County, Indiana, the maternal ancestors of Mr. Borgman likewise having been early settlers of this state and being of sturdy German stock. He whose name initiates this paragraph was actively identified with agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1914, when he removed from his farm, in California Township, this county, to Knox, where he has since been successfully engaged in the general hardware business, and where he has demonstrated fully that the farmer can turn from agricultural pursuits and prove a progressive, discriminating and able exponent of the mercantile business. His alert mentality and mature judgment have effectually overcome the handicap implied in lack of specific experience in the line of enterprise in which he is now engaged, and he has already acquired broad and exact knowledge of the manifold details of the hardware business.

With a large and well equipped establishment in a most eligible location, Mr. Borgman carries a comprehensive stock of heavy and shelf hardware, stoves, ranges, queensware, glass, paints, oils, varnishes, etc., and his fair and honorable dealings, together with the excellent service given in all departments of the business, have enabled him to gain a substantial and representative patronage, the while he commands the unqualified esteem of all who know him. The business which he now owns was formerly conducted by the firm of Horner & Kreuter, and he has maintained ownership and executive control since April 20, 1914.

Mr. Borgman was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Dearborn County, Indiana, on the 21st of February, 1873, and is a son of F. William and Elizabeth (Hesker) Borgman. His father was born in Germany, the youngest of the sons of William and Caroline (Meinson) Borgman, all of whose children were natives of the German Fatherland. In order to relieve his sons from the necessity of entering the governmental military service of Germany, and prompted also by a desire to give to all of his children the broader opportunities afforded in America, William Borgman immigrated with his family to the United States in 1853, the voyage being made on a sailing vessel that encountered tempests and met with other difficulties, with the result that fourteen weeks elapsed ere it arrived at its destination, in the port of New York City. From the national metropolis William Borgman and his family came forthwith to Indiana, their arrival at Lawrenceburg, county seat of Dearborn County, having occurred on Christmas day of the year 1853, and the family name having been most closely and worthily linked with the civic and industrial affairs of that county during the long intervening years. William Borgman obtained a tract of land near Lawrenceburg, there established his family in a pioneer log cabin, and by industry and good management he reclaimed a productive farm, being assisted in this work by his sturdy sons. His wife, who had been a true companion and helpmeet, died at the age of seventy-three years, and he continued to reside on his old homestead till the close of his life, at the patriarchal age of ninety-four years. He was a democrat in his political proclivities and both he and his wife were zealous members of the Lutheran Church.

F. William Borgman, father of him whose name introduces this article, was, as before noted, eighteen years of age at the time when the family came to the United States, and during the many years that have since elapsed he has continued his residence in Dearborn County, where he is the owner of the old homestead farm of eighty acres that was obtained by his father. He has long been known as one of the substantial farmers and influential citizens of his community, where he is now a venerable and honored pioneer citizen, his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary having been celebrated on the 11th of March, 1915. His life has been one of honest and productive industry, and he has achieved definite independence and prosperity through his long and active association with the great fundamental industry of agriculture. He has also been well known in Dearborn County as a grower of live stock, and as a buyer and shipper of the same. He has been for many years a director of the Farmers' Insurance Company of his county, is a democrat in politics, and clings to the religious faith in which he was reared, that of the Lutheran Church, of which his wife also was a devoted member. It may be noted as a matter of historical interest relative to the pioneer days that not until the latter part of the year 1914 was demolished on the farm of Mr. Borgman the primitive log house that was the original family home and that had stood

for more than sixty years, a landmark of the early days. As a young man F. William Borgman wedded Miss Elizabeth Hesker, of Ripley County. She was born near the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 26th of December, 1847, her parents having been born in Germany and having resided for a number of years in Ohio, whence they came to Ripley County, Indiana, when their daughter Elizabeth was a child. They attained venerable age and continued to reside on their farm in that county until their death. A devoted wife and mother, Mrs. Borgman passed to the life eternal on the 12th of December, 1899, and her memory is revered by her children and children's children. F. William and Elizabeth (Hesker) Borgman became the parents of nine children, two having died in infancy and the subject of this sketch having been the fifth in order of birth. Of the seven now living, all are married except one son, Frederick, who remains with his father on the old homestead.

William C. Borgman was reared to maturity on the ancestral homestead of which mention has been made in preceding paragraphs and there he early learned the value and dignity of honest toil and endeavor, the while he availed himself of the advantages of the schools of the locality and period. In 1907 he purchased a farm in California Township, Starke County, and to the work and management of this property, of which he is still the owner, he continued to devote his attention until his removal to Knox, in the spring of 1914, as already stated in this context. He is liberal and public spirited, gives his allegiance to the democratic party, and he is a communicant of the Lutheran Church. His wife is a communicant of the United Brethren Church.

At the home of the bride's parents, near Havana, Mason County, Illinois, the year 1899 recorded the marriage of W. C. Borgman to Miss Mary C. Bartell, who was born in that county on the 13th of December, 1871, and who was graduated in the high school at Lewistown, that state. Her father, John Bartell, was born in Germany, on the 6th of February, 1842, and was three years old at the time of his parents' immigration to the United States. He was reared on a farm, having been a lad of ten years at the time of the family removal from Pennsylvania to Mason County, Illinois, where he is now the owner of a finely improved landed estate of 575 acres, though he is living retired in Havana, the county seat, where he owns an attractive residence property. In Mason County John Bartell wedded Miss Rebecca Rogers, who was born at Newark, Ohio, on the 8th of May, 1850, and who was an infant at the time of her parents' removal to Mason County, Illinois, where she has continued to reside during the long intervening period. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Roberts) Rogers, both of whom died in Mason County. After the death of Mr. Rogers his widow became the wife of Nathan Bowers, no children having been born of this union. Mr. and Mrs. John Bartell are honored pioneers citizens of Mason County, Illinois, and are zealous members of the Evangelical Church. Of their nine children seven are living. Mr. and Mrs. Borgman have no children.

ISADOR M. DUKES. Few among the business citizens of Starke County have won more deserved success than that which has rewarded the earnest and well-directed efforts of I. M. Dukes, of Knox. He came to the United States as a poor Hungarian emigrant, and his continuous progress to his present substantial standing has been the pure result of personal exertions and worth, as he has never been able to apply the influences of family assistance or inherited wealth to his individual affairs. Fortunately, however, at the outset of his career in America he located in a city where he had many brothers in the unaided struggle for advancement, and where those who had fought their way to a prominent position were quick to recognize merit and manliness. Today Mr. Dukes is a fine type of a thoroughly Americanized citizen of foreign birth and broad education, drawn partly from his native land and partly from the country of his enthusiastic adoption.

I. M. Dukes was born in Hungary, October 15, 1868, and is a son of Morris and Jennie (Striker) Dukes, and a grandson of Morris Dukes, and on both sides of the family comes of old and honorable Hungarian stock, his people being for the most part farmers. The father, who was a successful tiller of the soil, died about 1894, when past seventy years of age, while the mother was seventy-five years old at the time of her death in 1909. They were honest and upright people, consistent members of the state church of Hungary, and the parents of nine children, all of whom remained in their native land with the exception of I. M.

Mr. Dukes was reared and educated in the province of his birth, and being an energetic and ambitious youth had already established himself in a good and paying business when he was drafted for service in the army. Five of his brother had already served as soldiers, and from their accounts of their experiences Mr. Dukes decided that he would rather seek a home in another land than to remain at home and do military service, and he accordingly started for the United States by way of Amsterdam, Holland, where he took passage in the steerage of an ocean steamer. After a voyage of sixteen days he arrived at New York City, and from that city made his way to Chicago, where he knew he would find many of his fellow-countrymen. There he secured a position as a grocer's clerk, at a salary of eight dollars a month, out of which he managed to save seventeen dollars, and with this capital began business on his own account, handling cheese. From the start his native ability and intense energy brought him success, and as the years passed he gradually extended his operations until he became one of the leading cheese brokers of his city. Mr. Dukes came to Knox, Indiana, in 1906, and here his successes have continued as his interests have grown. He began his business life here by the purchase and operation of eighty acres of land in Starke County, and to this he has added until he now has 127 acres in this tract, located near Knox, as well as some valuable property on Bass Lake. In 1911 he established himself in the real estate business, and from that time to the present has engaged actively and successfully in the handling of city realty and

farm properties, and is now the owner of a hotel and restaurant property at Knox, and a handsome home on Heaton Street. He is one of the heaviest stockholders in the Knox Metal Wheel Company, and is at the head of a patent medicine company which manufactures a well-known rheumatism cure, known under the trade name of "Azrikam." In each of his enterprises he has shown his inherent business ability, foresight and judgment, and the success which he has gained is all the more satisfying in that it has come to him entirely through the medium of his own efforts. Mr. Duker is a republican, but has not been an office seeker, although he has taken an active interest in movements which have promised to be of benefit to the city and its people. Fraternally, he is connected with a number of orders, including the Knights of Pythias and the Masons.

Something more than a year after his arrival in Chicago, Mr. Duker was married to Miss Millie Kunz, daughter of a Chicago bank teller, Adolph Kunz, and a sister of the well-known surgeon of that city, Dr. Sylvan Kunz. Mrs. Duker died at the age of thirty years, leaving one son, Adolph, who is eighteen years of age and a resident of Chicago, where he holds a good position with a business house. Mr. Duker was married the second time to Miss Silvia Hirsch, daughter of Max Hirsch, who was for years a prominent salesman of the well-known firm of Franklin McVeagh, and is now well known to the grocery trade of Chicago as a broker. Mrs. Duker was born in Chicago in 1879, and was there reared and educated. She is the mother of one son, William, who is ten months old.

PETER VAN DER WEELE. Sturdy individualism and definite strength have been manifested in the career of this representative business man of Knox, the judicial center of Starke County. To have left the farm as a young man of no experience in commercial or mercantile lines, to have initiated independent enterprise as a merchant and to have built up from a most modest inception such a metropolitan department store as that owned by Mr. Van Der Weele, denotes significantly the courage, energy, self-reliance and integrity of purpose that have been brought to bear. He is now one of the most substantial merchants and most loyal and progressive citizens of his native county, with a record of large and worthy achievement, and he is specially entitled to recognition in this history.

On the homestead farm of his parents, in Washington Township, Starke County, Peter Van Der Weele was born on the 3d of June, 1860, and he is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of this county, as the date of his nativity implies. On both the paternal and maternal sides he is a scion of the staunchest of Holland ancestry, both of his parents having been born in Holland and having been young folk at the time of immigration to the United States. Mr. Van Der Weele is a son of John and Anthonetta (Van Horne) Van Der Weele, the former of whom was born in the year 1816 and the latter in 1824. John Van Der Weele was a native of the City of Amsterdam, Holland,

where he was reared and educated, and where he continued to maintain his home until 1846, when, at the age of about thirty years, he severed the ties that bound him to his native land and set forth to seek his fortunes in America. The sailing vessel on which he took passage exhausted six weeks in making the voyage across the Atlantic, and soon after landing in the New World he made his way to the City of Cleveland, Ohio, where he met and married the devoted wife who continued his companion and helpmeet until the close of his life and who is now living in the City of Knox, at the age of ninety years (1914), she having the distinction of being the oldest person in Starke County. Mrs. Van Der Weele came with her parents from Holland to the United States in 1846, and after their marriage she and her husband continued their residence in Ohio until after the birth of their first child, William, soon after which time, in 1856, they came to Starke County, Indiana, and numbered themselves among the pioneer settlers in Washington Township. There John Van Der Weele purchased 160 acres of wild land, upon which he erected a log house of the type common to the early days, and then essayed the formidable task of reclaiming his land to cultivation. With the passing years he developed one of the fine farms of the county, a man of industrious habits, simple and unassuming worth, and much energy, his influence ever having been benignant and having touched closely the civic and material development of the county that long represented his home and in which he commanded the high regard of all who knew him. As prosperity attended his efforts he added to his landed estate, and to his credit is the development and ownership of four different farms in this county. His death occurred in July, 1874, and his widow has thus survived him by forty years. In 1872 Mr. Van Der Weele had the satisfaction of making a visit to his native land, and the valuable property which he had there inherited he sold at this time for \$20,000, so that he was really in affluent circumstances at the time of his death. John Van Der Weele lived an upright and godly life, was generous and charitable to a fault and ever ready to aid those in affliction and distress, no person in need ever having been turned away empty. He never touched spirituous liquors and was earnest in his advocacy of the cause of temperance, while he was a zealous and liberal member of the Christian Church, as is also his venerable widow, whose gentle and kindly presence has retained to her the affectionate regard of all who have come within the sphere of her influence. In politics Mr. Van Der Weele was a staunch democrat, and as a citizen he was loyal and liberal in the support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the community. Concerning the children the following brief data are given: William, who resides at Burr Oak, Marshall County, wedded Miss Millie Rogers, and they have two sons and two daughters; Peter, of this review, was the next in order of birth; Jacob, who died in Starke County, in 1908, married Miss Eugenia Goff, who now resides in the City of Chicago, with their only daughter, who is now married.

Peter Van Der Weele was reared to adult age on the old homestead

farm and received his early education in the common schools of the locality. He continued his active identification with agricultural pursuits until his ambition led him into a new field of endeavor and into a line of enterprise with which he was totally unfamiliar. His cumulative success from the beginning to the present shows that intimate knowledge of details may be gained without sacrificing in a financial way, though this is not in accord with the axioms of business experience in general. He has been the artificer of his own success, and at each stage of advancement has proved himself the master of expedients, his controlling hand never having faltered and no responsibility having proved a test of his strength and judgment.

On the 29th of August, 1888, with a single dray-load of general merchandise, mainly derived from a trade made by him at Winchester, Randolph County, Mr. Van Der Weele opened a very modest store on Main Street in the Village of Knox, his first day's sales aggregating only \$8.50. His first location was near the tracks of the Nickel Plate Railroad, and he recalls that at that time cattle and hogs had the privileges of the streets of the village, which had but few sidewalks and but a nominal number of business places. Careful buying and the extending of fair and honorable treatment to customers, with excellent service, made the little business enterprise of Mr. Van Der Weele rapidly expand in scope and prosperity, and at the expiration of a period of about four years he gave evidence of his success and also his progressiveness and public spirit by erecting his present substantial and attractive building on Main Street, near Washington Street. The store has a frontage of 54 feet on Main Street and is 75 feet in length, two stories in height and with a basement under the entire structure. Both the first and second floors are now demanded in the accommodation of the large and select stock in the various departments and for the facile meeting of the demands of a large and appreciative patronage. The establishment has departments devoted to dry goods, notions, boots and shoes, women's ready-to-wear garments, men's clothing and furnishing goods, carpets, rugs, draperies, etc., and each department is a model of neatness and attractiveness, showing that the owner is punctilious in keeping the establishment up to a high standard and that he has the earnest cooperation of his employes, the store being one that would be creditable in a place much larger than Knox. Mr. Van Der Weele himself merits praise for his achievement and his efforts as a business man and as a broad-minded and liberal citizen have aided much in the furtherance of the advancement and prosperity of his attractive little home city, the while he commands impregnable vantage-place in the confidence and good will of the people of his native county. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he and his family are zealous members of the Christian Church, in which he holds the position of elder.

In September, 1890, Mr. Van Der Weele was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Cole, who was born and reared at Kalamazoo, Michigan, in February, 1869, and who was a young woman when she came to

Knox, Indiana, where her marriage to Mr. Van Der Weele was solemnized. The two children of this union are Eva L. and Leta J., both of whom are talented musicians and the former of whom is a successful teacher of music. Both daughters remain at the parental home and are popular factors in the social activities of the community.

THOMAS J. FAY, V. S. In his evolution from the position of cabin boy on a transatlantic passenger steamer to the proprietorship of the Fay Hotel, and an undisputed position as an authority in the veterinary profession, Dr. Thomas J. Fay, of Knox, supplies an example of the value of close application, unceasing perseverance and great ambition, and the worth of the homely, sterling virtues of industry and persistence. For some years he traveled through various states of the Union lecturing upon veterinary subjects, but during the past eight years has devoted himself to the practice of his calling at Knox, where he has also built up an excellent business in connection with the Fay Hotel.

Doctor Fay was born near Kinvarra, County Galway, Ireland, December 23, 1849, and there received good educational advantages. His father had followed the sea for some years, and the lad early secured a position as cabin boy on a transatlantic passenger steamer, making nineteen trips across the Atlantic. He had lost his mother when he was but three weeks old, and in 1850 his father came to the United States, here becoming mate on the steamer Magenta, making trips on the Mississippi River until 1856, when, at the age of thirty-five years, he was drowned. He was of French ancestry, his grandfather having been a DuFay, but the prefix had been dropped. There were two children in the family, Doctor Fay's sister Mary being the wife of Thomas Kelley, of East Boston, Massachusetts, where their home when last heard from was at No. 18 Border Street. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were the parents of one daughter, Lula, who died at the age of five years.

After leaving the ocean Thomas J. Fay went to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where for seven years he was manager of the Grant House, and when the proprietor of that hotel died Doctor Fay opened the Brilliant Hotel, at the corner of Ohio and Sandusky streets. While conducting this hostelry he began the study of veterinary medicine and surgery, and in 1872 went to South Boston, where he spent a year in completing his studies, his preceptor being Doctor Jennings, a well-known horse trainer and veterinary surgeon. In 1873 he removed to the City of Millersburg, Ohio, and there began his lecturing activities, which extended over a period of seven years, during which time he traveled all over the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, speaking upon the science of treating and training horses. He was well posted on the works of Rarie, Hurlburt and Rockwell, whose systems he modified to some extent, and carried with him in his travels a number of horses, demonstrating his skill in their training and giving lessons in the art of taking all fear from the animals. Thoroughly opposed to any form of cruelty, he would never bleed a horse, and his treatment and methods met with the unqualified approval of physicians generally throughout the country.

In 1889 Doctor Fay retired from his traveling tours and settled permanently in California Township, Starke County, Indiana, where he began agricultural pursuits in earnest. On the farm which had formerly belonged to his mother-in-law he erected one of the best residences in the township, a seven-room frame house that was built without the expenditure of a dollar, through trading with the lumbermen of the district and dealing in railroad ties and cordwood. In addition he built the first half mile of gravel road laid in the county, located on the township line between California and Center townships. Doctor Fay displayed his progressive spirit and initiative when he brought with him from Ohio a carload of fine poultry, establishing a poultry yard on his farm, which was the first enterprise of its kind in Starke County and which brought to its proprietor a handsome profit. In addition to carrying on his other operations in an energetic manner, Doctor Fay also built up a large practice as a veterinary surgeon, and his judgment was constantly sought in regard to matters pertaining to the care and breeding of livestock.

Doctor Fay left his farm in 1907 and came to Knox, where he purchased a brick hotel, with twenty rooms and modern equipment and conveniences of every character. This house has become well and favorably known to the traveling public, and as conducted by him is doing an excellent business. In each of his various vocations he has displayed energy, ability and progressive ideas, which have given him an advantage over his slower thinking and less courageous competitors. As a business man he is well and favorably known as of the strictest integrity, and as a citizen has been foremost in promoting movements for the general welfare. Politically a republican, he has given a good deal of his time to the work of his party, and on various occasions has been called to fill local offices, serving as assessor and in other local positions.

Doctor Fay was married while a resident of Millersburg, Ohio, July 4, 1875, to a young lady whom he had met in Pennsylvania, Miss Eolah Rice, who was born in Ohio, March 24, 1854. She was reared principally near Medina, Ohio, and was of Vermont stock and parentage. To Doctor and Mrs. Fay the following children have been born: Lula, who is the wife of George Taylor, a telegraph operator in the service of the Erie Railroad at Bolivar, Indiana, and they have one daughter, Helen; Honora is the wife of Clyde Morrison, foreman of the Kellogg Cereal Factory at Battle Creek, Michigan; Laura is the wife of John Hildebrand, of Round Lake, Starke County, who is also connected with the Battle Creek house; Jennie O., who died in July, 1885, aged two years, eight months and twenty-nine days; Maude I., who, like her brothers and sisters, was well educated in the county schools, died in November, 1911, at the age of twenty-five years; Thomas Blaine, who is a foreman in the Grand Trunk Railway shops at Battle Creek, Michigan, is unmarried; Leo Garfield, who for the past five years has been a telegraph operator for the Fort Wayne Railroad at Chicago, is also unmarried; and Miss Ruth resides with her parents and is assisting in conducting the hotel.

Mrs. Fay and her daughters are members of the Methodist Church,



THE PIONEER FARM

Residence of Warren S. Terry, Bass Lake

while the sons belong to the United Brethren Church with their father, who for the past twenty years has been connected with that denomination.

WARREN S. TERRY. For fifty-three years Warren S. Terry has been helping to make history in Starke County, where he has led a decidedly active life, contributing in no inconsiderable manner to the growth and development of this locality, and particularly to the Bass Lake section, where he is the owner of much valuable property. In addition to being a successful farmer, the founder of additions that have become thickly populated, and a citizen who has taken a stirring and helpful part in movements making for progress, there is probably no better advised man in Starke County in matters pertaining to historical research in the vicinity of Bass Lake and North Bend Township, and articles from his pen have appeared at intervals in the leading periodicals of the state.

Mr. Terry was born July 14, 1849, in Delaware (then Morrow) County, Ohio, and is a son of Sylvanus and Nancy (Monroe) Terry. His paternal grandfather was George Terry, a native of the Empire State and a farmer, who passed the greater part of his life in the vicinity of Ithaca, New York, and there died in advanced years. On the maternal side, as has been developed by recent investigation, Mr. Terry belongs to the family that gave to the United States the great statesman, President Monroe. Sylvanus Terry was born in the State of New York, from whence he removed with his brother, George, to Delaware County, making the journey on horseback. There they settled on farms, and Sylvanus Terry soon met and married Nancy Monroe, who had been born in Ohio, that state continuing to be their home until September, 1861, when they journeyed to the new country of Starke County, Indiana, and settled on a farm in North Bend Township, near Bass Lake. Later Mr. Terry became postmaster at Lake City, a position which he continued to fill very acceptably for many years. A man of influence among his fellow-citizens, he won their friendship and support through his integrity, honorable dealing, generosity and kindness of heart. During the Civil war, while not an active participant as a soldier, he did much to aid the Union cause, having been an unwavering abolitionist. Mrs. Terry was also intensely loyal and performed services for the boys in blue that won their eternal gratitude. Mrs. Terry was a member of the Universalist church. Originally a whig, he subsequently became a radical republican and continued as such during the remainder of his life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Terry were laid to rest in Bass Lake cemetery, where a substantial stone marks their resting-place. Their eldest son, George, fought through three years of the Civil war, as sergeant of a company in the Thirteenth Indiana Cavalry, and received his honorable discharge six months before the close of hostilities. He returned home, resumed the duties of peace and lived a long and useful life, passing away June 23, 1912. William E. was the next child in order of birth; Mary, the next, became the wife of Alfred T. Ricks, now of Waketa, Oklahoma, where he and two sons secured farms on the entry of that land and the race for it; and William, the

second child, died in this county in 1907, leaving a widow and one son, George.

Warren S. Terry was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to North Bend Township, Starke County, and here he completed the education commenced in Ohio. Here he has passed his entire life, engaging in agricultural and real estate pursuits, and is still the owner of the original homestead which was improved by his father. In addition he owns a tract on section 7, North Bend Township, and on Bass Lake, having 200 acres here. He also laid out twenty-six lots of the original Winona plat, on the north side of Bass Lake, near his home and on Main Street, and this organization was later incorporated in a New Winona and moved to Winona Lake, near Warsaw, Indiana, this place later assuming the name of Bass Lakeville. It has since been so known and is the village part of the lake summer section that has grown to be such a popular resort of recent years. The original name of the lake was Winchetonqua, which, interpreted, means "Beautiful Waters." Prior to the Civil war it became known as Cedar Lake, and then, through special legislation by a Mr. Laramore, became called Bass Lake. In this early addition by Mr. Terry, he had for a time as partner Abner Hay, whose interests he later bought.

Mr. Terry laid out the Best View Addition, and is also the owner of a block known as Wayne, a choice location at the edge of the lake. He has been very active in all lake development work, is a stirring member of the Bass Lake Improvement Association and the Bass Lake Country Club, and donated liberally to the fish hatchery here. But his efforts have not been entirely confined to the improvement of Bass Lake, for no longer ago than 1913 he laid out an addition to the City of Knox, comprising forty-eight lots. This addition, by popular vote, was named Terry's Addition. No less than fifty houses in Starke County mark the places originally owned by him. He is sometimes dubbed the David Harum of Starke County, having swapped more "hosses" and told less lies than any man in it. Largely through his efforts the Chautauqua was brought to this place, but was subsequently taken to Winona Lake, as now called. While serving in the capacity of county drain commissioner, he was instrumental in enlarging the Robbins ditch in the north part of the county, an improvement that has done more to develop Starke County than any other one thing in its history. Mr. Terry played an important part in condemning the "Three I" railroad that ran through this section, and numerous other services have marked him as one of the county's most helpful citizens. While not an office seeker, he has taken an active part in the work of the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of Knox Lodge, No. 639, A. F. & A. M., and past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 296. From his father he has inherited an intense loyalty and patriotic spirit, as well as a personality that has drawn to him countless friends. A well educated, widely read and broadly informed man, Mr. Terry has interested himself greatly in historical research work, and one of his recent contributions to the Indianapolis Star was an interesting two-column article pertaining to one

of the historical characters of the Bass Lake region, known as "Huckleberry Queen," which Mr. Terry took for his title.

In 1874 Mr. Terry was married in Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Barbara Ann Emigh, who was born near Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1852, a sister of William H. Emigh, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this volume. She was reared in Starke County and educated in the public schools of North Bend Township, where she died June 1, 1895, having been the mother of seven children: Bruce, who met an accidental death by drowning in South Dakota, when twenty years of age; Delbert A., a farmer of Starke County, married Estella Beauchamp, and has two children, Earl and Elva; Miss Dora, who has received a good education, is single and resides with her father; James O., of California Township, a farmer, married, the first time, Miss Anna Casterman, by whom he had one child, Ralph, and married, the second time, Mrs. Myrtle Pffifer, and has one son, Donald; Renna M., for some years a well known educator of Starke County, married Alpha W. Piper, a farmer of Fulton County, Indiana, and has three children, Kenneth, Nina and Clem; Ray P., who was educated at Knox High School, is single and a farmer of North Bend Township; and Vada B., who is studying at the State Normal School at Terre Haute to become a teacher. Mrs. Terry was a member of the Presbyterian church, which several of the children attend.

J. GOTTLIEB WARNKE. Among the agricultural class of Starke County there is no man who has more honestly earned his success than has J. Gottlieb Warnke, of Jackson Township. A member of a family in modest financial circumstances, in his youth he was compelled to overcome many hardships in order to get a start in life, and for many years he struggled against conditions which would have thoroughly disheartened a less determined and persevering man. Steadfastly he has directed his energies along a certain line, observing meanwhile the virtues of honesty and industry, and today has won the right to the honorable title of self-made manhood and the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Warnke was born about three miles from Kolmar City, Posen, Germany, April 9, 1852, and is a son of Christopher and Carolina (Scheve) Warnke. The family is an old and honorable one in that vicinity, where its members resided for many years, but owing to conditions over which they had no control the parents of Mr. Warnke found themselves in straitened circumstances and the children were therefore deprived of some of the advantages which youth generally considers its own. After a lifetime of struggle, the father died in 1882, at the age of sixty-five years, while the mother died before she had reached the age of sixty-five years, in 1880. She was reared a Catholic, while Mr. Warnke was a Lutheran, and the children were reared in the latter faith. There were ten children in the family, the greater number of whom died young in the Fatherland, while one brother, Martin, is a resident of Posen; a sister, Wilhelmina, is a maiden and still resides in Posen; and another sister, Ottilla, is the wife of Charles Zank, a farmer of North Bend Township, Starke County, and has a family.

J. Gottlieb Warnke, who perhaps is better known as Gottlieb Warnke, was a child of five years when he was put to herding sheep and like tasks. Naturally, his education was greatly interfered with, and was confined to indifferent attendance in the public schools. The youth did not allow his environment to discourage his ambitions, and worked faithfully, with the end in view of becoming the proprietor of a home and a business of his own. While still a resident of Posen, Mr. Warnke was married to Miss Caroline Weisjahn, who was born in the same province and district, in 1852, and was reared by a farmer of her vicinity, her parents having died when she was still a small child. To them, in Germany, there were born two children: Gustave and Julius.

In 1882, Mr. Warnke decided that there was but little chance for his achieving a success in his native land, and that greater opportunities awaited him in America. Accordingly, he borrowed \$133, and with his little family traveled to Bremen and thence to Havre, where he took passage on the ship Mosier, which made port after an uneventful journey at New York. From the metropolis Mr. Warnke went to Wanatah, Laporte County, Indiana, where he arrived in April, and there soon found employment as a farmhand. He was thrifty, economical and energetic, and was soon able to save the money which he had borrowed from his brother-in-law to bring him to this country, and when it was paid back started all over again without a cent. After six years he managed to gather together a little capital, and in 1888 came to Starke County, where he made the initial instalment on a tract of forty acres of land, this being located in section 1, Jackson Township. This he improved and cleared of indebtedness and then purchased a second forty in the same section. This had been considered worthless land, as it was covered with swamp water, but by ditching Mr. Warnke drained it thoroughly and when he had put in improvements it produced excellent crops. From that time forward Mr. Warnke continued to add forty acres of land at a time, making each forty pay for the tract that was to be bought succeeding it, and in this way accumulated 160 acres of land in Jackson Township and forty acres in Davis Township, the greater part being well improved and thoroughly tilled. Mr. Warnke carries on general farming operations, growing all kinds of grain, potatoes, and other staples, and has made each venture a successful one. He now has a fine barn, 40x50 feet, painted red, with white trimming, which was built in 1910; a large crib, with lean-to shed attached; and a modern farm residence with six rooms and the latest conveniences, which was built in 1902. He has carried on cattle raising, feeding his stock his grain, and in addition to Durham cattle, he ships large numbers of horses and red Duroc swine.

Mr. Warnke's first wife, who assisted him in getting his start, died in 1892, in the faith of the German Evangelical church. In addition to the two children born in Germany, Julius and Gustave, she was the mother of three others, born in Indiana: William, Bernard and Ernest, some of whom are married and live in Colorado or North Dakota. Mr. Warnke was married the second time in Michigan City, Indiana, to

Paulina Schultz, who was born in the Province of Posen, Germany, October 15, 1852. She was married the first time in Germany, and there lost her husband, and as a widow came to the United States with her three children: William V., Emma and Paulina Wentland. To Mr. and Mrs. Warnke there have been born the following children: Otto and Hattie, who live at home with their parents; Vina, who is the wife of Orva Christopf, of Jackson Township, and has a son,—Arthur; Martha, who is at home and attending school; and Edwin, who died at the age of eighteen months.

Mr. and Mrs. Warnke and their children are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In his political views, Mr. Warnke is independent, exercising his right of supporting the men whom he believes best fitted for the office, regardless of party lines. On a number of occasions he has been honored with election to public office, and in his official positions has demonstrated the possession of capacity for work of this nature, and an earnest desire to forward the best interests of his community.

ISAAC R. BASCOM. Among the men who in the past have upheld Starke County's agricultural supremacy, the late Isaac R. Bascom is worthy of extended mention. Coming to this county when it was little more than a wilderness, he took up his residence upon a raw farm, courageously faced the hardships and privations that the section offered at that early day, and with the able assistance of his worthy helpmate carved out a material competence, established a happy home, and made a place for himself in the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Bascom was born in Switzerland County, Indiana, August 8, 1830, and died at his home in section 36, Jackson Township, Starke County, January 29, 1913. He was a son of Silas and Charlotte (Cole) Bascom, natives either of Kentucky or Virginia, who came as early settlers to Indiana and were married in Switzerland County. There they made their home until the latter '40s, when, with the true pioneer spirit, they gathered their little family about them, packed their belongings into a wagon, and journeyed overland to the wild country that was to become known as Starke County, although the county organization at that time had not been completed. In the woods of Jackson Township, Silas Bascom and wife established their home in a little log cabin, thus becoming among the earliest settlers. Doves of deer and great flocks of wild turkeys were common sights, and it was comparatively easy for the men of the family to keep the larder supplied with fresh game, while the streams, as yet practically undisturbed save by the red man, teemed with fish. Knox and the courthouse had not at that time come into existence; Winamac was a hamlet of a few log houses, and there were located the nearest mill and market. The nearest physician, to be called only in cases of the utmost urgency, was twenty miles away, at Plymouth, while Pulaski was twenty-five miles away, where supplies could be secured. Neighbors were far away and but few, and all that the pioneers knew of each other's affairs were their comings and goings,

with a little of the news of the outside world eagerly grasped from the lips of some fortunate pioneer who had traveled to the more populated settlements. Amid these surroundings Silas and Charlotte Bascom settled down to establish a home for their family, and to improve a property. In both these undertakings they were successful, for they were people of resource, force and character, industry and perseverance, and possessed those courageous qualities which enabled the pioneers in their great work of settlement and development to make their labors count. Mrs. Bascom passed away in Starke County, at the old original home, when less than sixty years of age, and the father later went back to Switzerland County, Indiana, and there continued to reside until his death, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was first a whig and later a republican in politics, but was not an office seeker. Both he and Mrs. Bascom were devout members of the United Brethren Church, and reared their children in that faith.

Isaac R. Bascom was reared in Southern Indiana, and was still a youth when he was taken by his parents to the new home in Starke County. He was given ordinary educational advantages in the primitive schools, but it is probable that the greater part of his education came from experience and hard work, as well as from observation in the woods, for he was a skillful hunter in the early days and spent much of his time with his gun in search of game, and with his rod in coaxing the finny tribe from their watery homes. Also he was a good trapper, and combining the three occupations he made enough money to encourage him in the establishment of a home, so that he returned to his native county and there married Elizabeth Farrow, who was born and reared there, and whom he brought to the new county. Some time during the Civil war Mrs. Bascom was taken ill and returned to Switzerland County, where she passed away. She left one son: Goodrich, who is now a resident of Decatur, Michigan, and has one daughter, Llewellyn May.

Isaac Bascom was one of the valiant men from Indiana who bore arms to protect the Union. He enlisted from Laporte County in 1861, but was credited to Starke County. He enlisted in Company D, Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in a number of the battles memorable in the nation's struggle, including the battles of Shiloh, Missionary Ridge, Siege of Atlanta—or the one day's fighting around Atlanta. He was slightly wounded twice. He served his country three years and received his discharge and then veteranized. He enlisted in September, 1861, and received his honorable and final discharge in November, 1865, and when he died he was drawing the Sherwood pension of \$1 per day.

On January 28, 1866, Mr. Bascom was married the second time, his wife being Miss Sarah J. Stone, of Pulaski County, Indiana, who was born near Recovery, Indiana, July 4, 1844, and was ten years old when her parents, Conway and Martha (Scott) Stone, brought her to Pulaski County. There, in 1856, Mr. Stone purchased 700 acres of land, all of which he improved and cultivated. He became one of the first trustees

of his township, and was also active as a leader in civic affairs, and as a preacher in the Christian Church, being one of two to organize the first church of that faith in his locality. Mr. Stone died there at the age of eighty-eight years, in 1891. He was born in England, and came of excellent ancestry, as did his wife, who was born in either Virginia or North Carolina, and was a kinswoman of Gen. Winfield Scott. Mrs. Stone, who was also a member of the Christian Church, died some twenty years prior to her husband, and was sixty-three years old at the time of her demise.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom settled down and combined their efforts to make a good home. In this they were successful, for they accumulated 200 acres of land, of which eighty acres now form Mrs. Bascom's home. She has been the mother of seven children, as follows: Martha H., who died after her marriage to Mr. Howard, who is also deceased, of New York, and had no children; Silas C., who lives at Benton, Indiana, is married and has two children—Don and Eugene, who are now attending school; Richard, who lives at Lake City, Arkansas, is married and has no family; Mary A., who is the wife of Blain Crawford, of South Bend, Indiana, and has no children; William A., who is engaged in farming in Center Township, Starke County, married Ida Reems, and they have three sons and three daughters—Anna D., William A., Susie, Theodore, Jennie M. and Richard S.; Emma J., who is the wife of Max Garrison, a farmer of Center Township, and has no children; and Louella May, the wife of Frank Kagle, of South Bend, and has no children.

Mrs. Bascom is affiliated with the Christian Church, and her children have been reared in that faith. She is a woman of many attainments and graces, is thoughtful of others, and in spite of her seventy-two years is still active and industrious. She is a good business woman, as evidenced by her skilled management of her property, and has hosts of friends who admire her for her pluck and perseverance, as well as many other admirable qualities of both mind and heart.

BENJAMIN FLEISHMAN. Jackson Township has had no more representative and useful citizens during the past forty-five years than the Fleishman family. The late Gottlieb Fleishman, while not among the earliest pioneers, did a work of improvement which will long be evidenced in one of the beautiful farms of this section. The son Benjamin Fleishman has been equally industrious and successful as a farmer, and in his service as township trustee, an office in which he is now closing his tenth year, is to be credited with a large share of the improvements which have given Jackson Township its present excellent school facilities. In Indiana counties there is hardly a more important office than that of township trustee, and with few exceptions its incumbent is generally recognized as the most influential and one of the most successful men of the community.

Benjamin Fleishman lives on the old Fleishman homestead in section 35. It has been his home all his life, and he was born in an old

log cabin that stood as the first habitation of the Fleishman family in this community. His birthday was November 7, 1867, and during the years of his active lifetime he has witnessed hundreds of improvements which have transformed Jackson and other townships into important sections of the great Indiana agricultural area. Mr. Fleishman has owned and operated this homestead since the death of his father on December 30, 1906.

The late Gottlieb Fleishman was a man of varied experience, and before coming to Starke County had visited many parts of the civilized and uncivilized world. He was born at Obersteinfeld in Wuerttemberg, Germany, in 1833, and was of good German family, his parents having lived and died in that section of Southern Germany, where they cultivated a vineyard and used grapes for the manufacture of wine. Gottlieb grew up in his native land, lived there until twenty-five years of age, was well educated, and in 1858, when still unmarried, started for the New World. He journeyed through Paris, thence to Liverpool, England, and took passage on a sailing vessel which three months later landed him in Baltimore, Maryland. His first destination was Alabama where he joined an uncle, but later came up to Southern Indiana, and shortly afterwards went south by way of the Mississippi River to New Orleans. While in the South he was stricken with yellow fever, but recovered, and subsequently during the Civil war joined a Union army commissary and subsequently was captured by the rebels, but with six companions made his escape and crossed the Rio Grande into Old Mexico. In that southern Republic he finally found his way to the Pacific coast, went to San Francisco, and for three years worked in the mining regions of that state. Selling a claim for \$300, he started again on his travels, went down the Pacific coast, crossed the Isthmus through Nicaragua, and took boat for New York City. From New York City he proceeded to Ohio, joining an uncle named John Summit in Seneca County, and was there married to Sophia Decker. She was born in Perry County, Ohio, in 1829, and had been reared and educated in that state. While they lived in Ohio their daughter Harriet was born in 1866. In March of the following year the family came out to Indiana, and located in the wilds of Jackson Township. Gottlieb Fleishman had bought land there the preceding year, and on settling there proceeded vigorously with its improvement and clearing. In the course of forty-five years it has become one of the fine farmsteads of Jackson Township. Gottlieb Fleishman some years ago erected a large basement barn on a foundation 34 by 55 feet, and well adapted for stock and grain. In 1894 was erected the substantial eight-room house, the barn having been built ten years later. Gottlieb Fleishman was regarded as one of the thoroughly successful men in the raising of staple crops and the feeding of stock. His son has followed him in that industry, and in the course of many years few farms have produced more regularly and profitably than the Fleishman estate. The late Gottlieb Fleishman was a democrat and took an active part in local affairs, serving as township assessor and in other positions of trust. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Fleishman,

his widow, is still living, a hale and hearty woman, loved and respected in her community. Both the children, Harriet and Benjamin, have always lived at home, and have been devoted to the welfare of their parents and are still unmarried. Benjamin Fleishman in his public spirit emulates the example of his honored father, and his service as trustee has been one that does him the utmost credit. He was first elected to that office in 1900, served four years, and in 1908 was elected for the six-year term, which closes in January, 1915. Mr. Fleishman is one of the active leaders in the Jackson Township Democratic party.

CHARLES T. JOHNSON, one of the younger class of farmers of Starke County, Indiana, who has advanced to prosperity and substantial citizenship on his individual merits and independent work, is giving his sole attention to the various branches of farming, and is already the owner of a valuable homestead of 200 acres, located in sections 27 and 34, Jackson Township. Mr. Johnson is an excellent type of the man who has made his own way in the world. When he came to the United States he was a poor emigrant youth of sixteen years, possessed of little to aid him save his ambition and determination. His early years here were filled with labor of the most onerous kind, but he never faltered, and the success which he has today attained is all the more satisfactory because it has been self-gained.

Mr. Johnson was born May 2, 1875, at Smaland Stenar, Southern Sweden, and is of pure Swedish stock, the family for generations having been engaged principally in agricultural pursuits. His parents are John P. Carlson and Lena (Johnson) Carlson, who were also born in this part of Sweden, where they still reside in old age, being in the neighborhood of three score and ten years old. The father, who has been a custom tailor all his life, is still industrious and energetic, and is one of his community's highly esteemed citizens. The parents are faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and the children were all reared in that belief. The children were as follows: Charles T., of this review; Ernest, who came to the United States and now makes his home in the Northwest; and Oscar, who died in 1913, when still single and in middle life, in the City of Stockholm, Sweden.

Charles T. Johnson was given good educational advantages in the schools of his native land, and resided under the parental roof until reaching the age of sixteen years. At that time he began to express a desire to try his fortunes in the United States, the opportunities of which he had heard so much, and finally his wish was granted and he set sail for this country in a vessel which came here by way of England. The steamer encountered very rough weather and was nearly wrecked by a heavy storm, in the midst of which Mr. Johnson almost lost his life by being washed from the deck by a large comber. At last, however, the ship made port at New York, and from that city, in 1891, Mr. Johnson made his way to Chicago.

In the Illinois metropolis, Mr. Johnson was married in 1900 to Miss Marthina Johnson, who was born in the same neighborhood as was her

husband, in May, 1872, and was there reared and given a good education. She was a daughter of Salmon and Margaret (Youngquist) Johnson, natives of the same part of Southern Sweden, where the father died February 29, 1903, aged eighty-two years, seven days, while the mother came to the United States in 1905, with three of her children, to join others of the children who had come here before. She is now living with one of her sons at Holdrege, the county seat of Phelps County, Nebraska, and is seventy-six years of age. She is a Lutheran in religious belief, to which church her husband also belonged, and in the faith of which the children were all reared. All of Mrs. Johnson's brothers and sisters live in this country save one: Tillie, who is married and still makes her home in Sweden. Those who are living in America and in the Central West are as follows: Otto, who is a business man of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and single; Amanda and Nannie, who are single and make their home in Chicago; Ida, who is the wife of August Isinberg, living in Minnesota; and has two sons and four daughters; Anna, who is the wife of Elof Hawkinson, of Holdrege, Nebraska, and has no children; and Selma, who is the wife of Julius Hanson, and lives in Chicago.

When Mr. Johnson located in Chicago, in 1891, he accepted what honorable work presented itself, his first employment being as a teamster. In this line he continued to be engaged throughout the almost twenty years of his residence in that city, although he gradually advanced from position to position until he was the proprietor of a business of his own. He carefully saved his earnings, and by 1910, when the opportunity offered, he was able to start in as the proprietor of a farm of 200 acres, located in sections 27 and 34, Jackson Township, Starke County. This tract is eighty rods wide and a mile and a quarter long, and the greater part is improved and under a high state of cultivation, although Mr. Johnson also has twenty-five acres of fine timber land. He also has some flat and muck land, and this enables him to engage in the various branches of his vocation. In addition to growing the various cereals, he raises large crops of potatoes and onions, and his produce averages heavily per acre and finds a ready sale in the markets. He also grows good stock, having nineteen head of cattle, eighteen swine and four horses, and feeds the greater part of what he grows. Since his arrival Mr. Johnson has made numerous improvements, which have tended to add to the value of his land, including a cow and feed barn, 24x48 feet, a horse barn and several granaries. The whole property speaks of the presence of excellent management and industry, and Mr. Johnson is rapidly coming to the forefront among Starke County farmers.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson there have been born the following children: Clarence, born April 22, 1901, who graduated from the graded schools when under thirteen years of age; Elmer, born September 30, 1903, who is now in the fifth grade of the public schools; Walter, born November 27, 1905, also a student; Axel S., born December 23, 1907, who is also attending school; and George L., born August 13, 1912; and Albin N., born April 16, 1914, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of

the Lutheran Church, in which they have been confirmed and the movements of which they liberally support. Mr. Johnson is a republican.

WILLIAM H. DUNKELBERGER. Among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Starke County who have spent their entire lives in this part of Indiana, William H. Dunkelberger, of Jackson Township, is worthy of more than passing mention. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, in section 26, and which he has owned since attaining his majority. During his long residence here he has been an eyewitness to and an active participant in those movements which have culminated in making Starke one of the most fertile and productive of Indiana counties, and at all times has maintained a high order of citizenship. While a busy man, with large private interests, he has found time to devote to political matters, and at present is known as one of Jackson Township's leading democrats.

William H. Dunkelberger was born May 21, 1859, on his father's homestead in Jackson Township, Starke County, Indiana, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Bascom) Dunkelberger. He belongs to an old and honored Pennsylvania family, his grandfather being Henry Dunkelberger, who was born in the vicinity of Shamokin, in the Keystone State. There he married a Pennsylvania girl, whose first name was Margaret and who also belonged to an old family there, and there all their children with the exception of one were born. The grandparents removed from Pennsylvania to Indiana at an early date, and here settled as pioneers on a farm in Jackson Township. This locality was then practically in its virgin state, little clearing had been done, roads and ditches were still a thing of the future, and signs of civilization were few, settlers being often miles apart. In the woods in which these pioneers built their log cabins the wild game was still to be found in plenty, deer, wild turkey and other game frequently furnishing all the meat for the settlers' tables. Here the grandparents worked faithfully and industriously in the establishment of a home, hewing a farm out of the timber, cultivating it, and finally tasting the fruits of well-won success. Here the grandfather died on the same farm mentioned on section 26, when past eighty years of age, while the grandmother survived him a few years and had also reached about the same number of years at the time of her demise. They were faithful members of the United Brethren Church, and their children were reared in that belief. Mr. Dunkelberger was not a politician, but supported democratic candidates and policies. Among their children were: John, Daniel, Joseph, Benjamin and George, all of whom married and all of whom are now deceased, with the exception of the last named, who is now a retired agriculturist residing at Hebron, Porter County, Indiana, whose third wife is also living.

Benjamin Dunkelberger, the father of William H. Dunkelberger, was born in 1831, at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and was still a lad when he accompanied his parents to Starke County, Indiana. Here he grew to manhood amid pioneer surroundings, and when he attained his majority adopted the vocation of farmer, an occupation which he followed with

success throughout his life in Jackson Township. His death occurred on his farm in 1880, when he was forty-nine years of age. Mr. Dunkelberger married Miss Mary Bascom, who was born in 1835 or 1836, in Switzerland County, Indiana, and came to Starke County with her parents when a young girl. The Bascom family is one that is well known in various parts of Indiana, and a review of Mrs. Dunkelberger's parents will be found in the sketch of her brother, Isaac R. Bascom, on another page of this work. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Dunkelberger was married a second time, to Peter Miller, and died at Knox, in July, 1912, being at that time past three score and ten years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkelberger were members of the United Brethren Church. He was a lifelong democrat, was prominent in public affairs, and at the time of his death was township trustee, a capacity in which he had served efficiently for some years. The children born to Benjamin and Mary Dunkelberger were as follows: Jane, who is the wife of George Summers, of Rye (or Toto), Starke County, and has one son and two daughters; William H., of this review; Matilda, who died after her marriage to Lemon Collins, leaving two sons and two daughters; and Frank, a resident of South Bend, Indiana, who is married and has two sons and one daughter.

William H. Dunkelberger was reared in his native locality and secured his education in the district schools. He secured possession of the home farm of thirty-six acres when he was twenty-one years of age, and in addition to this owns forty acres in the same section, although it is separated from his homestead. The greater part of the property is under cultivation, and he has improvements of the most up-to-date character. His commodious and well-equipped barn, recently erected, is 22x32 feet, and his dark green farmhouse is of frame, with six rooms and a cellar. Mr. Dunkelberger is known as a good farmer, raising large crops of wheat, corn, oats, rye and potatoes, and as a business man is held in the highest esteem, because of his integrity and honorable dealing.

Mr. Dunkelberger was married in Jackson Township to Miss Viola Martindale, who was born in Miami County, Indiana, August 30, 1864, and reared and educated in Marshall County. Eight children have been born to them, as follows: Maude, who is the wife of Milton Caddy, lives at North Judson, where Mr. Caddy is a brick mason, and has four sons and two daughters, all of whom are attending school; Walter, a barber of Sanborn, North Dakota, who married Ethel Greesel, and has one son, B. Walter; Ora, a farmer of Jackson Township, who married Ida Hand, and has a daughter, Violet; Ida, who is the wife of Gus Lempke, a farmer of Jackson Township, and has five sons; Arthur, who is a farmer of Jackson Township, married Miss Melvy Wall and has one son; Noah and Cora, twins, Cora being the wife of John Mauritzen of Kankakee County, Illinois, and Noah a farmer of Jackson Township, who married Clara Klukus and has a son, Albert; and Cressel, at home, a graduate of the local schools.

Mr. Dunkelberger has for some years taken quite an active and leading part in democratic politics in his locality, and at present is the can-

didate of his party for the office of township trustee. A man of industry, integrity and exemplary habits, he has won and retained the confidence of his fellow citizens, and possesses excellent qualifications for service as a public official.

JOSEPH MILLER. For many years the late Joseph Miller was well known to the people of California Township as a progressive, energetic and thoroughly competent agriculturist, almost his entire life being passed within the borders of Starke County. Though he was of a modest, retiring disposition, not prone to put himself forward, it is but just to call him one of the founders of the present prosperity of this region, for the result of his labors in many directions is now the portion of this generation. His record in all the varied relations of his busy and energetic life is such as reflects naught but credit upon him and all connected with him by ties of relationship or friendship, and although more than two decades have passed since his death, February 19, 1892, he is still well remembered by the people of the community among whom he lived and labored for such a long period.

Mr. Miller was an Ohioan by birth, but an Indianian by nurture, training and inclination. He was born in 1840, a son of John and Catherine Miller, natives of France who were reared, educated and married in that country, from whence they emigrated to the United States, settling first in Ohio and later removing to Starke County, Indiana. Here they settled on the farm that subsequently became the home of their son Joseph Miller and which is now the property of his widow, Mrs. Mary Miller, in section 6, California Township. At the time of their arrival and settlement the country was in its primitive state. There was no county organization, and villages and towns had not yet put in their appearance. Neighbors were miles away, and the nearest mill was a journey of two days, made with ox teams, over the sand dunes and through the swamps of the new Hoosier State. Schools, churches and roads there were none, and through the trackless forests roamed the wild animals, and the Millers, like other early settlers, depended in large part for their meat upon the skill of the men with their rifles. Here John and Catherine Miller lived out their long and useful careers, rearing their children, improving their farm and making a home, and passing away when in advanced years. They were hospitable, generous people, and enjoyed an excellent reputation in their community. The father, while a blunt, outspoken man, was of good judgment, and in all his dealings exhibited the strictest integrity. He was a democrat, but not an office seeker. Of the six children born to John and Catherine Miller, only one survives: Peter, who is a resident of the State of California, and has reached advanced years.

One of the younger of his parents' children, Joseph Miller received his education in the primitive pioneer school in his district and grew up to know the value of hard work and to respect the homely virtues of honesty and integrity. He remained under the parental roof until the outbreak of the great Civil war called him with other youths of his

locality to enlist under the banner of his country, but unfortunately all records of his war service have been lost. It may be accepted as a fact, however, that this young private performed bravely and faithfully the duties devolving upon him during his three years of service, for his after life, in civic affairs, was always characterized by a courageous and thorough completion of whatever task he undertook.

When he had doffed the uniform of his country, Mr. Miller returned to the homestead, and when his father died took over the management of its operation for his mother, who lived twelve years longer. Under the conditions of the will he fell heir to this eighty-five acre property, with the conduct of which he was identified until the time of his death. Mr. Miller was a capable business man and a thorough agriculturist. He was progressive in ideas and methods, improved his property according to the latest accepted ways, and at all times demonstrated a respect for the best ethics of business. His associates knew him as a man whose judgment could be depended upon, and he was frequently instrumental in extricating others from difficulties in which they had entangled themselves.

In 1877 Mr. Miller was married at North Judson, Starke County, Indiana, to Mrs. Mary McFarland, who was born January 5, 1844, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Warner) Westaver, natives of Pennsylvania. They were early settlers of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where they were married and located on a new farm, but in 1846 moved to Wyandot County, and in 1865 came to Indiana and purchased seventy acres of land in California Township, where Mrs. Westaver died in January, 1866, the father surviving until August 28, 1886, when he passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Miller. They were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Westaver was a stalwart democrat. Of their five children, three are still living: Christiana, who is the widow of James Short and the mother of Jacob Short, a sketch of whose life will be found on another page of this work; Mrs. Miller, of this review; and Phoebe, who is the wife of Jacob Bozart, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and has one son, Mark Bozart, who is judge of that county.

Mrs. Miller, as Miss Westaver, grew up in Jackson Township, and was there married April 22, 1866, to John Henry McFarland, who was born in Ohio in 1846. He came to Starke County, Indiana, as a lad with his parents, who were of Dutch and Irish stock, and followed farming in Jackson Township until his death, in April, 1872. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and in political matters was a republican. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McFarland: Florette, who died at the age of three years; and William, born March 7, 1870, in Jackson Township, educated in the public schools and Valparaiso Normal School, who taught for eighteen months and is now engaged in cultivating his mother's farm, where he grows all manners of cereals, as well as onions and potatoes. He was married in this township to Emily C. Batson, who was born in Starke County, Indiana, March 13, 1876, and reared and educated here, daughter of Clarence and Mary (Adamson) Batson,

natives of Indiana. Mr. Batson died at Chicago, Illinois, May, 1892, and Mrs. Batson subsequently married John Collins, whom she survives, being a resident of Knox, sixty-six years of age, and a well-known member of the Free Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. McFarland there have been born the following children: Mary J. and Arthur D., who both died young; Hilda G., born May 19, 1896, and a graduate of the graded schools, class of 1913; Ada B., born July 14, 1902, attending school; John O., born February 9, 1905, still a student; Florence, born November 13, 1907, also attending school; Frank Levi, born March 21, 1910; and Nancy M., the baby, born February 6, 1913.

Mrs. Miller and the members of her family are identified with the Free Methodist Church, in which Mr. McFarland is an exhorter. He is a stalwart prohibitionist, has taken some prominent part in township affairs, and is well and favorably known throughout the community.

HARRY E. JOHNSON. Prominent among the business men of Starke County who have built up prosperous enterprises from small beginnings is found the well-known secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Johnson Insurance Agency (Inc.), Harry E. Johnson, of Knox. He entered business as an agent here August 22, 1898, and continued to act as a general insurance solicitor and salesman until February, 1913, when the present company was formed, and this has proven remarkably successful, controlling a large share of the business in the various counties of Northern Indiana. He has at all times relied upon his own energies for his advancement, and while he has devoted himself most assiduously to building up his individual position, has not neglected to perform the duties of citizenship, so that he may be well considered one of the helpful men of his adopted place. Mr. Johnson was born at Camden, Preble County, Ohio, March 22, 1862, and is a son of Theodore and Elva (Brower) Johnson.

Theodore Johnson was born at Camden, Ohio, July 5, 1839, and there passed his entire career, dying March 1, 1895. Mrs. Johnson, who survives him, was born September 4, 1842, and is hale and hearty and active in mind and body in spite of her seventy-two years. Mr. Johnson took a prominent part in the affairs of Camden, serving as mayor for two terms, as treasurer of the town, and as a member of the school board for a period of twenty years, and was past master of Camden Blue Lodge No. 159, of the Masonic fraternity. Although his first vote was cast for Stephen A. Douglas, he was ever thereafter a dyed-in-the-wool republican. Mrs. Johnson was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. During the Civil war Mr. Johnson served as a member of the Ninety-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years, in the command of General Thomas, and at the battle of Chickamauga, Tennessee, was wounded in the arm by a gunshot. He took part in many of the sanguine engagements of the great struggle, including Franklin, Nashville, Stone River and the battles incidental to the Atlanta campaign. He always maintained an interest in his old comrades, took a leading part in the work of the Soldiers' Relief Commission and up to the time of his death belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Harry F. Johnson was reared in his native town and there received his education in the public schools. After he completed his education in the public schools he entered the Nelson Business College of Cincinnati, Ohio, for a term of commercial training, after which he entered a wholesale boot and shoe house in that city. He worked there for some years, winning rapid promotions from the most minor position until he became the head of the entire stock department and he saw to it that the stock was moved and pushed, the adjustment of these matters being very important to the business. He was later assigned as the entertainer of the public who came to buy and sell and afterwards was assigned to the important end of representing the house as their commercial representative, which position he filled for some years and was thus engaged with this and other houses for sixteen years. In the meantime he established an insurance business at Camden, Ohio, and after some time he took full charge of the business there in a small way, continuing from 1895 to 1898, when, with the idea of enlarging his field and opportunities, he came to Knox, Indiana, where he has had marked success.

Mr. Johnson was married January 14, 1886, at Camden, Ohio, to Miss Daisy E. Hane, who was born at Tiltonsville, Jefferson County, Ohio, December 1, 1865, and was reared and educated in Ohio and West Virginia, a daughter of Cyrus M. and Mary A. (Chapman) Hane, natives of Ohio, the latter of whom was born October 4, 1835, at Tiltonsville, and died at Camden, December 18, 1891. Mr. Hane was born in Harrison County, Ohio, June 8, 1842, and on his mother's side was a great-grandson of Samuel Bosley, Sr., who fought as a soldier during the Revolutionary war, while the latter's son, Samuel Bosley, Jr., was a soldier during the War of 1812, and both lived to return to their homes. Cyrus M. Hane was from early life an educator and newspaper man, and published papers at Smithfield, Utica, New Paris and Camden, Ohio. Later he established the Elwood Leader, now called Call Leader, at Elwood, Indiana, subsequently publishing papers at Mitchell, Indiana, and West Alexandria, Ohio, and from the latter place came to Knox, where he became proprietor and publisher of the Starke County Republican and continued as its owner until 1898. After several other journalistic experiences he went to Kirkland, Indiana, where for the past eleven years he has been the owner and editor of the Kirkland Journal. He has always been a strong advocate of the cause of republicanism. During the Civil war he enlisted as a member of the Second Virginia Infantry, and veteranized in the Fifth Virginia Cavalry, and saw much active service throughout the period of hostilities. He is at present a member of the Masonic Lodge at Kirkland, where he makes his home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson there have been born eight children: Elwood T., born in Cincinnati, Ohio, who graduated from the Knox High School in 1906, a special agent for the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company, for the states of Minnesota, South Dakota and part of Wisconsin, and a resident of Minneapolis, married Frances Gleeson, of Milford, Michigan, born at Fairhaven, that state, and has one child, Mary Margaret, born February 12, 1913; Hane C., born in Camden, Ohio, April

12, 1895, completed his high school course in 1915, and since that time has been associated with his father in the insurance business; Harry K., born at Camden, Ohio, September 5, 1897, now at home and a student of the Knox High School, class of 1917; Naomi Ruth, born in Knox, Indiana, September 21, 1902, now in seventh grade of the public school; and four children who died in infancy.

Mr. Johnson is a member and past and present master of Knox Blue Lodge No. 639, in which he has filled all the chairs; belongs to Plymouth Chapter No. 49, R. A. M., and North Judson Council, and also holds membership in Knox Lodge No. 296, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor, while Mrs. Johnson belongs to the Pythian Sisters, the Eastern Star, the Rebecca and the Ladies of the Maccabees. He is a republican in his political views and is secretary of the Starke County committee, although during the campaign of 1912 he gave his support to the progressive ticket in national and state affairs.

Mr. Johnson is known as one of Knox's most progressive business men. From a small beginning, made in 1898, he steadily worked his way up through energy and inherent ability, until in 1913 he became the incorporator of the Johnson Insurance Agency, which is capitalized at \$6,000, and of which he is the chief stockholder. This company does business over a large territory, representing about a dozen of the leading old-line fire insurance companies, and handling bond and casualty policies and everything pertaining to the insurance business with the exception of life insurance. Aside from this business Mr. Johnson has large interests of his own, and is well known in the real-estate field, maintaining an office on Main Street. In various ways he has done much to contribute to the advancement of the town, and either as business man or citizen is held in the highest esteem.

WILLIAM N. LENDRUM. The owner of a Starke County farm like that of William N. Lendrum in section 26 of Center Township is an enviable citizen. Measured by modern American standards, he is not a rich man, but what he has he has won by commendable industry and efficient management, and his prosperity is of that substantial quality which suffers little fluctuation. His has been a consistently honorable and productive career, and there is no apology for his past nor ill omen for his future. Mr. Lendrum is best known as a stock breeder, and has eighty acres of land in section 26 of Center Township, all of it under the plow excepting ten acres. His crops are corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, onions, all kinds of vegetables, and cow peas. He is a good farmer, and also has made a success of diversification of crops. Mr. Lendrum came to Starke County and bought his present place in 1907, and has since improved it with excellent farm buildings, and is one of the enterprising newcomers in this part of Indiana.

Mr. Lendrum came to Indiana from DuPage County, Illinois, where he owned a farm within two miles of the City of Wheaton. He was proprietor of that farm for fifteen years. In his earlier career he was for a time a member of the Chicago fire department, belonging to Hook and

Ladder Company No. 2. Subsequently he followed the trade of carpenter for a number of years. In that business he was a member of the firm of Lendrum, Haslet & Stockton.

William N. Lendrum was born in County Mayo, Ireland, October 27, 1850. His parents, Alexander and Mary (McCall) Lendrum, were natives of Scotland, but were married in Scotland, and in August, 1854, embarked on a sailing vessel which brought them after many days to New York City. Alexander Lendrum then went to Prideville, Virginia, and was employed as manager of an iron mill in that locality for two years. From there he went to Chicago, and followed his trade for several years, and was also a successful building contractor. While engaged in the construction of one of the buildings at Notre Dame University at South Bend, as foreman, he was assaulted by a number of his workmen and killed. The trouble arose from a quarrel over politics and religion. Alexander Lendrum was a Protestant. His death occurred in 1868, when he was forty-eight years of age and in the prime of life. His widow died a number of years later at the age of seventy, being killed by a Chicago & Northwestern train, while on her way to visit her son at Austin, Illinois. She was a Presbyterian. Of their family of eight children, four sons are still living, all of whom are married and have families. William N. was the third in the family. One brother is a policeman and stationed at Chicago Waterworks. Alexander is president of the Penrose Lumber & Veneering Company, of Arkansas. Richard lives in LaFontaine, Indiana, and is in the lumber and building supply business.

William N. Lendrum remained in Ireland with his grandparents after his parents emigrated to the United States, and came to America at the age of nineteen. He crossed the ocean on the vessel Anglo-Saxon. After arriving in Chicago he finished his trade as a carpenter, but for many years has been a practical and prosperous farmer. Mr. Lendrum was married at Wheaton, Illinois, January 15, 1877, to Miss Lovina E. Butterfield. She was born in DuPage County, Illinois, in 1857 on a farm, and was reared and educated in that county. She represents one of the oldest families in the vicinity of Chicago. Her parents were Andrew J. and Mary J. (Hadley) Butterfield. Mrs. Lendrum is a cousin of the prominent Illinois attorney, Hadley. Both the Hadley and Butterfield families were pioneers at Chicago. The parents of Andrew J. Butterfield and also of his wife were settlers at Fort Dearborn prior to the Indian massacre of 1812. They escaped the hostilities of the Indians by taking the advice of a friendly red man and leaving the vicinity. Grandfather Butterfield had entered Government land where North Chicago now stands, and he also acquired a claim near the present City of Wheaton, his claim being measured by all the territory which was contained within the circle which he could trace with his plow in three full days. Both the grandparents of Mrs. Lendrum spent their last years in DuPage County, and were among the most prominent early settlers in the vicinity of Wheaton, and were there when Warren Wheaton had the town laid out. Andrew J. Butterfield was killed at the age of seventy-two, while crossing the tracks of the Northwestern Railway

at Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Lendrum have no children. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife is a Free Methodist. Mr. Lendrum in politics is a republican.

JAMES G. HEILMAN. The community in which he had long maintained his residence and been held in unqualified esteem experienced a distinct shock in the tragic death of Mr. Heilman, which occurred at his home, in section 32, Center Township, this county, on the 28th of September, 1910, as the result of injuries received two nights previously when he was on his way home from Knox, his team and wagon having been struck by a fast train, at Jackson's Crossing, both horses being killed and the wagon demolished, while he himself received such severe injuries that he did not long survive. Mr. Heilman has been for many years one of the representative farmers and most substantial and honored citizens of Center Township, his life having been guided and governed by the strictest integrity of purpose and marked by distinct loyalty and civic righteousness, so that there is all of consistency in according in this history a brief tribute to his memory.

A scion of sterling Pennsylvania German stock and the son of parents who were natives of the old Keystone State, Mr. Heilman himself was born in Lake County, Ohio, on the 24th of December, 1845, so that he was nearly sixty-five years of age at the time of his tragic death. His parents were early settlers of Lake County, Ohio, where the father became a prosperous farmer, but they returned eventually to Pennsylvania, where they died when of venerable age, both having been devout communicants of the Lutheran Church. The subject of this memoir is survived by two sisters—Mrs. Mary Troxel, of Clinton County, Indiana, and Mrs. Alice Koch, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

James G. Heilman was reared under the conditions and influences of the home farm and that he made good use of the opportunities afforded him in the common schools of the locality and period is shown by the fact that when but sixteen years of age he became a successful teacher. When the Civil war was precipitated on the nation he made two unsuccessful attempts to enlist in defense of the Union, and on the third attempt he was able to overcome the opposition of his parents and to enlist as a private in the One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the family having returned to the Keystone State while he was still a youth. He served three years as a faithful and valiant soldier, took part in many engagements and in the battle at Five Forks, Virginia, in the spring of 1865, he was severely wounded in the side, his life having been saved through the deflection of the bullet by a Testament which had been placed in his pocket by his devoted mother. Mr. Heilman was with his command at the surrender of General Lee, at Appomattox, and at the close of the war he received his honorable discharge, his entire service having been faithfully accorded in the rank of "high private." In later years he vitalized the more pleasing memories of his military career through his active and appreciative affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic.

After the close of the war Mr. Heilman continued his residence in Pennsylvania until 1872, when he came to Indiana and established his home in Clinton County, where was solemnized his marriage to Miss Lucy A. Bear, who there passed her entire life and who was about fifty years of age at the time of her death, in 1899. Of the ten children five are now living: William H., who resides at Knox, Starke County, is married and has children; Frank, who resides on a farm in California Township, this county, is also a successful teacher, is married and has a family of children; Ella is the wife of Clayton Haner, a successful farmer near Grand Harbor, Ramsey County, North Dakota; Madison, who was a successful and popular teacher for several years, is now representative of the Prudential Life Insurance Company in the City of Hammond, Indiana; and John is serving as a United States soldier in the Territory of Hawaii.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Heilman came to Starke County and purchased a farm of eighty acres, in section 32, Center Township, and he developed this place into one of the fine farms of the county. The original house on the place was destroyed by fire and he thereupon erected the present substantial and attractive farm residence, besides having equipped the place with other excellent buildings and having eventually increased the area of his landed estate to 240 acres. He was known as one of the most progressive farmers and stock-growers of Starke County and as a citizen whose civic loyalty was on a parity with his patriotic fervor as a soldier in the Civil war. Since his death his widow has continued to reside on the farm and to give personal supervision to its management, her success having been admirable and having shown her distinctive executive ability and business acumen. She has gained specially high reputation as a horticulturist, and has taken many premiums at county fairs on her displays of vegetables, including the finest of celery, in the propagation of which she has become an adept. Mr. Heilman was a stalwart republican and had served as county commissioner and township trustee. He was affiliated with the Knox lodges of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as the post of the Grand Army of the Republic and the local organization of the Tribe of Ben Hur, in which his widow holds membership, as does she also in the Daughters of Rebekah, adjunct to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Heilman and her family are most popular factors in the representative social activities of their community and she has a specially wide circle of friends in her native county.

On the 24th of December, 1899, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Heilman to Mrs. Lillian M. (Dunkleberger) Mosher, who was born and reared in Starke County and who was but six years old at the time of her mother's death. Her father, the late Daniel Dunkleberger, a native of Pennsylvania, and a representative of fine German lineage, early established his residence in Indiana, where his marriage was solemnized. He became one of the substantial farmers and valued citizens of Starke County, where he maintained his home for many years and where he died at the age of seventy-three years, his political allegiance having

been given to the democratic party and both he and his wife having been members of the United Brethren Church. Mrs. Heilman has one sister, Mrs. Frances Beach, now a resident of the City of Detroit, Michigan. By her first marriage, to John B. Mosher, Mrs. Heilman has two daughters, Luella and Cora, both of whom are married and have children. Mr. and Mrs. Heilman became the parents of three children, all of whom survive the honored father: Clara E. now holds an excellent business position in the City of South Bend; Vada Lee, who was graduated in the high school at Knox and was a student in the South Bend Business College, will complete a course in the celebrated St. Mary's Academy, in the same city; and Muriel Kathlyn, born November 4, 1901, is attending the public schools in the eighth grade. The landed estate of Mrs. Heilman is known as "Shenandoah Lodge."

HIRAM A. COLLINS. In the Village of Rye, Center Township, Mr. Collins has a well equipped general store and controls a substantial business, his stock being at all times well selected and comprehensive, so that patrons are accorded effective service. The store is 20 by 70 feet in dimensions and Mr. Collins' careful and honorable dealings have gained to him unqualified popular confidence and good will. He has here been engaged in business since 1904 and is the owner of the lot and building which he utilizes for the conducting of his successful mercantile enterprise.

Hiram A. Collins was born on a farm near Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, on the 30th of August, 1873, and in his native county he was reared to maturity, his educational advantages having been those afforded by the public schools. His grandfather, Salmon Collins, was a native of the State of New York and the latter's father was born in County Cork, Ireland, though the major part of his life was passed in New York State, where he became well known locally as a musician and where he died when well advanced in years. Salmon Collins was reared and educated in the old Empire State, and while still a young man he came with his wife to Indiana and established his home in Fulton County, where he became a successful farmer and influential citizen. He accumulated a competency and at his death his estate was placed at a conservative valuation of \$60,000. He died in 1879, at a venerable age, his wife having died many years previously. Benjamin Collins, father of him whose name introduces this article, was born in Fulton County, in 1853, and is now living virtually retired, in the Village of Macy, Miami County, his active career having been marked by close and successful identification with the great fundamental industry of agriculture and his political affiliation having always been with the republican party. In his native county was solemnized his marriage to Miss Mary J. Brumfield, who was born in that county, in 1854, and whose death occurred in March, 1900, she having been a devout member of the Christian Church, in which her husband also holds membership. Mrs. Collins was a daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth (Harper) Brumfield, who were early settlers of Fulton County, where Mr. Brumfield died many years ago, his

widow being now a resident of Rochester, that county, and having attained to remarkably venerable age, her ninetieth birthday anniversary having been observed in the early part of the year 1915 and her good fortune being to retain to a wonderful extent both her mental and physical powers. She is a zealous member of the Christian Church and is one of the revered pioneer women of Fulton County. Hiram A. Collins is the elder of the two children surviving the devoted mother; his brother, Hugh, who is still a bachelor, being a telegraph operator by vocation and having served for a time as wireless operator for the United States Government, at the time of the Spanish-American war.

After attaining to years of maturity Hiram A. Collins finally abandoned the work of the farm, and for several years he was employed in mercantile establishments, at different places in this section of his native state. In his independent business enterprise at Rye he has met with unequivocal success and is known as one of the progressive and loyal citizens of California Township. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has manifested no predilection for the honors or emoluments of public office.

In the Village of Delong, Fulton County, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Collins to Miss Clara Edgington, who was born in that county on the 19th of January, 1877, and who was there reared and educated. Of the children of this union all are living except Donald, who died April 21, 1913, at the age of eleven years. The names of the children who survive and help to make up a most gracious family circle are here indicated in the respective order of birth: Herbert, Isabel, Mary, Kenneth, Clara L., Harriet J., and Perry O.

CLAYTON HEWLETT. In the little village of Rye, Jackson Township, Mr. Hewlett conducts a well-appointed general store that caters most effectively to his large and appreciative patronage, the enterprise to which he gives his close and earnest attention having been established by him in April, 1913, and his success having been on a parity with his upright dealing and unqualified personal popularity. He is the owner also of a well-improved farm of forty acres, in section 6, California Township, and on this homestead he maintained his residence for twenty years, with secure status as one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists and stock-growers of Starke County. Mr. Hewlett has had also a varied business experience, in the service of various railway companies and with the Peters Signal Company. He became a skilled electrical engineer and as such was employed, for varying lengths of time, by the Illinois Central Railroad Company and other important railway corporations of the country. At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Hewlett enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Studebaker, of South Bend, and with his regiment he was in service for a period of six months, during the greater part of which interval he was assigned to guard duty at Fort Tampa, Florida. At the expiration of six months he received his honorable discharge, after having made an excellent record for sol-

dierly qualities and fidelity to duty. After the close of his military career Mr. Hewlett gave his attention principally to work as an electrical engineer until he established his present business enterprise, in connection with which he has received a representative patronage drawn from the prosperous and beautiful agricultural districts about the Village of Rye, or Toto.

Mr. Hewlett was born in Berrien County, Michigan, on the 4th of May, 1878, and was nine years of age at the time of the family removal to St. Joseph County, Indiana, where he was reared and educated and where he served a thorough and practical apprenticeship as an electrician. He is a son of Oliver A. and Etta (Wade) Hewlett, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Michigan. Mr. Hewlett was but three years old at the time of his mother's death, and she is survived also by two daughters—Alva A., who is the wife of Nathan D. Short, individually mentioned on other pages of this work; and Alta, who is the wife of Charles Parker, their home being now in the State of Montana, where Mr. Parker is an electrician by vocation. Oliver A. Hewlett, now sixty-five years of age, is living retired from active business and resides with his daughter Alva, Mrs. Short, at Rye, this county. He was engaged in the livery business about twenty years, is a republican in his political proclivities, and his wife was a member of the Baptist Church. Clayton Hewlett likewise gives unwavering allegiance to the republican party, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, besides which he is affiliated with the Spanish-American War Veterans' Association.

On October 17, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hewlett to Miss Ona Foust, who was born in Wayne Township, Starke County, on the 27th of August, 1880, and who is a daughter of Benjamin Dorse and Mary (Weninger) Foust, who still reside on their fine homestead farm, in Wayne Township. Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett have three children—Perry F., Emery O., and Ralph S.

THOMAS J. CAVANAUGH. Starke County's citizenship contains few members whose careers have illustrated so well the varied battle with fortune and with circumstance as that of Thomas J. Cavanaugh, who is the well-satisfied possessor of a farm of 160 acres in Center Township on section 30. Mr. Cavanaugh was left an orphan when at the beginning of his school age, began his independent battle with the world at the age of eighteen and without a cent of capital, and has since made a remarkable record in increasing his possessions, and all his accumulations represent his own industry and honorable dealing. Mr. Cavanaugh bought and located on his Starke County farm in 1900. The land has many improvements that are the result of his labor and management, including a comfortable seven-room dwelling, a good barn, and excellent drainage. Mr. Cavanaugh usually grows about eighty acres of corn, averaging from forty to fifty bushels an acre, considerable wheat, and his yield of that crop is from thirty to forty bushels per acre, and while his land is too rich for oats it is fine for onions and other vegetables.

Mr. Cavanaugh came to Starke County from Kankakee County, Illinois, which section has been his home for thirty years. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 13, 1864, went to Kankakee County when a small boy, and was reared and received his education in that section. His parents were Thomas J. and Mary Cavanaugh, both natives of Ireland, and they came as a young married couple to the United States, previous to the Civil war, locating in Chicago. In 1869 the wife died when a young woman, and her husband followed in 1871 when in the prime of life. This left Thomas J. Cavanaugh a boy of seven years. His brother Michael is the only other member of the family, and is a coal operator near Pittsburg, Kansas. He is married and has the following children: Margaret, Thalia, Josephine, Rachael, George and Francis.

After the death of his parents, Thomas J. Cavanaugh went to live with his uncle, James Cavanaugh, and remained in that home until he was eighteen years of age. Since then he has earned his way and his constant industry has brought him an ample competence.

Mr. Cavanaugh was married in Kankakee County in 1895 to Mary Buckley, who was born near the City of Kankakee March 31, 1864, and reared and educated there. Her parents were Timothy and Bridget (Butler) Buckley. Her parents came when young people to the United States from Ireland, and were married after landing in New York City. A few weeks later they came out to Illinois and located at Kankakee, and after Timothy Buckley had worked five years on the railway he bought 160 acres of land twenty miles west of Kankakee at \$7.50 an acre, a tract of land that is now worth conservatively \$300 an acre. This was the Buckley home for a number of years, and Mr. Buckley subsequently acquired 640 acres of land, and was one of the most prosperous farmers and land owners in that county. He died sixteen years ago at the age of eighty-four, his wife having preceded him by five years, and was past seventy. Both the Buckley and the Cavanaugh families are Catholics, and the men of the name are democrats. Mrs. Cavanaugh was one of nine children, four sons and five daughters, eight of whom are living, and five are married and have children. Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh are the parents of four children: Ellen, who died at the age of two years; Archie J., born November 24, 1898, and a graduate of the public schools; Lorene, born October 21, 1901, and attending school; Thomas E., born April 29, 1905, and also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh and children are members of the Catholic Church of St. Thomas at Knox.

J. FRANK CHAPMAN. A resident of Starke County from childhood, Mr. Chapman is now living retired in his attractive home on East Mound Street, in the City of Knox, judicial center of the county, and he is a scion of one of the well-known pioneer families of this section of Indiana, his parents having established their residence first in Grant County and having come to Starke County in 1851. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Mr. Chapman were likewise tried in the crucible of strenuous pioneer life, the respective families having settled in Ohio prior to the admission of that state to the Union, and the original

American progenitors of the Chapman line having become residents of Virginia in the colonial era of our national history. The name has here stood exponent of lofty patriotism, as one generation has followed another on to the stage of life's activities, and it was given to J. Frank Chapman to represent Starke County as one of Indiana's gallant and valorous soldiers in the Civil war, in which he made a record that shall ever reflect honor upon his name.

For many years Mr. Chapman was numbered among the representative farmers and influential citizens of North Bend Township, this county, and he continued to reside on his farm until January, 1911, when he found surcease from the earnest toil and endeavor that had long engrossed his attention and removed to Knox, where he has since lived virtually retired, in the enjoyment of a beautiful home in which peace and prosperity are in evidence and in which he and his wife find pleasure in extending gracious hospitality to their many staunch and valued friends in the county in which they are well known and held in unqualified esteem. At Knox Mr. Chapman owns his residence property, the attractive dwelling of eight rooms being situated on a half-block of land, with fine shade trees, shrubbery, flowers and gardens, so that the place is really worthy of the name of home. In North Bend Township Mr. Chapman was the owner of the fine old farm commonly designated as the old homestead of Col. Eli Brown, the same being situated in section 25 and comprising 120 acres. The place is well improved and has one of the oldest and best orchards in Starke County, in the same being found one of the largest apple trees to be found in the entire state, this venerable tree having a trunk nearly three feet in diameter at its base and having been a prolific bearer of fruit for many years. North Bend Township was the home of Mr. Chapman the greater part of his active life, and he contributed his quota to its high prestige in civic and industrial thrift and prosperity.

J. Frank Chapman was born in Highland County, Ohio, on the 19th of March, 1847, and he was still an infant at the time of the family removal to Van Buren Township, Grant County, Indiana, his age at the time of the removal to Starke County having been about four years. Mr. Chapman is a son of William P. and Nancy J. (Duckwald) Chapman, both likewise natives of the old Buckeye State, Hillsboro, Highland County, having been named in honor of the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Chapman, this sturdy pioneer having been the first settler in that county, where he established his home when Ohio was still under territorial government and was little more than a wilderness. William P. Chapman was born in Highland County, Ohio, on the 3d of October, 1816, and in the same county his wife was born September 24, 1819. He was a son of Silas Chapman and the maiden name of his mother was Peusey, both having been natives of Virginia and having immigrated thence to Ohio prior to its admission to statehood, Silas Chapman having there entered service as a soldier in the War of 1812 and having served during the major part of that second conflict with England, even as representatives of the family had been found as patriot soldiers of the Con-

tinental Line in the War of the Revolution. Silas Chapman reclaimed a farm from the virgin forests in Highland County and on this old homestead he and his wife passed the residue of their lives. He attained to the patriarchal age of ninety-six years and survived his wife by a number of years, her health having been impaired by injuries which she received when thrown from the back of a fractious horse which she had essayed to ride.

William P. Chapman devoted the major part of his active career to the general merchandise business, the while his wife and sons gave practical supervision to the home farm, Mrs. Chapman having been specially noted for her success in the raising of vegetables. Their marriage was solemnized on the 20th of September, 1837, and about the year 1848 they came to Indiana and established their residence in Van Buren Township, Grant County, whence they came to Starke County in the spring of 1851. Mr. Chapman purchased a land warrant in North Bend Township, and in the autumn of the same year he and his family established their home on this pioneer farm, his brother Joshua P. likewise having been one of the early settlers of North Bend Township and both having been closely concerned with the development and upbuilding of that part of the county. William P. Chapman became one of the substantial agriculturists of North Bend Township and within its limits he continued to maintain his home until his death, which occurred in 1890. His widow survived him by several years and died while making a visit to the home of one of her daughters, Lapaz, Marshall County. This noble and gracious pioneer woman passed to the life eternal in 1911, at the venerable age of ninety-two years, both she and her husband having been earnest and consistent church members. William P. Chapman united with the republican party at the time of its organization and during the period of the Civil war he gave effective service in the office of provost marshal of Starke County. He was the first man to be chosen sheriff of this county by regular popular election, served as county commissioner for a number of years and was the incumbent of this position at the time of the building of the courthouse known as the old wooden courthouse, which is still standing. It was built before the Civil war and preceded the present county building. Mr. Chapman knew and was known by virtually every man in the county, and commanded the high regard of all who came within the sphere of his benignant influence. He was one of the first teachers employed in Starke County, and followed his pedagogic labors with characteristic zeal and ability in the pioneer log schoolhouses of the early days, including one in Knox. Among his former pupils there are yet to be found in Starke County a number who have attained to distinctive success and prominence, among the number being Arthur P. Dial, the well-known banker, and Joshua P. Prettyman, whose wife, Mary (Boots) Prettyman, likewise attended a school presided over by Mr. Chapman, who was known and honored in the early days as the best educated man in the county and as a citizen whose integrity of purpose and mature judgment made him a valued counselor and friend. He was called upon to adjust disputes and rival claims in

all parts of the county, and all citizens had implicit confidence in his fairness and sincerity as well as in his wisdom. William P. and Nancy J. (Duckwald) Chapman became the parents of five sons and two daughters, and of the number three sons and one daughter are living—Milton H., a resident of Knox; Mrs. Mary J. Trapp, of Marshall County; J. Frank, of this review; and Charles H., of Kankakee, Illinois, in which state and also in Indiana he is an extensive dealer in real estate.

When the Civil war was precipitated upon a divided nation, J. Frank Chapman laid aside the labors and responsibilities of peace to tender his aid in defense of the Union. At the age of sixteen years he enlisted in Company K, Twelfth Indiana Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Edward S. Anderson. The regiment was assigned to Wilson's cavalry command, under Major Calkins and in the division commanded by General Thomas. Mr. Chapman lived up to the full tension of the great struggle between the North and the South, participated in many engagements and showed his fidelity and valor by undertaking specially hazardous duties. For some time he was with his regiment in opposing the forces under General Hood and the last important engagement in which he took part was at Mobile, Alabama. In the very height of this battle, on account of his equestrian skill, his fleetness of foot and his versatility in expedients, Mr. Chapman was selected by Major Calkins as carrier of messages and dispatches from General Canvey to the headquarters of General Thomas. He made several dangerous trips in this capacity and never failed to deliver his messages in good order. On his last trip he was told by General Thomas that it would not be necessary for him to attempt the same again, as the enemy were being well surrounded and would soon be captured, which proved to be true. Mr. Chapman is an appreciative and valued member of William Landon Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Knox, the post having been named in honor of William Landon, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Chapman, this gallant soldier having been killed at the battle of Chickamauga, where an exploding shell literally tore his heart from his body. Mr. Chapman's brother, Milton H., likewise served as a valiant soldier in an Indiana regiment, as did also Edward Case, a half-brother of Mrs. Chapman. Mr. Case was captured at Chickamauga and died in the historic Libby Prison. In politics Mr. Chapman has ever been a stalwart supporter of the cause of the republican party, though he has had no predilection for public office.

In North Bend Township, this county, on the 18th of March, 1877, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Chapman to Miss Emeline Turner, who was born in that township, on the 29th of November, 1847, and who now has the distinction of being the oldest living person who can claim Starke County as the place of nativity. She is a daughter of James and Sarah (Curtner) Turner, the former of whom was born in Monroe County, this state, a member of one of the earliest pioneer families of that section, and the latter of whom was born in Virginia, their marriage having been solemnized in North Bend Township—this being one of the first marriages celebrated in the township. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Turner was the widow of Robert Case, who was survived by six children, his

remains having been interred on his pioneer farm, as there was at the time no cemetery in the locality. In later years his remains were removed to a regular cemetery at Bass Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Turner began their married life on the latter's farm, and their home was a modest log house of the primitive type common to the pioneer days. Mr. Turner was a young man of about thirty years at the time of his death and was survived by only the one child, Mrs. Chapman. His widow later contracted a third marriage, becoming the wife of Solon O. Whitson, concerning whom incidental mention is made on other pages of this work. The mother of Mrs. Chapman came with her first husband to Starke County in the early pioneer days and they were among the very first settlers in North Bend Township. She was a woman who attained local celebrity for her great weight, and though she registered a weight of nearly four hundred pounds she still was supple and active. She was about eighty years of age at the time of her death—a generous and kindly woman who had the high regard of all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman became the parents of six sons and six daughters, all of whom attained to adult age, the home circle having been a most interesting one during the time the children all remained under the parental roof. Lewis died when a young man, Charles H. at the age of fourteen years, Maggie at the age of twenty-two, after her marriage to Leonard Smart; Adelia was a student in the high school at the time of her death, when twenty years of age; and Sarah died at the age of fourteen years. Alma, eldest of the surviving children, is the wife of Herman Rank, and they reside on her father's old homestead farm, in North Bend Township. They have twelve children—John, Charles, Ray, Chester, Dora, Mary, Bessie, Blanche, Flossie, Cleo, Nellie and Ruth. Mary Chapman is now the wife of Henry Peelle, of Center Township, and they have one child, Nellie. Thomas, who is a prosperous farmer and stock raiser near Monterey, Pulaski County, wedded Miss Mary Brooker; they have no children. Arthur, who is employed at the Culver Military Academy, on Maxinkuckee Lake, in Marshall County, married Lula Kirkham and they have no children. Roy, who married Miss Bertha Fletcher, resides in the City of Logansport, no children having been born of their union. Mrs. Grace Singer resides at Knox and has two children, Clifford and Gladys. James, a resident of Culver, Marshall County, wedded Miss May Dougleson and they have one daughter, Ida Maria.

FRED MEINEKA. That enterprise and good management are well rewarded in the country life of Starke County needs no better illustration than the career of Fred Meineka, whose fine homestead of 330 acres lies in section 14 of Center Township, near the county seat of Knox. About six or seven years ago Mr. Meineka located in Starke County, and in the beginning had little more than his land. Combining the cultivation of mixed crops with the raising of high-grade stock, he has developed a business of which he may be proud. He has constructed modern buildings, has all the equipment which goes with modern farm



THRESHING SCENE ON THE FARM OF MR. AND MRS. FRED MEINEKA, CENTER TOWNSHIP

management, and is one of the successful men in the twentieth century enterprise of Starke County. Mr. Meineka grows all kinds of grain, and feeds a number of stock. As is well understood, the chief need of the greater part of Starke County land is drainage, and Mr. Meineka has established an effective drainage system over most of his farm. It has been his practice to cultivate about eighty acres in corn, with an average yield of some forty to fifty bushels per acre, eighty acres of wheat and also a considerable acreage in oats. Mr. Meineka purchased his present farm in 1908, and came to Starke County from Kankakee County, Illinois, which had been his home from the time he was one year of age.

Fred Meineka was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 1, 1870, a son of John and Minnie (Barr) Meineka. His father was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1821, and his mother in Posen, Germany, in 1830. John Meineka came to the United States in 1848 on a voyage of six weeks on a sailing vessel and landed at New York. His wife came in 1868, on board a steamer which landed at Baltimore, Maryland. Both lived for a time in Chicago, where they were married in 1869, and after the birth of their only child, Fred, they moved to Kankakee County. In 1871 John Meineka bought 120 acres in section 2 of Pilot Township, getting the land from the Illinois Central Railroad Company at \$8 per acre. That was the home of the parents until they died, the father in 1905 and the mother in 1904. They were Lutherans and he was a democrat.

Fred Meineka remained with his parents and after getting his education worked hard to improve and develop the farm. Through his own and his father's good management the land which had been bought at eight dollars an acre was finally sold at a price of \$165 an acre. Mr. Meineka then brought the proceeds of the Kankakee farm to Starke County and purchased land at \$67.50 an acre, and here too he has been successful not only in making a profitable thing of the current products but has brought his land to such a state of improvement that he has refused \$175 an acre for it.

Mr. Meineka was married in Kankakee County to Miss Catherine Mary Eisele. She was born in that county July 11, 1870, a daughter of Gottlieb and Catherine (Folkman) Eisele. Her parents were natives of Germany, came to this country as young people before the war, and in that great conflict between the North and South her father served, as a Kankakee County soldier, with the company captained by W. F. Carnegie. He was faithful and an efficient soldier, and went through the war without injury or capture. In 1866 he married in Kankakee County, and after some years as renters finally established a home of their own and lived on it until 1903. Gottlieb Eisele then retired to the City of Kankakee and died there in March, 1904, at the age of sixty-nine. His widow is living at the age of seventy-two. Mr. and Mrs. Meineka are the parents of the following children: Minnie, aged fourteen and in school; Catherine, thirteen years of age, and also in school; John, ten years of age; Henry, eight years; Geneva, seven

years; and Grace, who is five years of age. Mr. Meineka with his wife is a Lutheran and in politics he is a republican, and during his residence in Kankakee County was honored with several local offices, serving altogether for seven years. His fraternal affiliation is with the Loyal Order of Moose No. 1402. The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Meineka is known as "The Clover Nook Stock Farm."

HARRY L. BELL, M. D. Engaged in the active general practice of his profession at Knox, Doctor Bell is recognized as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the younger generation in his native county, and it is specially pleasing to record that he is the associate and valued professional coadjutor of his original preceptor, Dr. Daniel O. White, who is now the oldest practicing physician in the county.

Doctor Bell was born at Knox, judicial center of Starke County, Indiana, on the 21st of August, 1877, and is the older of the two children of Thomas and Jemima (Nave) Bell. The younger son, John, was born in October, 1882, and is now a successful farmer near the village of Kouts, Porter County, this state; he married Miss Lena Teney, of Starke County, and they have one son, John, Jr., born in 1910. Thomas Bell was born in the City of Marion, Ohio, on the 31st of August, 1849, and was a boy at the time of the family removal to Starke County, Indiana. His father, John Bell, was born in Ireland and was a young man at the time of his immigration to the United States. In the State of New Jersey his marriage was solemnized, the maiden name of his wife having been Smith, and finally they removed to Ohio and located on a farm in Marion County, which was their place of residence for several years. From the old Buckeye State they came to Starke County, Indiana, and numbered themselves among the early settlers of Jackson Township, where Mr. Bell became a successful farmer and where he died, of typhoid fever, at the age of fifty years, his widow living to the venerable age of eighty-six years and both having been devout communicants of the Catholic Church. Thomas Bell became one of the representative farmers of Starke County, his independent operations as an agriculturist having continued for many years after he and his young wife established their residence on their old homestead in Jackson Township, where the devoted wife and mother was summoned to the life eternal on the 8th of June, 1912, her memory being revered by all who came within the compass of her gentle influence. Mr. Bell, now sixty-five years of age, vigorous of mind and body, still remains on the old home farm and is one of the well-known and highly-honored citizens of Starke County. He is a republican in politics. His wife was a communicant of the Christian Church. Mrs. Bell was a daughter of John and Lovina Nave, who were born in Tennessee and who were early settlers in Starke County, Indiana, where the father died at the age of fifty and the mother at the age of fifty-two years.

Doctor Bell passed the period of his childhood and early youth on the old homestead farm and is indebted to the public schools of Jackson Township for his preliminary education. In 1893 he was graduated in

the high school at Rochester, Fulton County, and later he completed a course in the normal department of the admirable institution now known as Valparaiso University. Both before and after attending this institution he was successfully engaged in teaching in the district schools of Starke County, and he continued to devote his attention to the pedagogic profession for six terms. He began reading medicine under the able and kindly preceptorship of Doctor White, with whom he is now associated in practice, and to fortify himself fully for the work of his chosen vocation he finally entered the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1908 and from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. From the time of his graduation he has maintained a partnership alliance with his honored preceptor, Doctor White, and it is needless to say that they control a large and representative practice, as he has proved an able and valued coadjutor of his venerable associate, from whose counsel and experience he has profited in large measure. Doctor Bell has a wide circle of friends in his native county and is doing much to uphold the high prestige of his profession in this favored section of the state. He is a member of the Starke County Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society, and through close study and investigation he keeps in touch with the advances made in medical and surgical science. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church and his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a progressive and public-spirited citizen the Doctor takes a lively interest in local affairs of political and governmental order and is a staunch adherent of the republican party. He is affiliated with Knox Lodge, No. 631, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also with the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In 1900 was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Bell to Miss Alta Phillips, who was born in St. Joseph County, but who acquired her early education principally in Starke County. She later attended what is now Valparaiso University and for a few years prior to her marriage she was a popular teacher in the schools of this county. Doctor and Mrs. Bell have one son, Elmer L., who was born May 3, 1901, and who is now a student in the public schools.

JOHN LOHSE. For more than forty years a resident of Knox, John Lohse during this time has been engaged in a variety of pursuits, in all of which he has gained success through the medium of well directed energy and effort. Born in a foreign land, like many of his fellow-countrymen Mr. Lohse objected to the compulsory military service, in order to avoid which he decided to come to a free country, where he could follow his own inclinations, and where he had heard opportunities were many and promising for men who were not afraid to work and who possessed ambition and determination. He has never had reason to regret his action, for in America it has been his fortune to realize many of his worthy hopes, and to have gained a substantial material competence and the respect of his fellow-men.

Mr. Lohse was born in Holstein, Germany, then under the rule of the

Danish government, December 26, 1847, although a member of a family that had been born in Holstein when it was under German rule. His parents, Caston and Margaret (Schrader) Lohse, passed their entire lives in Germany, where they died, the father when past ninety years of age, and the mother when still older, while the latter's father, Jacob Schrader, was 106 years of age at the time of his death at Holstein, where his wife also passed away. Mr. Schrader was a soldier during the Napoleonic wars, in which he served from 1812 to 1815. Caston Lohse was an industrious and energetic farmer, and he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran Church of their native land. Their five children were as follows: John, of this review; Henry, who emigrated to the United States, located at Detroit, Michigan, where he engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and is now married and has a son and a daughter; Augusta, who died at the age of forty-six years, at Holstein, was married and had several children; Bertha, who still resides at Holstein, is married and has children; and Elizabeth, who died in her native province in Germany when a child of but four years.

John Lohse grew up at his native place of Crampermoor, Schleswig Holstein, Germany, where he attended the public schools from the age of six years until he reached that of sixteen. He proved himself a bright and retentive student and when he laid aside his books began to learn the trade of shoemaker, in which he made rapid progress and soon mastered the vocation. Mr. Lohse was not yet twenty-one years of age when, June 9, 1868, he was drafted for service in the Prussian army. He had little desire for army service, however, and determined if he could to escape from it. He had read much and heard more of the wonderful success to be attained by the deserving in America, and laid his plans with the ultimate end in view of reaching these shores. He was assisted materially by his grandfather, who lent him money, and this eventually found its way into the hands of the proper officials, so that September 9, 1868, young Lohse, accompanied by a youthful school companion, Mark Bessmann, took passage at Hamburg, Germany, on the ship Zimbery, bound for New York. The journey was made in safety, but two years later this same ship, fully loaded, sank in the North Sea. From the metropolis the young soldiers made their way to Owatonna, Minnesota, then a small but thriving town, where Mr. Lohse secured employment with a shoemaker. Thus securing some funds, one year later he started out upon a somewhat extended trip to various points in this country, working at his trade as a journeyman wherever work was to be found. He arrived in Chicago just prior to the great conflagration which destroyed the Illinois metropolis, remained there during that exciting period and one year later moved to Hebron, Indiana, where he also spent one year. In 1873 he came to Knox to take up his permanent abode, and this has continued to be his home and the scene of his success.

Mr. Lohse is now engaged in harnessmaking and for the past sixteen years has also been the proprietor of a boot and shoe repair shop at Knox. He has traveled extensively throughout the county as representative of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and has a wide acquaint-

ance, in which he numbers many friends. Taking an active interest in all that affects the town of his adoption, he has been elected and served as marshal for three terms, and for six years has been a member of the school board. He at all times has most staunchly supported the principles of democracy. In addition to his place of business, Mr. Lohse is the owner of a pleasant and attractive home at the corner of Heaton and New York streets.

Mr. Lohse was married near Knox to Miss Augusta Kane, who was born in Indiana, but whose parents were natives of Posen, Prussia. She died nine years after her marriage, having been the mother of five children, namely: Charles T., a cashier in a large department store of Chicago, who is married and has three sons and one daughter; John B., also a resident of Chicago, where he is city salesman for the Sawyer Biscuit Company, is married and has two daughters, while another daughter met an accidental death; Bertha E., who has never married, is now at home and her father's housekeeper; Amanda, who is the wife of Alex Botkan, a representative of the Standard Oil Company at St. Francisville, Illinois, has six living sons, while a daughter is deceased; and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Lohse was again married at Knox to Mrs. Hannah (Widger) Wood, who was born in Wisconsin, where she was married the first time. From that state she came to Marshall County, Indiana, where her first husband, John Wood, died, leaving two sons and one daughter, one son, George, being in the United States service in the Philippine Islands; the other son, Jett, is a resident of Chicago and unmarried; and the daughter, May, died in Colorado after her marriage, and left one son, Logan Foster, who makes his home with Mr. Lohse. Mrs. Lohse died December 25, 1912, at the Lakeside Hospital, Chicago, leaving three children by her second marriage: Lela, the wife of Frank Friedheim, a merchant of Sixty-third Street, Chicago, and has two children—Evaline and Joseph; Letta, who died at Knox at the age of nine years; and Verna, who was for some years an actress, married Stanley Thompson, a retired actor of Jamestown, Ohio, who is best remembered for his delineation of the popular character of "Mysterious Raffles."

Mr. Lohse was the third and last time married at Knox, Indiana, September 21, 1914, to Mrs. Mary (Eash) Garver, of Elkhart. She was born in Lagrange County, Indiana, June 1, 1867. She grew up and was educated there and married there, first, to Emery Garver, born in Ohio in 1868, and was eleven years old when he came to Lagrange County, Indiana, with his parents, and was there reared and educated. After marriage he was a foreman on a railroad, the Lake Shore, and for a street car company. He later in life became a mail messenger in the Government service at Elkhart, where he died in August, 1911. Mrs. Mary Lohse is the mother of one son, Clarence Garver, twenty-five years old in March, 1915, unmarried, and a brakeman on the Wabash Railroad. Mrs. Lohse is now a member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church of Knox, but was formerly a member of the First Evangelical Church at Elkhart, Indiana.

Mr. Lohse was reared a Lutheran and continues to hold to that faith. He is a well-known Mason, and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of the Moose, and in each fraternity has numerous friends.

THOMAS A. GRIST. One of the most important utilities of any thriving and prosperous community is that which has to do with its electric light and power, for upon the proper management of such a plant depends the proper and unimpeded operation of a large number of industries. The people of Knox, Indiana, therefore, are to be congratulated that the electric light and power plant of the city is in such capable and safe hands as those of Thomas A. Grist. Coming to this city in April, 1904, with a long experience and thorough training in this line of endeavor, he has given the city and the people excellent service, a service which he has constantly endeavored to better, and a work in which he has not spared time or means in accomplishing.

Mr. Grist was born at Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1860, and is a son of John and Sarah (Setzer) Grist. His grandfather, Charles Grist, was a native of England, born December 13, 1801, who died in his native land June 1, 1840, and in 1851 his widow and children emigrated to the United States and settled in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, where the grandmother, who had been born in July, 1802, died November 9, 1859, at Towanda. The grandparents were members of the Episcopal Church. John Grist, father of Thomas A. Grist, was born November 2, 1828, at Brenzet, County Kent, England, there received a common school education, and was twenty-three years of age when he accompanied his mother to America. He was married at Towanda, Pennsylvania, to Miss Sarah Setzer, who was born October 15, 1830, near Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, and later they moved to East Troy, where the father became the owner of a hotel and general merchandise store, and served for a number of years in the office of postmaster. Subsequently Mr. Grist went to Troy, where he was manager for the store and other interests of a Mr. Viele until the time of his death, March 9, 1877. He was a republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Grist, who survived him, died at Adell, Iowa, in February, 1904, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter, namely: George, born June 10, 1859, who died in infancy; Thomas A., of this review; Clara, who became the wife of Clyde R. Lyon, a retired farmer and ex-county auditor of Adel, Dallas County, but now a resident of Perry, Iowa, and has two children—Morton, manager of the lighting plant at Perry, Iowa, has a daughter, and Ruth, the wife of Frank Munger, D. D. S., of Bayard, Iowa, has a daughter; and Charles, who met an accidental death from the kick of a horse near Pontiac, Illinois, in young manhood.

Thomas A. Grist received his education in the public schools of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and as a young man of seventeen years went to the State of New York, where he learned the trade of machinist with B. W. Payne & Sons, at Corning, Steuben County, that state, remaining with that firm for four years. In 1881 he went to Iowa, where he worked at the machinist trade from 1881 to 1887, part of the time in Minnesota and Missouri, and in 1887 began to acquire his knowledge of electricity and engine operating with the Cedar Rapids Light & Power Company, at Cedar Rapids. There he was made chief engineer and superintendent, a capacity in which he acted for fifteen years prior to working nearly a year in the machine shops of C. E. Fawcett, of that city, before coming to Knox. The franchise for the light and power plant was granted in September, 1897, and was taken up by the firm of Bish & Koffel, represented by C. H. Bish and H. R. Koffel, who operated the plant until it was purchased by Mr. Grist in April, 1904. Since that time he has erected a new brick plant and has installed many improvements, and at this time the plant supplies 140 kilowatts, but is retained at this time only as an emergency. Mr. Grist has planned and has in operation an additional supply of 120 kilowatts, transferred from Plymouth, for light and power, and is planning 200 kilowatts for emergency. Mr. Grist is in every way qualified to represent the important interests in which he is engaged, his wide experience, together with thoroughly practical and technical knowledge, having enabled him to fully maintain his high reputation in his chosen field of activity. He has identified himself actively with the movements which have made for the betterment of his adopted place, and has done his full share in the work of progress and advancement by constantly seeking to better the service which he is giving the people.

Mr. Grist was married at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 24, 1884, to Miss Alice C. Harrier, who was born in the State of Pennsylvania, January 26, 1863, and died November 13, 1891, at Cedar Rapids. She was the mother of one daughter, Hazel, who was born July 3, 1888, and died at Cedar Rapids, July 21, 1890. Mr. Grist was married the second time at Toulon, Illinois, November 24, 1897, to Miss Maude L. Lyon, who died at Knox, Indiana, December 8, 1911, aged forty-two years three months and eighteen days. Mr. Grist's third marriage occurred at DeWitt, Iowa, when he was united with Mrs. E. Gertrude (Bates) Prescott, who was born at Reading, Michigan, and educated in the schools of Hillsdale, that state. By her former marriage, to Nathan W. Prescott, now deceased, Mrs. Grist has one daughter, Elsie, who was well educated, and married July 4, 1904, at Akin, Minnesota, Robert R. Safford, and they now make their home at Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Grist are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Grist is a member. He is a republican in national politics, but has taken an independent stand in local matters, and has never been a seeker for personal political preferment.

MAURICE E. PARKS. The Parks family has been more or less closely identified with Starke County for more than twenty years. Maurice E. Parks is a young and enterprising farmer, who with his wife lives on a finely improved place in section 5 of Center Township. When the family moved to this county in 1893 they located on a farm in section 27 in Center Township, and were engaged in farming there for four years, when they moved to Tennessee, and from there to Chicago, the old home. Rev. Nathan E. Parks is still living in Chicago at the age of sixty-nine. Thirty-three years of his life were spent as an itinerant preacher in the Methodist Church, and during that time he lived in many states.

Rev. Nathan E. Parks was born at Naperville, Illinois, grew up and was educated there, was ordained as a preacher at Woodstock, Illinois, and after moving to Starke County to the farm above mentioned was employed in his ministerial duties only on request, since his health did not allow him a regular and active participation in his profession. He is a republican in politics. Reverend Parks has three brothers, James, Oscar and Morris, all of whom were soldiers in the Civil war. Oscar was wounded in the knee, and went out with the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, while the other two, both now deceased, were members of the Ninety-fifth Illinois Infantry. Reverend Parks was married in Winnebago, Illinois, in 1871, to Miss Susie Turner. She was born in Lancashire, England, in 1847, was seven years of age when her family crossed the ocean and settled in Cherry Valley, New York, later moved to Mineral Point, Wisconsin, where her parents died when quite old. Her education was acquired in the New York State schools, and at the age of twelve years she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and remained an active worker in that faith, a loyal assistant of her husband, and a noble woman all her days. She died at her home in Chicago, April 29, 1914. There are five sons: George, a farmer in Center Township of Starke County, married and with a family of sons and daughters; Maurice E.; Lloyd, who is now a member of the mounted police force in Chicago, and is married and has a son, Edward; Edison, who died while a law student at the age of twenty-one; and Ernest, who is a pattern maker in Chicago and is unmarried.

Maurice E. Parks was born at South Elgin, Illinois, September 23, 1876. His education was acquired by attending the schools in the different places where his father was employed as a minister, both in Illinois and Wisconsin, and he reached his majority in Chicago, and for nine years was employed as an accountant by the Nickel Plate Railway Company, and subsequently for a time was with the Illinois Central. Mr. Parks came to Starke County to look after his wife's interest in the old Howard farm. He is the owner of a half interest in the one hundred and forty acres that comprise that splendid homestead.

Mrs. Parks before her marriage was Altha Howard, born in Greenville, Ohio, September 22, 1878, and was brought at the age of seven years to Starke County. Her parents were Benjamin F. and Eunice (Patty) Howard, both natives of Darke County, Ohio. Mrs. Howard

died there about thirty-six years of age, and Mr. Howard for a number of years lived at Knox, in Starke County, and finally moved to Gulfport, Mississippi, where he is now retired at the age of seventy-one. He spent nearly all his active career as a farmer, and was unusually successful. During the Civil war he went out with an Ohio regiment for service in the Union army, and though enduring many hardships in various campaigns, escaped without injury. He has usually voted the prohibition ticket in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Parks are the parents of five children: Florence M., fourteen years of age and attending school; Edison R., born twelve years ago; Fern L., aged nine; Ada, aged five; and Russell, the baby of the family. Mr. Parks is a democrat and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Foresters in Knox, Indiana.

JESSE L. PITTS. One of the attractive and valuable farms of Center Township, in section 30, is Jesse L. Pitts' farm. Its proprietor, Jesse L. Pitts, bought the land in September, 1901, at a time when it was largely unimproved. He had long been successfully identified with farming, and brought a thorough experience and ability to the improvement of his new place, according to the standards of what he wanted his farm to be. It is therefore a place which has been largely shaped out by his own labors and plans, and represents both a comfortable home and also a gratifying source of income. Mr. Pitts owns a hundred and seventy-five acres. It has excellent drainage and good farm buildings and about twelve acres of native timber that in itself is worth a good deal of money. Mr. Pitts grows about seventy acres of corn with a yield of from forty to fifty bushels per acre, and his wheat in 1914 averaged forty-four bushels to the acre. The soil is a sandy loam. His motto as a farmer is to grow all he can and feed all he grows. When Mr. Pitts bought the land and took possession of it in 1901 the previous improvements had been confined to about forty acres, while all the rest was wild.

Jesse L. Pitts came to Starke County from Chicago, where he had lived two years. He was born in Chickasaw County, Iowa, December 28, 1870, grew up on a farm, and had a training which well prepared him for his career as a tiller of the soil. His parents were Martin and Mary (Saylor) Pitts, the former born in Nebraska in 1834. They were married in Nebraska, and subsequently became settlers at Waverly, Iowa, and the father bought and sold and traded a great deal of land in Iowa. Both are now living, retired at Waverly, the father at the age of eighty and the mother at seventy-three. They are members of the Dunkard Church, and the father is a democrat. Of their five sons and four daughters, all grew and married except the son Frank, who died a bachelor in 1913.

Jesse L. Pitts was married in Illinois to Miss Mary Laun, who was born February 11, 1879, in Cook County, Illinois, and reared and educated there. They have four children: Willard H., born June 10, 1899, and now in the eighth grade of the Central School; Violet, who

died at the age of eight years; Pearl I., born May 8, 1904, and in the fourth grade of the public schools; and Raymond E., born in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts are very active in all community affairs and are popular members of local society. Mr. Pitts is a republican, and is affiliated with the lodges of the Maccabees and the Moose at Knox. The pretty estate of Mr. and Mrs. Pitts is known as "The Hickory Grove Stock Farm."

JACOB F. CLEMENS. Among the Starke County citizens who have not only contributed their industry and success as home makers and prosperous farmers to community wealth, but also have been energetic and live workers in practical citizenship, Jacob F. Clemens, of Jackson Township, is especially prominent. Mr. Clemens has his home in section 24 of Jackson Township, where he is known as a general farmer and stock raiser. Some measure of his success can be found in what he has accomplished since acquiring, in May, 1901, one hundred and sixty acres of wild land, since in the subsequent thirteen years his diligence and good management have transformed this place into a valuable farm. Eighty acres are now under cultivation, and the area which is capable of producing annual revenues is being rapidly extended. Mr. Clemens has a large stock and grain barn, and a new house of six rooms, both buildings being well painted and standing up as conspicuous features of the landscape. His revenues have come chiefly from stock raising, and at times he has dealt extensively in live stock. His chief crop is corn, and practically all his grain goes into his own stock.

Jacob F. Clemens was born in Allen County, Indiana, December 17, 1868, and was six years of age when his parents moved to Marshall County, and after four years there came on to Starke County in 1878. His father, Joseph R. Clemens, bought a farm of eighty acres in Wayne Township, and that for many years was known as the Clemens homestead. Joseph R. Clemens was born April 1, 1855, in Pennsylvania, and his wife, Angeline Butt, was born September 3, 1854, in Allen County, Indiana, and was left an orphan in childhood. The parents were married in Allen County, where the father was a blacksmith. He served his apprenticeship at the trade in that county, getting \$5 a month until mastering the art. After his marriage he established a smithy in that county, afterwards conducted a shop four years in Marshall County, and then, turning over the business to his son, William, came to Wayne Township in Starke County and subsequently turned his attention to farming. The land in Wayne Township was in the midst of the woods, and he proceeded energetically to convert it into farm lands, and among other improvements set out a good orchard. He finally traded that farm, and then erected a log cabin for another new place in California Township, near Round Lake. There again his home was a log house, and eventually he had to his credit the development of two pioneer homes in this county. Some years later he retired to Aldine, and died there in October, 1909, while his wife passed away May 15, 1898. They were members of the United Brethren

church, and the father was a republican. The children in the family are mentioned briefly as follows: William, who was a blacksmith and died in Kosciusko County, Indiana, in 1913, at the age of fifty-eight, having been married but leaving no children; Clara is the wife of Louis German, of Aldine, in Starke County, and they have an adopted son, Otis Frank; Jacob F.; Bertha is the wife of Marcellus Lucas, of Aldine, and their children are Charles, Cressel, Earl, Perry, Eugene, Clara and Elva.

Jacob F. Clemens was married in Starke County, March 15, 1892, to Helen A. Bethke. She was born at Laporte, Indiana, December 1, 1870, a daughter of Julius and Othelia (Adams) Bethke, both natives of Germany, born not far from Berlin, who came across the ocean in a sailing vessel and after six weeks landed in this country and later located in Laporte, Indiana. They were farmers, and Julius Bethke was throughout his life a man of substantial industry. Some years later the Bethke family moved to Starke County, where Julius died in 1905 at the age of sixty-eight. His widow is still living on the old homestead at the age of seventy-four. They were members of the Lutheran church, and Julius was a democrat. Of the children, five are now living and two are married.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemens are the parents of five children: Grace G., born June 10, 1893, was educated in the grade school, and is the wife of Charles Berg, a farmer, and they have a son, Edward F.; Mabel C., born June 24, 1895, is the wife of Rowley Eley, of Washington Township, and they have two daughters, Gertrude, aged two years, and Blanche B., born November 30, 1914; Vernie E., born September 30, 1897, was educated in the grade schools and lives at home; Louis F., born February 4, 1900, is attending school; and the youngest is Charles F., born August 21, 1903.

The citizenship of Mr. Clemens has been one of the most valuable features of his career. He is an active leader in the republican party, and has served as township chairman. For several years he was a member of the County Council, but resigned to take office as township trustee in 1904. In the same year Judge John C. Nye appointed him county construction commissioner to superintend the Williams Ditch, and in that capacity he handled and gave excellent account of a sum amounting to fifteen thousand dollars. He also had a similar position in connection with the construction of the Sherman Ditch. For two years Mr. Clemens served as postmaster at Brems.

MARTIN SURMA. For nearly twenty years the late Martin Surma was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Jackson Township, Starke County, and his entire career within the borders of this county was characterized by the utmost industry, fidelity and integrity in whatever enterprise he was engaged. He belonged to that sturdy, self-reliant class that, given the opportunity, is able to care for itself in any country, and that always contributes materially to the good citizenship of the community in which it finds itself. More than seven years have

passed since Mr. Surma's death, yet he is still remembered for his sterling citizenship, his abilities as an agriculturist and his many admirable qualities of mind and heart.

Martin Surma was born at Gollnicz, Austria, September 22, 1821, and came of Austrian parents of French ancestry. He was given ordinary educational advantages, and reared a farmer, and when but seventeen years of age was drafted into the Austrian army. One year later, becoming dissatisfied with army life, its rough fare, its harsh treatment and its many hardships, he took unlicensed leave, bade good-by to his soldier comrades, and, making good his escape, left his native country and went to West Prussia, locating in the circuit of Graudenz. There he grew to manhood and engaged in the rafting of grain and lumber from Russia to Germany, down the father of waters of the Fatherland. After several years spent at this occupation, Mr. Surma turned his attention to the vocation of brick moulding, a line in which he continued for a number of years, in the meanwhile carefully saving his earnings with an ambitious end in view.

Mr. Surma was thirty-six years of age, in 1857, when he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Amelia Schultz, who was born at Madern Varger, Christ Jadedz, a province of West Prussia, March 4, 1840. She came of pure German stock, and of a race of hardy and sturdy people. Mr. and Mrs. Surma continued to reside in Germany after their marriage until after the birth of all their children, but it had always been Mr. Surma's belief that fortune awaited him in America, and it was to this country that he had decided finally to come. Accordingly, in 1886, with his wife and children, he left Hamburg, Germany, in the ship Reogea, and in April of the same year made port at New York. From thence the little party moved on to Chicago, where the father accepted janitor work or whatever honorable employment presented itself until he had settled upon a place in which to make his permanent home. His advent in Starke County occurred in 1888, when he purchased 120 acres of land in sections 33 and 34, Jackson Township. This land had been but indifferently improved, and was only moderately productive, but such conditions were not satisfactory to Mr. Surma, and with the aid of his sons he set about to rectify them. Using modern and progressive methods, they soon had the land producing full crops, and as the years passed, various improvements were made which added both to the value and the appearance of the farm. A modern farm house, with nine rooms, was erected, together with a substantial stock and feed barn, as well as granaries, cribs and outbuildings, and soon the farm of the Surmas came to be looked upon as one of the valuable ones of the township, which, indeed, it is to this day.

On this farm, which had developed largely under the labor of his own hands and mind, Martin Surma died April 7, 1907, when nearly eighty-six years of age. It had been his fortune to see many of his worthy dreams realized and his ambitions fulfilled. He had steadfastly continued to maintain his position in the esteem and confidence of those among whom his life was passed, and in his declining years, with his family about

him, could contentedly see that his labors had resulted in winning a reward worth while. While he was a democrat, Mr. Surma was not a politician nor an office seeker, but at all times endeavored to perform faithfully and well the duties of citizenship in his adopted land. His religious connection was with the Roman Catholic church, in the faith of which he died, while Mrs. Surma, who survives him and is still in the best of health and well preserved, a resident of the old homestead place, was brought up in the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Before his death, with the aid of his sons, Mr. Surma had been able to accumulate 240 acres, and the larger portion of this is developed, while the rest is being rapidly reclaimed by the sons.

The children born to Martin and Mary Amelia Surma were as follows: Albert, who is the owner of 120 acres of good land in Wayne Township, Starke County, where he is engaged in extensive agricultural operations, married Miss Rosa Remme, a native of Bohemia, and has four sons and four daughters, of whom three of the latter are married; Herman, deceased, who passed away soon after attaining his majority, was married and left a daughter, Anna, who is now the wife of Phillip Reif, of Chicago, and has a son and a daughter; Fred, a resident and retired farmer of North Judson, Indiana, is married and has one son and four daughters; John, a dairyman of Lake County, Illinois, who is married and has two sons and three daughters; August C., living at Gary, Indiana, an agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, is married and has five sons and daughters; Charles O., who owns and operates the old homestead property, a graduate of the Chicago Cooper School and of the German Lutheran School of Starke County, who, like his brothers and sisters, was confirmed in the Lutheran church, is still single; Robert L., who is associated with his brother Charles O. on the home farm, was educated in the North Judson schools and is single; Antoinette, who is the wife of Jacob Weber, an engineer in the South Chicago Steel Mills, Chicago, and has three sons and one daughter; and Emil, of Chicago, who is associated with the Taylor Machine Company, installing pumps for automobiles, is married and has children. The members of this family are all identified with the Lutheran church, and all the sons are republicans, with the exception of August.

Charles O. and Robert L. Surma are young agriculturists of far beyond the ordinary ability and intelligence. They have made a specialty of stock raising, and at this time have upon their farm forty head of high-grade cattle, a large number of hogs and eleven head of horses. In the latter is to be found one of the most famous stallions in the state, the Norman stallion "Duke," the head of that breed of horses in the county, whose foals have always been prize-winners. This noble animal is valued conservatively at \$3,000, and weighs 1,800 pounds, common flesh.

ROLLO G. PAXSON. A native of Indiana and a scion of the staunchest of colonial Pilgrim ancestry in New England, the name of Paxson

having been one of prominence and influence in the history of that section in which was cradled much of our national history, and representatives of the family having been, in the various generations, distinguished in professional, business and civic life in various states of the Union, the while the name has ever stood exponent of lofty patriotism and sterling integrity of purpose. Joseph Paxson, grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood and where his marriage was solemnized. In that county were born his elder children, including Joseph Watts Paxson, who was born in 1831, and who was six years of age at the time of the family removal to Jay County, Indiana, in 1837, his father having thus become one of the pioneers of this state and having settled on a tract of wild land in Penn Township, that county, his land having been obtained from the Government. Joseph Paxson, with the aid of his sons, there reclaimed a farm from the forest wilds, and there both he and his wife continued to reside until their death, when venerable in years.

Joseph Watts Paxson, father of the subject of this review, was reared in Jay County, and while still a youth in his 'teens he set forth to make his own way in the world, after having contributed to the development and other work of the pioneer farm of his father. While he had become a successful stock buyer before the time of the Civil war, he did not learn to read and write until after his marriage, owing to the fact that in the pioneer community the schools had been notable for their absence in the period of his boyhood and early youth. He was a man of alert mentality and excellent judgment, and with the passing years he succeeded largely in overcoming the educational handicap of his youth. He was vigorous, self-reliant and well fortified in his convictions, direct and sincere and placing true valuations on men and conditions. His energy and business acumen enabled him to achieve excellent success in a material way, and as a dealer in live stock he became well and favorably known throughout Jay and adjoining counties, the while his sterling integrity and whole-souled personality won and retained to him the staunchest of friends. He was an authoritative judge of the value of horses and live stock in general, and his dictum in this line, given usually at a mere glance, was considered as final. Later in life he met with appreciable financial losses, principally through purchasing live stock at figures somewhat too close to the market price, but he met reverses with the same courage and equanimity that characterized him in all of the relations of life. This sturdy and upright pioneer died on the 10th of November, 1903, in the City of Indianapolis, where he was at the time visiting at the home of one of his daughters, his sudden death having resulted from heart failure. He continued to reside in Penn Township, Jay County, until the close of his life, was a loyal, liberal and valued citizen, a stalwart republican in politics, and both he and his wife held membership in the United Brethren church. In Penn Township, Jay County, was solemnized the marriage of Joseph W. Paxson to Miss Evaline Dug-

dale, who was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, on the 29th of November, 1833, a daughter of William and Anna (Hillis) Dugdale, who removed to Jay County, Indiana, when she was young, becoming pioneer settlers of Penn Township, where they passed the residue of their lives and where they reclaimed a productive farm, Mr. Dugdale having attained to the venerable age of eighty years and having been a member of the Universalist church, his wife being of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends, commonly designated as Quakers. Mrs. Evaline Paxson continued to reside on the old homestead in Penn Township till two years before her death, and she was residing with her son Rollo in Jay County at the time of her demise, which occurred November 28, 1907, the day before the seventy-fourth anniversary of her birth. She was a devoted wife and mother, a zealous member of the United Brethren church, and was loved by all who came within the sphere of her influence. Of the six children of Joseph W. and Evaline (Dugdale) Paxson, Rollo G., of this review, was the fifth in order of birth; William D., is engaged in the blacksmithing business at Peru, Miami County, and has two sons and one daughter; Arthur L., who is engaged in the wholesale manufacture of ice cream, at Marion, this state, has one son and two daughters; Ida became the wife of Alfred Wilson, of Indianapolis, and they had one child; Sadie is the wife of George Brighton, identified with the oil industry at Jonesboro, Grant County; and Dillwyn M., a successful blacksmith at Redkey, Jay County, has one daughter.

Rollo G. Paxson was born on the old homestead farm of his father, near Pennville, Jay County, Indiana, on the 11th of March, 1867, and in the schools of Penn Township he acquired his early educational discipline, his experiences as a youth having been those connected with the work of the farm and the buying and shipping of live stock, of which latter line of enterprise his father was one of the leading representatives in that section. March 30, 1889, at the age of twenty-two years, Mr. Paxson wedded Miss Virginia N. Rider, who was reared and educated in Jay County, though her birth occurred in Mercer County, Ohio, on the 17th of March, 1869. She is a daughter of Miles and Frances (Musselman) Rider, who came from their native State of Ohio to Jay County, Indiana, where they passed the remainder of their lives on the excellent farm which they developed in Green Township, Mr. Rider having served during the Civil war as a valiant soldier of the Union. Mr. and Mrs. Paxson have no children, but in their home they reared a foster daughter, Edna Wright, who is now married and a resident of the City of Logansport, this state; she has two children, Willard and Lavon.

Mr. Paxson designates himself as an independent republican in his political views, is a member of the United Brethren church, and his wife holds membership in the Christian church. He is still in active affiliation with Grant Lodge, No. 335, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Redkey, Jay County, and has represented the same in the grand lodge of the state.

Mr. Paxson continued his residence in his native county until 1912, when he came to Starke County and purchased his present farm, of sixty acres, in section 27, Center Township. This is one of the oldest farms in the county and it had been permitted to become badly run down before it came into his possession, the place being familiarly known as the old Seagraves farm. Through his energy and careful management, including the utilization of scientific methods, the farm has been brought up to a high state of productiveness and gives crop yields that in their respective lines average as high to the acre as does any other farm in this fine agricultural section. He makes a specialty of raising corn, oats, cow-peas, beans and alfalfa, as well as melons, and his wife takes great pride in her fine success as a representative of the poultry industry, with an average of 200 full-blood Plymouth Rock chickens. The farm gives every evidence of thrift and prosperity, and Mr. and Mrs. Paxson are to be congratulated for the success they have achieved through their energy and progressive policies. They are highly esteemed citizens of Center Township and are well entitled to the recognition accorded them in this history of the county of their adoption. The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Paxson is known as "Oak Park Farm."

LOYAL H. LUDDERS. On section 28 of California Township is the home of Loyal H. Ludders. A farm of more than a quarter section, comprising land that is equal to any in the township, is the basis of his industry as a farmer, and by his success he stands in the front rank of Starke County agriculturists. Everything about his place attests the progressive and prosperous business man. From a considerable distance his home can be recognized by its red barns and silo, and by the attractive five room house nestling comfortably among the trees. It is not only a valuable place as measured in the current values, but means much more to himself and family since it represents through its improvements his life and labors for nearly twenty years.

Loyal H. Ludders was born in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, October 27, 1872, and represents the thrifty German stock that has long been identified with Northern Indiana. His parents were Richard and Sarah (Conrad) Ludders. His father, who was born in Germany in 1836 and died December 7, 1900, grew up in his native land, and in order to avoid the military service which was compulsory in 1855, emigrated to the United States, making the voyage across the ocean in a sailing vessel and landing in New York City. He came out to Cass County, Indiana, the greater part of which at that time was unimproved land. A few years later he married Sarah Conrad. She was born in Pennsylvania, and had come as a child to Cass County with her parents, Isaac and Nancy (Clouse) Conrad. Isaac Conrad was one of the pioneers, having settled fourteen miles northeast of Logansport in the midst of a wilderness of heavy timber. When he first located there he was four miles from any neighbors, and he and his family had all the privations and experiences of early settlers. In the course of years

the Conrad farm became highly improved and represented a good estate. Isaac Conrad died there when quite old in 1878, and his widow passed away in 1898 when about eighty-four years of age. They were members of the Methodist church, and Isaac was a republican. Richard Ludders, after coming to Cass County, found employment as a common laborer in a sawmill. His energy soon made him a partner in the business, and finally sole owner. The mill was subsequently traded for a store at the old community known as Twelve Miles, and that too he afterwards sold and engaged in the agricultural implement business at Logansport. He continued in active business until his death. He was a democrat in politics, a judicious and successful business man, and became well known in the county seat of Cass County. Richard Ludders' first wife died in 1873, and he married a second time, but had no children by the second union. The three children of his first wife were: Leonard, who is a carpet salesman in Logansport, and is married; Viola, who died in young womanhood after her marriage to John Damm, leaving three children, Esther, Anna and Otto.

Loyal H. Ludders, the youngest of the family, was reared by his grandmother and an aunt on a farm, and acquired a common school education. He remained with his relatives until the age of twenty-three, and on December 26, 1895, was married in Miami County, near Perrysburg, to Miss Emma J. Fahl. She was born east of Perrysburg in Miami County, November 3, 1873, and grew up in that country. Her parents were John and Catherine N. (See) Fahl. They were both natives of Pennsylvania, but were married in Miami County. The See family moved from Pennsylvania, spent some months in Ohio, and their daughter, Catherine N., was born while en route from Ohio to Indiana. They were members of a small colony which made the journey with teams and wagons to Miami County, where Charles and Catherine Ann (Miller) See were early settlers and spent the rest of their lives. John Fahl had come from Pennsylvania in boyhood with his parents, George and Mary Fahl, and the family located in Huntington County, where they broke out a new farm, and where his parents spent the rest of their lives. John Fahl and wife, after their marriage, lived in Huntington County for a time, and then bought a good farm near Perrysburg in Miami County. Mrs. Fahl died there June 25, 1900, having been born November 16, 1846. She was a member of the Reformed Church. John Fahl then married Mrs. Sarah Davault, widow of George Davault, and they are now living as retired farmers at Denver, Indiana. Both are members of the Reformed Church, and he is a democrat. Mrs. Ludders was the oldest of four children. Her brother William lives in Kansas, and is married; her sister, Edna, is the wife of Peter Sarver, and they occupy the old Fahl Farm in Miami County, and have six sons and daughters. One of the Fahl children died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Ludders and wife came direct to Starke County, and bought eighty acres of brush land in section 28 of California Township. For a number of years he and his wife had to em-

ploy both industry and thrift in establishing a home, and a large amount of labor had to be performed in clearing off and getting the land ready for cultivation. Mr. Ludders now has a total of one hundred and eighty-two acres, all well improved, with two barns, one 22 x 38 and the other 32 x 22 feet, a silo of forty-five tons capacity, and a large grain and tool shed. Mr. Ludders has been successful in growing the staple crops, with about forty acres of corn, twenty acres of oats, and all kinds of vegetables, while a considerable acreage is in timothy hay and pasture. Mr. Ludders keeps good stock, half a dozen head of horses and some dairy cows, and feeds all his crops to his cattle, horses and hogs.

The children are: Maybell M., born November 5, 1897, and a member of the class of 1915 in the North Judson High School; M. Irene, born December 5, 1900, and a graduate of the common schools; Joseph Otto, born September 21, 1905, and now in the fourth grade; and John R., born May 19, 1908, and recently entered school.

BENJAMIN F. TANNER. When Benjamin F. Tanner arrived in Starke County, Indiana, twenty-eight years ago, his assets as to cash consisted of \$27. This, however, did not represent his entire capital, for he brought with him a determination to succeed, an honorable ambition that directed his operations along lines of industry and persevering labor that eventuated in the accumulation of material rewards and a position of importance among his fellows. Today he is the owner of seventy-one acres of land in California Township, and is considered one of the progressive and energetic men of his community.

Mr. Tanner was born near the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 27, 1858, and belongs to a family which was for many years prominent in New York. Palmer Tanner, the grandfather of Benjamin F. Tanner, was born in the Empire State, and during the '30s removed with his family to Ohio, settling at Norwalk, where both he and his wife passed the remaining years of their lives, the grandfather passing away when under sixty years of age, while the grandmother was about seventy years old. Among their children was the father of Benjamin F. Tanner, James Edward Tanner, who was born in the State of New York in 1830, and was still a lad when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. He grew up in that state and was educated in the schools of Norwalk, but as a young man went to Sandusky, Ohio, where he was married to Sarah Terry. She was also born in New York, and had removed to Sandusky County, Ohio, with her parents, Julius and Sarah (Haff) Terry, who became successful farming people. In many ways Mr. Terry was a most remarkable man. It is related of him that his intense energy and strong physique kept him constantly at work, before breakfast, all during the day, and late at night, only stopping his indefatigable labors when he went to his meals and at bedtime. He was a cooper by trade, a vocation which he had learned as a youth, and for many years maintained a little cooper shop on his farm, in which he was often to be found at work. He accumulated a handsome prop-

erty before his death, and lived to be eighty-two years of age, winning through a life of honorable dealing the esteem and respect of his fellow-men. Mrs. Terry, who died a few years before, was, like her husband, widely known and greatly respected.

After their marriage, James Edward and Sarah Tanner started housekeeping in Sandusky County, Ohio, and there remained for some years, but subsequently removed to Michigan and there resided on a property in the vicinity of Grand Rapids for a short time. They returned to Sandusky County, Ohio, prior to the outbreak of the Civil war, in which James E. Tanner enlisted for service in the Union army, as a member of the Third Ohio Cavalry. His service of more than three years was characterized by an excellent record for bravery and faithful performance of duty, and while he escaped wounds or capture, it was a number of years before he regained his full health and fully recovered from the hardships and privations of army life. On his return from the war Mr. Tanner resumed his farming operations, in which he continued to be engaged until the time of his death, at the age of seventy-two years, at the Soldiers' Home, Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, while Mrs. Tanner was sixty years old when she died. Benjamin F. was the fourth child and third son of the family of eight children, all of whom are still living, married and with children. One son, John, has been in the United States service since attaining his majority, and is now in the Philippine Islands, with a commissioned officer's rank.

Benjamin F. Tanner was two years of age when he was taken by his parents to Sandusky County, Ohio, and there his education was secured in the public schools. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and assisted his father until deciding to enter upon a career of his own, when he started to work upon farms in Ohio. For several years his progress was not very rapid, and eventually, in 1886, he decided to try his fortunes in a new field. Accordingly he came to Starke County, and here has continued to reside to the present time. His small capital of \$27, which was all he had left from his savings upon his arrival in California Township, has grown into a very substantial amount, and Mr. Tanner is justly accounted one of his township's well-to-do men. His seventy-one acre tract is located in section 18, and is highly cultivated, with the exception of ten or twelve acres of native timber. The attractive and substantial buildings on this property include a new red stock barn, 28 x 40 x 15 feet, with gable roof, attached to which is a forty-five-ton silo. A commodious house and large, well-kept outbuildings complete the complement, and the most modern improvements of every kind are to be found on all sides. Mr. Tanner is modern in his ideas and methods, and as a result is securing very satisfactory results from his well directed labors, growing large crops of wheat, corn, oats and potatoes and finding a ready market for his products.

On December 18, 1874, Mr. Tanner was married in Sandusky County, Ohio, to Miss Hannah Mick, who was born in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1866, removed to Seneca County, Ohio, when seven years old, and later went to Sandusky County. To Mr. and Mrs.

Tanner there have been born the following children: Dora M., who is single and a resident of Hammond, Indiana; Maybelle M., who is single and a resident of Clyde, Ohio; Roy E., who is single and employed in farming in Lake County, Indiana; Irvin J., who married Lillian Rhoads, works on a farm in Lake County, Indiana, and has had one child who is now deceased; John S., who is single and connected with the United States regular army, with his headquarters at a fort in Oklahoma; Ora R., who married Nellie Lacy, and resides in Clyde, Ohio; Hazel S., who is single and resides with her parents; Clyde William, who assists his father in the work of the home farm; and Winnie R., E. Frances, Charles R., Norma O. and Benjamin C., who are attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner are recognized as honorable people and factors for good in their community. A democrat in politics, Mr. Tanner is not a politician nor an office seeker, but has not been indifferent to the duties of citizenship, and has served very acceptably in the capacity of superintendent of township roads.

WILLIAM TALBOT. Although he was never a resident of Starke County himself, the late William Talbot has so many descendants in this part of Indiana that it is eminently fitting that a short review of his career be included among the biographies making up this work. It was unfortunate that Mr. Talbot's life should be cut off at a time when he was giving the greatest promise of his usefulness, yet his comparatively short career was characterized by the gaining of a success that comes to others only after a lifetime of endeavor and sturdy effort. Mr. Talbot was born at Norfolk, England, in 1820, and belonged to an old and honorable English family which for generations had been occupied in tilling the soil. His parents spent their entire lives in their native land, were farming people, and were known as consistent members of the Methodist church, in the faith of which their children were reared.

William Talbot grew up among the conditions that are peculiar to the boyhood and youth of a farmer's son in England and was given ordinary educational advantages in the schools. He was married at Barry, England, to Miss Sarah Ruddick, of Suffolk County, England, and there all of their children, four sons and six daughters, were born. Two of the sons remained with the grandparents, while the rest accompanied their parents to the new home across the water. In early March, 1858, Mr. Talbot gathered his family about him and traveled to Liverpool, England, where he took passage on a sailing vessel. Six weeks later port was made at New York City, from whence the little party made its way to Michigan, there locating on a farm in the vicinity of the City of Detroit, at that time only a small town which gave little promise of developing into a metropolis. There the father labored faithfully and energetically, and with some success, assisted by his sons, but in 1865 failing health caused him to seek another climate, and he accordingly went to Laporte County, Indiana. Selling his Michigan

land, he purchased a tract in the Hoosier State, but did not live to see his labors bear fruit, as he died during the same year of his arrival upon Indiana soil, he being then forty-five years of age. Mr. Talbot was a democrat after arriving in America, and his religious connection was with the Methodist Church.

After his death, Mrs. Talbot purchased eighty acres of land in the vicinity of Hanna, Indiana, and there was married to Winthrop Colby. There Mr. Colby died some years later, following which Mrs. Colby moved to Knox, and there passed away December 9, 1905, having reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. She was reared in the faith of the Methodist church, but eighteen years prior to her death joined the Christian faith, in which she died. Of her ten children, eight are still living, and all are married and at the head of families.

The youngest of her parents' children, Mrs. Rebecca West, was born January 26, 1858, at Barry, England, daughter of William and Sarah (Ruddick) Talbot. She was but six weeks of age when the family started on its long and wearisome voyage to the United States, and grew up in Michigan until she was seven years of age, when she came to Indiana, and here her education was secured in the public schools. She was married in Marshall County, Indiana, to Jesse N. West, but resided in that county only a short time, subsequently moving to Knox, later to the State of Illinois, and finally to Starke County, Indiana, where she purchased a fine farm on section 5, California Township. Mrs. West now has a well improved property of seventy acres, the greater part of which is under cultivation and devoted to general farming, principally the raising of cereals, onions and potatoes. The improvements on this land are of the most modern character, including a commodious eight-room residence and large red barn, and all equipment and machinery is of the most up-to-date nature. Mrs. West is a firm believer in the value of modern innovations in farm work, and the entire appearance of her property denotes her care and good management. Always a good business woman, she has won the confidence and respect of those with whom she has had dealings, and her keen judgment and knowledge of conditions has gained her the esteem of men who have been engaged in agricultural pursuits all their lives.

Mrs. West has been the mother of seven children, as follows: Maggie M., who was educated in the public schools and the Knox High School, and for several years was engaged in teaching in the country schools of Starke County, is now the wife of William Hammersley, a farmer of Center Township, this county, and has three sons and two daughters; Hattie L., an engineer on the Nickel Plate Railroad, who resides near Stony Island, Illinois, married Mary Godfrey, and they have a son and three daughters; Thomas Jesse, yardmaster for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, at South Chicago, Illinois, married Phoebe Vincent, of Starke County, and has one son; and Oscar N., who is unmarried and is his mother's assistant in conducting the homestead farm. The estate of Mrs. West is known as "The Walnut Grange."

JOHN A. LINDSTRAND. The owner of a well improved farm of 120 acres, in section 3, California Township, Mr. Lindstrand is known as one of the substantial and progressive agriculturists and stock growers who are upholding the high standard of these industrial activities of Starke County, and he is a citizen who commands unqualified esteem in the county of his adoption and in which he has achieved success by well ordered effort. He has provided his land with an effective system of drainage, a portion being specially adapted to the raising of onions, and each year giving to him also excellent yields of wheat, oats, corn, timothy and alfalfa. In the effecting of proper drainage facilities, Mr. Lindstrand utilized six carloads of tile, and he has otherwise followed progressive policies in the improvement and cultivation of his land. When he here established his home on a tract of forty acres the land was virtually unimproved and his original domicile was a log cabin of the true pioneer type. He has now on the place a good farm house and has erected two large barns, the one being 24 x 54 feet in dimensions and the other 30 x 40 feet. He has also provided an excellent granary, 16 x 32 feet in dimensions, and sheds for the protection of his farming implements and machinery, the best order of which he utilizes in his farm operations. After thus improving his original forty acres, Mr. Lindstrand has added to the area of his estate and continued the aggressive development of the same. His original farm was acquired in 1893; in 1896 he purchased an adjoining forty acres; and in 1908 he acquired an additional and contiguous tract of forty acres, not a dollar of indebtedness now resting on his admirable farm, and his energy and industry being on a parity with his ambition and enterprise as a practical and successful farmer and stock raiser, and his home is modern and with a thorough water system in the house.

Mr. Lindstrand was born in the former province of Smoland, in Southeastern Sweden, on the 5th of August, 1857, and is a representative of the finest of Swedish lineage, the family having retained its one estate in Smoland for more than two centuries. He is a son of August and Olerichs (Horling) Anderson, who likewise were natives of Smoland, the father having been born on the same old family estate as was the subject of this review and the differing surnames appearing in accord with the ancient customs of the Norseland countries. August Anderson was born in 1815 and his wife in 1822, and they passed their entire lives in their native province, where he was the owner of a good farm, besides having been a skilled workman as a cabinetmaker. Both he and his wife were past the age of ninety years at the time of their death, and both were earnest communicants of the Lutheran church. Of the five children, the first-born, Johanna, died at the age of six years; Charlotta, who was born in 1849, remained unmarried until her death, which occurred at her old home; Miss Sophia, who resides in the City of Stockholm, is the adopted daughter of one of her aunts; Carl, who died in Sweden, in June, 1914, was twice married and is survived by five children, born of the first marriage; and John A., of this sketch, was the fourth child.

In the excellent schools of his native land, John A. Lindstrand acquired his early educational discipline, and as a youth he served, under the direction of his honored father, an apprenticeship to the trade of cabinetmaker. In 1882, at the age of twenty-four years, he severed the home ties and set forth to seek his fortunes in the United States. He landed in New York City on the 2d of April of that year, and soon afterward made his way to the City of Chicago, where he almost immediately found employment at his trade, with the company operating the street car lines on the South Side of that metropolis. He received \$2 a day for his services, and later he entered the employ of the celebrated Pullman Car Company, with which he remained about twelve years, receiving, as a skilled mechanic, substantial wages. Since Mr. Lindstrand has been a representative of the agricultural industry his success has fully justified his change of vocation, and he is deeply appreciative of the independent life of the farm, in connection with which success attends earnest and well directed effort, as shown distinctly during his career as one of the energetic farmers of Starke County, where he has maintained his residence since 1893. As a loyal citizen, Mr. Lindstrand takes lively interest in public affairs, especially those of a local order, and while he has never sought political office he designates himself as a progressive republican. He and his family hold membership in the Lutheran Church.

In the City of Chicago was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lindstrand to Miss Anna Nalquist, who was born in Sweden, December 15, 1859, and who was twenty years of age at the time of accompanying her parents on their immigration to the United States, and they passed the remainder of their lives in Chicago; they were survived by nine children, and all except one of the number are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrand became the parents of nine children, of whom Arthur died in 1910, at the age of eighteen years; Edwin, now twenty-five years of age, is still a bachelor and is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm, as is also Raymond, who recently attained to his legal majority and who was afforded the advantages of a business college; Albert, nineteen years of age, likewise remains at the parental home, as do also Axel, who is seventeen years old, and Ellen, who is still attending school, her age being fourteen years.

EMIL R. WEIDNER. One of the fine country homes in California Township is that of Emil R. Weidner, a successful farmer and stock raiser in section 29. His has been a career of progressive enterprise, which is well illustrated in his management of the 127 acres of land comprising his estate. A hundred acres are now improved up to the best standards, while the remaining twenty-seven acres are nearly ready for the plow. Mr. Weidner bought this land from his father and Doctor Glasebrook, and the father occupied it from 1902 until his death in 1904. With the exception of perhaps a dozen acres, Mr. Weidner may claim credit for practically all the important improve-

ments which have so greatly increased the value and productiveness of his land. For a number of years he has grown as good crops as any raised in the township, and has a group of excellent buildings, comprising a barn 24 x 48 feet, a comfortable and commodious residence of eleven rooms and other features which to the eye of the experienced farmer prove a well ordered and profitable husbandry.

Emil R. Weidner was born in Laporte County, Indiana, October 21, 1865, and was reared and educated in Pulaski County, and from that county moved to Starke County. His parents were Charles A. and Paulina (Miller) Weidner. His father was born in Prussia, Germany, in August, 1841, and when three months of age lost his father by death, grew up in Prussia, had the training of that nation, and employed a number of years of his youthful labors in earning enough to send his widowed mother and others of the family to the United States. He accomplished this ambition by 1862, and followed himself in 1865. In the meantime his mother had married and located at Laporte County, Indiana. On the day of his arrival in Laporte County, Indiana, Charles A. Weidner married Miss Miller, who had also emigrated from the old country, and whom he had met at New York City. After their marriage they began as farmers in Laporte County, settling on a place near Wanatah, where Emil Weidner was born. The family next moved out to St. Joseph, Missouri, and while there three children were born. Two of them were twins who died in childhood, and the other was the son, Charles A., Jr., who is now a resident of Chicago and a babbitt metal worker, and is married and has a daughter, Florence. From St. Joseph the father returned to Indiana, his wife having died in Missouri, and settled in Pulaski County. Here he married Mrs. Anna Timm, whose maiden name was Plestacer. They became the parents of two children, one that died in infancy, and a daughter Fredericka, now wife of Charles Lovell, living in Chicago, and the mother of a daughter, Mildred.

Emil R. Weidner married in Pulaski County, Missouri, May 13, 1894, Lizzie Lizenby. She was born in that county February 14, 1875, and was reared and educated in Winamac. The parents were William and Ernestina (Weiss) Lizenby, who now live on a farm in Pulaski County. The father was born in Indiana and the mother in Germany, and they now live retired. The Lizenby family are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Weidner became the parents of twelve children, one, Charles, dying in infancy. The living are: Olive, born September 16, 1896, graduated from the public schools in 1914; Ota M., sixteen years of age, in the third year of the high school; William W., aged fifteen, now in the second year of high school; Cecil E., aged thirteen, and member of the class of 1913 in the common schools; Grace, aged twelve, in the seventh grade of school; Ralph, aged eleven, in the seventh grade; Esther, aged ten, in the fifth grade; Kenneth, aged eight in the fourth grade; Clarence, aged seven, in the second grade; and Minnie, aged four, and Dorothy, aged two. Mr. Weidner is a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife is a Methodist. In politics he is a republican.



The 65th birthday anniversary of
Mrs. A. Hermance, & Family reunion.

FRANK A. HERMANCÉ. A native of the Badger State and a representative of that fine German element that has played a large and benignant part in the civic and industrial development of Wisconsin, Mr. Hermance himself exemplified the same sterling type of industry, initiative and constructive ability and progressive policies which made his parents successful in their endeavors, his father being a scion of staunch German stock and his mother having been of German and English lineage. The father of Mr. Hermance was born in New York and settled in Wisconsin in the pioneer days, there becoming a substantial and honored representative of the great basic industry of agriculture, to which he devoted the residue of his long and useful life. Both he and his wife continued their residence in Wisconsin until their death.

Frank A. Hermance, now numbered among the most progressive agriculturists of Starke County, with a finely improved farm in sections 34 and 35, Center Township, has further shown his enterprise by engaging in the manufacture of cement building blocks, as well as tile, at Knox, the county seat, where he has built up a large and prosperous business in this line. He is a man of distinctive intellectuality and executive ability and in earlier years was a successful and popular representative of the pedagogic profession. Mr. Hermance was born on his father's homestead farm, near beautiful Lake Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin, on the 24th of February, 1865, and was there reared to adult age, in the meanwhile availing himself of the advantages of the public schools of the locality and period. That he made good use of his educational opportunities is indicated by the fact that after he had attained to his legal majority he became a successful teacher in the public schools of Illinois, where he served his pedagogic novitiate as master of a district school in McHenry County. He later completed a course in the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, and thus admirably fortified, he devoted a full quarter of a century to the profession of teaching, the greater part of his admirable work having been done in Starke County, Indiana, where he is well known and where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. He came to Starke County in 1888 and his first work as a teacher here was in what was known as the old Bear schoolhouse, in Washington Township. Later he taught in practically all other townships of the county, and his earnestness and enthusiasm as a teacher proved an inspiration and incentive to pupils, with the result that his work in the field of education was specially successful and gained to him unqualified popular commendation. Mr. Hermance is known as a man of broad views, well fortified convictions and impregnable integrity of purpose, and his character and ability have made him an influential force in the directing of popular thought and action. He is an earnest supporter of the cause of the socialist party and is ever ready to give in this connection a "reason for the faith that is in him." He and his family are members of the Christian Church, and at Knox he is affiliated with Tent No. 80, Knights of the Modern Maccabees.

The landed estate of Mr. Hermance comprises 100 acres, forty acres being situated in section 34, and the remaining sixty acres in section 35, Center Township. He has shown characteristic administrative ability and marked progressiveness in the developing and improving of this property, and may consistently be said to be the owner of one of the model farm properties of Starke County, though he will not admit himself to be satisfied until there is no further latitude for improvement on his demesne and no further possibility for availing himself of advanced scientific methods and progressive policies. On his farm will be found a substantial and attractive modern house of eleven rooms, the same having a cement basement and a portion of the floors of the building being also of cement construction. The house is heated by a hot water system and has its own effective system of lighting by acetylene gas, the house having been erected in 1913 and being one of the most modern and attractive farm dwellings in Center Township, even as it is a recognized center of gracious and cultured hospitality. On the farm Mr. Hermance has erected also a substantial and commodious barn, 36 by 48 feet in dimensions and equipped with cement floor. It is admirably arranged for the sanitary care of live stock and for the general storage of farm products, Mr. Hermance giving his attention principally to the propagation of wheat, corn, cow-peas and cucumbers for pickling purposes. He continues a close student of the best in literature, as does also Mrs. Hermance, and they also take much pleasure in keeping in touch with advances made in scientific agriculture and stock growing, for the purpose of adopting on their fine farm the methods that meet their approval. At Knox Mr. Hermance has a well-equipped factory for the manufacturing of cement building blocks and also tile, and he has found a ready and appreciative demand for the products of this modern establishment, the house on his farm being constructed of cement blocks and being of the best type of this essentially modern method of construction.

In Darke County, Ohio, the year 1888 recorded the marriage of Mr. Hermance to Miss Florence R. Rohr, who was born in that county, on the 21st of March, 1867, and who like her husband was afforded the advantages of the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. She was a successful teacher for some time prior to her marriage, and continued her efficient services in this profession after her marriage for a time. In conclusion is entered a brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hermance: Frank E. completed his education in Purdue University, is a mechanical engineer by profession and is now a resident of Alberta, Canada, being still a bachelor; Florence O. was for five years engaged in teaching, after her graduation in the high school at Knox, and she is now the wife of Charles Swanson, a prosperous farmer of Jackson Township, this county; Mabel J. E., who was graduated in the Knox High School, remains at the parental home; Albert H., aged twenty, and associated with his father in the management of the home farm, was graduated in the Knox High School and later took a course in the agricultural department of Pur-

due University; and Gerald is still attending the public schools, in which he was in the seventh grade, in 1914. Gerald, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hermance, won the first prize as the best corn grower in Center Township for the years 1913-14, the prize for 1914 being a trip of inspection of Purdue University. The pretty country seat of Mr. and Mrs. Hermance is known as the Oak Park Dairy Farm, and it lies $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of the city limits of Knox, Indiana.

AMOS J. REED. Few citizens of Starke County have done heavier or more practical work in developing the country than Amos J. Reed, who for nearly forty years has lived in section 29 of California Township. Mr. Reed is now well past the psalmist's span of life, three score and ten, and is somewhat retired from the strenuous activities of his earlier days. He is an example of the splendid physical manhood which rejoices in hard labor, and during his younger years, in spite of his prolonged activity, seldom knew what weariness was.

When Mr. Reed located on eighty acres of unbroken land in California Township in 1875, he at once took up the tremendous task of clearing out the woods in order to permit the use of a plow. His land stretches on both sides of the Knox and Winamac Pike Road. While he was hewing down the timber on the land he had destined for fields, he also inaugurated an attractive improvement by setting out small trees along the public highway, and now after many years it is his personal pride and matter of credit that this road is lined with a stately avenue. It was by his own labors that the farm was improved with good buildings, comprising house, barn and other structures, and year after year he wielded the ax with untiring energy until practically all his land was ready for cultivation. From his land he cut numberless ties, sufficient to support the track of the Erie Railway all the way from Aldine to North Judson, a distance of several miles. Other trees he cut and split into rails sufficient to enable him to fence in each ten acre division of his farm. Most men of the present generation would stand aghast at the prospect of so stupendous a labor in making a home, and it is only necessary to view the present farm of Mr. Reed and remember what it was less than forty years ago to get some comprehension of what he has accomplished since coming to Starke County. Mr. Reed has been successful as an agriculturist, has grown all kinds of the staple crops, including wheat, rye, oats, corn and also onions and vegetables. With the aid of his good wife and by following a thrifty course he has prospered and is one of the substantial men of California Township.

Mr. Reed is an Ohio man by birth, and prior to his removal to Starke County had spent five years in Delaware County of that state, and prior to that was for several years a resident of Peoria County, Illinois. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 29, 1840, and grew up in that locality. Mr. Reed is a son of Stephen and Mary Ann (Cale) Reed, who were natives of Virginia, where they married, but of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. His father was one of the first settlers in Guernsey County, Ohio, bought and improved farming land in that

section, and some years later moved to Knox County in the same state and from there to Licking County. Stephen Reed was a man of remarkable longevity, and attained the remarkable age of one hundred and five years. He had been three times married and had altogether twenty-one children. By the first wife there was one child, eight were born to the second marriage, and twelve by the third wife. The mother of Amos J. Reed was his second wife. Stephen Reed and family were members of the Free Will Baptist Church, and in his later years he voted with the democratic party. Amos J. Reed has a brother, Reese M., a farmer in Knox County, Ohio, and also a sister, Martha, who has been twice married and lives in Knox County.

Amos J. Reed grew up on a farm, learned the trade of blacksmith in Knox County. He inherited strength of body and skill of hand, and these talents were developed and put to excellent use by him for many years. As a shoer of horses he became especially proficient, and could drive shoes on as many as sixty-five horses' feet every day. He was regarded as a wonder in strength and agility, and never met his match in a wrestling bout, and also took pride in the fact that as long as he kept the blacksmith shop no horse was ever sent away unshod because of lack of time. After his removal to Starke County Mr. Reed put up a smithy on his farm, and did a large amount of work at his trade in connection with the improvement and cultivation of his farm. He continued his shop until about two years ago, when he retired from that line of business on account of advancing age.

In Knox County, Ohio, Mr. Reed married Miss Mary Ann Higgins. She was born in Knox County March 24, 1834, was reared and educated there, and lived at home until her marriage. Her parents were Aaron and Elizabeth (Westbrook) Higgins, both natives of Pennsylvania, who settled on a farm near Centerburg, Ohio, after their marriage. Her father died in 1844, when Mrs. Reed was a child, leaving eight children. One of these children, Lucy, is now a widow in Knox County, Ohio. Mrs. Reed's mother married for her second husband Samuel Canfield, and they lived on a farm at Centerburg, Ohio, until their death at a good old age.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed became the parents of five children: One died at birth, and Anderson at the age of eighteen months. Lucy is the wife of Presley A. Hiatt, who lives on a farm and runs a blacksmith shop at Beardstown, Indiana, and they have a son, Walter, who is the father of one child. M. Shannon, now forty-five years of age, born in Ohio and educated in Starke County, married Dora E. Crabb of Knox, and they live as farmers in California Township, and their five children are Arthur, Laid, Mary, Thurlow and Jesse, the last having died at the age of five years. Bert O. is a farmer in California Township, and has been twice married. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the United Brethren Church.

GEORGE COLE. A resident of Indiana more than twenty years, George Cole came to Starke County about fourteen years ago, spent some

ten or eleven years in business as a merchant at Knox, and then moved to a farm in section 30 of California Township. He is an example of a business man turned farmer, and his success is evidenced from the fact that the products from his land under his management have been awarded five first and second premiums at local fairs.

George Cole was born in Lee County, Virginia, August 21, 1851, and comes of a prominent old family of southern stock. His grandfather, David Cole, who married Nancy Talbott, was born and was married in Clinton County, Kentucky. He was the most prominent man in that section of the Blue Grass State, and the county seat of Albany was laid out on his land. He owned a large amount of farm and town property, and for many years was the leading citizen of that locality. His wife died at Albany when in middle life, after the birth of eight children, and David then married her sister, and there were three more children. No citizen of Clinton County was so well known as David Cole. He was esteemed both for what he had accomplished and for his influence and generosity. It is said that his pioneer home was open day and night to friends and traveling strangers, and its hospitality was unbounded, and in that way typical of the traditional southern homestead. While he prospered in material affairs, he shared all that he had with friends and neighbors. There was hardly a day when his home was not filled with visitors, and he was a fine illustration of the old Kentucky planter whose life and property were at the service of the community. It is said that when he killed hogs for himself, he killed as many more for his neighbors and friends.

David Mason Cole, father of George Cole, was born at the old homestead in Clinton County, Kentucky, grew up there, and when still a young man moved to Virginia, and established a home in Lee County. He was there married to Jane Christenbery, who belonged to a family of German stock, long established in Virginia, and many members of which followed various mechanical trades and industry. David M. Cole died on his farm in Lee County when fifty-one years of age. His widow subsequently moved to the home of an older daughter in Clinton County, Kentucky, and died at the age of eighty-six years. She was a Methodist, while David M. Cole was a Baptist, and in politics a democrat. There were eight children in the family: Mary J., widow of Joseph Suttler, living in Elliott County, Kentucky, where her aged mother died; Elvia, widow of Hugh Wilder, living in Kansas and the mother of a family of two sons and two daughters; Robert, who is a Nebraska farmer, and has four daughters and one son; George; Josephine, who died at the age of six years; James, who died after his marriage, leaving children; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Job Hobbs of Elliott County, Kentucky, and they have three sons and three daughters; and Mrs. William Smith, the wife of a Kansas farmer, and with a family of eight children.

George Cole grew up in Lee County, Virginia, was educated in the public schools, and after finishing school spent some five years as a teacher in Elliott County, Kentucky. On March 4, 1892, he came to Indiana, locating near Tipton in Tipton County, and was a farmer in that vicinity

until 1900. That year marked his removal to the City of Knox, where he engaged in business as a dealer in harness and shoes until 1911. Mr. Cole then gave up merchandising and moved to California Township, buying eighty acres of land in section 30. Under his management sixty acres have been well improved, while there is a good stand of native timber on the land. Mr. Cole raises the usual staple crops of this county, including corn and oats, and in 1914 had eight acres of onions, producing about two thousand bushels. He keeps good grades of stock, and has shown much enterprise in maintaining his farm up to the best standards of Starke County agriculture.

In Lee County, Virginia, Mr. Cole married Miss Sarah C. Smith. She was born March 6, 1859, was reared and educated in that section of Virginia, a daughter of James and Martha (Myers) Smith. Her father was a Union man during the War of the Rebellion, and because of his allegiance to the North the Confederates took him prisoner, and at the same time carried away a horse valued at \$5,000. After he had been taken a hundred miles from home he was killed, while the horse was confiscated. He left a widow, since deceased, and several children.

To the marriage of George Cole and wife have been born eleven children. Joseph and Rosa died young, while James died after his marriage. The living children are: Martha, wife of Thomas Lewis of Chicago, and of their marriage one son died young, and the daughter Hortense is now aged eighteen and attending high school; Rebecca is the wife of Oliver Maynard, of Tipton County, and they have a child, Goodsel; Lawrence is a California Township farmer and married Mary Lee; Amanda is the wife of Frank Harris of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and their children are Russell, Cleo, Patrick and Ruth; Cleo lives at home; Palmer lives in Wisconsin; Eugene is foreman in a machine shop at Chicago; Herschel lives at home and attends the North Judson High School. The family are members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Cole has been a republican since the time of President McKinley.

JOHN H. HIATT. On the roll of Starke County's respected and leading citizens is found the name of John H. Hiatt, who for thirty-two years has been identified with the agricultural interests of California Township. A native of the county, the period of his life has been the most important era in its growth and development from a wild, uncultivated and unproductive country into a center of business and agricultural activity, with thriving industries, beautiful homes and potent forces for the forwarding of education, citizenship and religion, and in the labors which have brought about this development, Mr. Hiatt has borne a full share. His life has been a singularly active one, and his well directed efforts have culminated in the accumulation of a handsome and valuable property and the gaining of a firm place in the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Hiatt was born on a farm in North Bend Township, Starke County, Indiana, December 2, 1853, and is a son of Josiah A. and Sarah E. (Williams) Hiatt. The father was born in Taylor County, Iowa,

January 21, 1830, and the mother in Fayette County, Indiana, January 7, 1830, and they met and married in Warren County, Indiana, where their first child, James W., was born, he dying in 1872. The father, mother and son migrated to Starke County, Indiana, in 1853, in which year John H. Hiatt was born. The country was wild for miles around, neighbors were few and far between, the locality being only sparsely settled, and the distance to the nearest mill and store, which would now be covered in a short time by the railroad and automobile, then meant a long and dreary walk which often consumed days of time. Wild game was to be found in abundance and formed an important item in the supplying of the family larder, it being considered essential that the men of a family should be killed in the use of fire arms. The original home of the Hiatts was a crude log cabin, located on the forty acres which Mr. Hiatt had purchased in North Bend Township. As the years passed and he was able to clear his land and to realize returns from its products, he erected more pretentious structures and made other improvements, but the farm was sold in 1872, in which year he moved with his family to California Township, purchasing 100 acres of land on section 10. This he cultivated for ten years and then bought another farm on section 5, where he and his wife continued to spend their remaining years, the father dying in May, 1906, and the mother in April, 1888. They were faithful members of the Methodist Church and lived up to its teachings all their lives. Politically a republican Mr. Hiatt did not care for the honors of the public arena, although at all times a good citizen. He was the father of five sons and two daughters, of whom the first born, as noted, is deceased, while the remainder all grew to maturity, married, and have families, although only one beside John H., Mrs. Rebecca Caldwell, is a resident of Starke County. The other children, however, live in different parts of Indiana.

The second child of his parents and the first born in Starke County, John H. Hiatt secured his educational training in the primitive district school in North Bend Township. His surroundings in his boyhood were largely of a pioneer character, and he grew up to know the value of a dollar and to respect and practice the homely virtues of honesty and industry. He was nineteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to California Township, and ten years later became the owner of a farm in sections 19 and 20, where he owns eighty acres. This at that time was all raw and brush land, but he has through constant industry and unceasing persistence brought it to a high state of cultivation. He has nice improvements on this place, including a full set of substantial buildings, and also is the owner of forty acres in section 16. Mr. Hiatt is progressive in his ideas and methods, is quick to adopt innovations which promise to save labor or to improve his property, and is able to make his labors pay him in full measure. These facts have proven important factors in the accumulation of a handsome property and in establishing him as a man of substance and ability.

On September 25, 1879, Mr. Hiatt was married to Miss Mary E. Ptomey, who was born in Miami County, Indiana, October 24, 1860, and

educated and reared in the vicinity of Peru. She is a daughter of John and Phoebe (Barnhardt) Ptomey, the former of Henry County, Indiana, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania, who were married in Miami County. Mr. Ptomey was a carpenter by trade, a vocation which he followed until 1876, and at that time purchased his first farm, a tract of eighty acres of land in California Township, and there resided until past fifty-eight years of age, dying in May, 1891, while Mrs. Ptomey passed away at North Judson, Indiana, February 20, 1907, aged about seventy years. They were members of the Free Methodist Church, and Mr. Ptomey was a stalwart republican. Mrs. Hiatt is the only member of her family living. To Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt there have been born three children: Charles R., of Colfax, Indiana, a telegraph operator, married Louisa Monger, and has three children,—Albert, Lillian and Ernest, who are all attending school; Amanda, who is the wife of Ora Mosher, living on the Erie Railroad at Crown Point, Indiana, and has three children—Cleo, Ruth and Nelson, the first two named in school; and Nellie, who died when twelve years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt attend the Round Lake Methodist Episcopal Church and have taken some part in its work. He is a republican in his political views, and is well known to the people for his excellent service as assessor, in which capacity he acted for two terms, and as township trustee, an office which he filled acceptably for one term. In addition to his extensive farming operations, he has spent a part of his time since youth in working at the trade of carpenter, having learned that vocation as a lad. In whatever field Mr. Hiatt finds himself, he does whatever he is called upon to do with enthusiasm and vigor. This probably is the real reason why he has gained so large a share of worldly success and such a firm hold upon the esteem of his fellow citizens.

HARRY E. KESLER. The courageous, questioning attitude of the twentieth century nowhere is more strikingly apparent than among the progressive exponents of agriculture. The tendency of the latter-day farmer to avoid, beyond all things, hasty jumping at conclusions or too ready dependence upon time-honored ideas, is rapidly destroying ancient illusions, thereby placing the agricultural development of the country in the hands of reasoners and independent thinkers. The heights to which a man endowed with reason and courage are practically limitless, and such men deserve, and in this age usually receive, the hearty cooperation and support of the community's people of intelligence and worth. To this class of rational thinkers belongs Harry E. Kesler, who, although numbered among the younger element of agriculturists of Starke County, is carrying on a work that entitles him to the consideration of his fellow men. He has been a resident of this county only four years, but during this time has displayed the possession of superior abilities in his chosen line of endeavor, and has rapidly advanced to the forefront among the men whose experiments are contributing to the knowledge of scientific agriculture.

Mr. Kesler was born at Joliet, Illinois, December 16, 1884, and is a

son of Peter and Mary E. (Fish) Kesler, the former born in Fulton County, Indiana, and the latter in Marshall County, Indiana, she being a daughter of Dr. S. R. Fish, who for a number of years has been a prominent physician and surgeon at Talma, Indiana. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kesler located at Talma, where for many years Mr. Kesler followed his trade of mason, but in 1913 turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, moving to a farm of forty acres in California Township, where he is cultivating the soil during the summer months, while in the winter he adds to his income by following his trade. Mr. Kesler is putting good improvements on his land and has just completed a new frame barn. He is proving a good and capable farmer, and is making a success of his operations. Mr. Kesler is now fifty-five years of age and his wife forty-eight, and both are in the best of health, so that probably many years of usefulness still lie before them. The family is well known in Fulton County, where several of Peter Kesler's brothers, John and George Kesler, are prominent office-holders. The members of this family have always supported the republican party. Harry E. is the eldest of two sons and three daughters, of whom one son and one daughter are still single, the others being married and at the head of families of their own.

Harry E. Kesler was nine days old when he was taken by his parents to Fulton County, Indiana, and there he grew up and received his education, graduating from the Talma High School in the class of 1904. Under the preceptorship of his father he learned the trade of mason, and gradually became a mason contractor, in which line he met with a fair measure of success. He had no predilection for this work, however, having some ideas of his own which he wished to work out, and when the opportunity presented itself, in 1910, he turned his attention to the pursuits of the soil, becoming an experimental farmer. Settling on his present property of eighty acres, located in section 10, California Township, Mr. Kesler started to grow cow peas and mint, and in this line has continued to the present time. He now has what is probably the finest mint farm in the county, he having grown fifty pounds of mint to the acre, which meets with a ready sale in the markets at \$2.50 per pound. This, however, is the first crop, and further experiment and development will no doubt bring still better results. Mr. Kesler is a thinker and a student in his present line, no less by reading than by observation, but he is also very practical and does not allow his enthusiasm to get the better of his judgment. The buildings on his property are well built and attractively and conveniently arranged, and all improvements have been made with an eye to durability. In his dealings he has shown himself a shrewd, intelligent man of business, but also one who has the greatest respect for high business ethics. Such a man is a welcome contribution to any live, growing community.

Mr. Kesler was married in Marshall County, Indiana, to Miss Cora A. Creakbaum, who was born in that county, in 1884, and there educated. Mrs. Kesler died seven weeks after the birth of her child: Doris Arline.

Mr. Kesler was married the second time in California Township, Starke County, to Miss Marie Conklin, who was born at Chicago, Illinois, September 3, 1896, a daughter of Walter H. and Dora E. (Bever) Conklin, the former born in Dutchess County, New York, and the latter in Poweshiek County, Iowa. Mr. Conklin since 1898 has been engaged in farming in California Township, and during the past year has been associated with Mr. Kesler in mint growing. A complete review of his career will be found in his sketch on another page of this work. Mr. Kesler is a republican in his political views, and has taken some interest in the activities of his party in Starke County, where he has recently been nominated for membership on the county advisory board. While a resident of Talma he was affiliated with the Gleaners and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but has severed his connection with these fraternities.

MARION H. WARD. Though he has been a resident of Starke County only since the year 1911, Mr. Ward has demonstrated himself to be one of the energetic, discriminating and successful farmers and stockgrowers of the county, besides which he has developed a specially prosperous dairy business, with a fine herd of Jersey cows. He resides on a well improved farm of 165 acres, in section 2, California Township, the same being a part of the landed estate of John W. Long, of whom specific mention is made on other pages of this publication. Mr. Ward has made substantial progress since assuming the lease of the present farm and has kept the same up to the highest mark in the propagation of the agricultural products common to this locality, the while his enterprise in the breeding and raising of cattle, horses and swine has been pushed forward to the mark of pronounced success. He has at the present time five well-bred horses and keeps an average of thirty pure-bred Chester White hogs, besides making a specialty of raising pure Plymouth Rock poultry. Upon coming to Starke County, in 1911, Mr. Ward first assumed control of a farm of 160 acres owned by Frank E. May, in Center Township, and he has resided on the Long farm since the spring of 1914.

Marion H. Ward was born in Moultrie County, Illinois, on the 8th of March, 1884, and was reared to the sturdy discipline of his father's farm, the while he was afforded the advantages of the public schools as well as those of a business college. He remained in his native county until the time of coming to Starke County, and here he has shown himself to be a progressive, practical and ambitious young representative of the agricultural and livestock industries. Mr. Ward is a son of Franklin O. and Anna L. (Perryman) Ward, both likewise natives of Moultrie County, Illinois, where they were reared and educated and where their marriage was solemnized. Franklin O. Ward has long been numbered among the most substantial farmers of his native county, where his landed estate was at one time about one thousand acres in area, in the celebrated corn belt of Illinois, where he still owns valuable property and is actively identified with farming enterprise, alert and vig-

orous, at the age of sixty-six years. He has been also a grower of fine grades of livestock and is a citizen of prominence and influence in the county that has ever represented his home. His wife celebrated her fifty-eighth birthday anniversary in 1914, and they have five sons and five daughters, all of whom are married except two, the subject of this review having been the sixth in order of birth, and being the only member of the immediate family that has left the State of Illinois.

After he had attained to his legal majority Mr. Ward rented from his father a farm of 600 acres, and he proved equal to all the demands placed upon him in the management of this large tract, to the cultivation of which he continued to give his attention until his removal to Starke County, as already noted. In a generic sense Mr. Ward is a prohibitionist in politics, but in local affairs, where no issues are involved, he gives his support to men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, without regard to partisan lines. At Bethany, Illinois, he still maintains affiliation with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

In his native county, on the 24th of December, 1904, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ward to Miss Ethel Land, who likewise claims Moultrie County, Illinois, as the place of her nativity, her birth having there occurred on the 15th of October, 1886. She is a daughter of Thomas J. and Leona (Neff) Land, the former born in Sullivan County, Indiana, and the latter in Moultrie County, Illinois, where they were married and where they continued to reside until 1911, when they came to Starke County, Indiana, where they have since maintained their residence on their fine farm of 160 acres, in Davis Township, Mr. Land having rented additional land and now having in charge about 400 acres. Mrs. Ward is the eldest of the children; Claude is a progressive young farmer of Starke County and has two children; Carl remains at the parental home and is still attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have two children: Virgil H., born October 2, 1905; and Zenith Dean, born November 2, 1913.

REV. JOHN A. J. TANNEHILL. In these modern days of specializing in all lines some of the more progressive agriculturists of various communities have directed their operations along particular lines, finding in this way a more profitable field than in indiscriminate growing of food products. An excellent example of this modern type of farm is the property of the Rev. John A. J. Tannehill, located in California Township, Starke County. This land is devoted exclusively to the growing of muskmelons and watermelons, the excellence of which has gained them a reputation all over the state. Successful melon growing is in itself an art and one not easily achieved, yet Reverend Mr. Tannehill has without doubt thoroughly mastered every detail of his chosen vocation, in which he is winning such a large measure of success.

Reverend Mr. Tannehill was born in Williams County, Ohio, October 2, 1858, and is a son of William and Mary (Smalley) Tannehill, who were

natives of, or reared in the State of Ohio, whence their families moved from Pennsylvania. The grandfather of John A. J. Tannehill, William Tannehill, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, removed to Ohio, and in his later years came to Whitley County, Indiana, locating in 1861 at the home of his son, William, Jr., with whom he died, his wife having passed away in Ohio. William Tannehill, Jr., was first married to Mary Smalley, and they began housekeeping on a farm in Williams County, where the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1864, in that year enlisting for service in the Union army during the Civil war. He remained with his regiment until the close of hostilities, seeing much active service and making an excellent record for bravery and faithful discharge of duty, and when he received his honorable discharge returned to the occupations of peace. Coming to Whitley County, Indiana, he located on a farm, on which he has continued to reside to the present time. His life has been a long and successful one, and he is still hale and hearty at the age of eighty-eight years, although he is as active as a man twenty years his junior. A democrat in his political views, he has been prominent in public affairs, having served for six years as a member of the board of county commissioners, and for some years as a member of the advisory board, holding the latter position until recently. The first Mrs. Tannehill died in 1874 or 1875, leaving six children, and Mr. Tannehill was again married to Mrs. Anna Pearl, nee Sherrick, who had one son, Frank, by her first marriage, who is still living. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tannehill, of whom five are living and four are married. Of the children of Mr. Tannehill by his first union, there were two sons and three daughters, all now living, except one daughter, and married and with families.

Rev. John A. J. Tannehill was a small child when he accompanied his parents from his native Ohio to Whitley County, Indiana, and there he grew to manhood, was well trained to habits of industry and honesty and received his education in the public schools. Brought up a farmer's son, he adopted that vocation when he started upon an independent career, and in 1893 came to Starke County and located on his present farm, where he began to experiment in melon growing. From the start he met with encouragement in that his efforts met with some success, although his fellow-farmers in this locality were skeptical as to the wisdom or practicability of the innovation. However, he persevered in his efforts, experimenting and investigating, and finally finding out the varieties best suited for this soil and climate. At this time Reverend Mr. Tannehill is growing the finest lines, including the Netted Rock, Rock King and Osage muskmelons and the Kleckley Sweet watermelons. These he ships to various markets, principally Fort Wayne, Whitley and Knox, where he receives the fanciest prices, as the fame and reputation of his product always insure a rapid sale. In 1900 he purchased his present fifty-five-acre property, which is handsomely improved with good buildings and the best of equipment, and which reflects the good management and ability of its owner.

Reverend Mr. Tannehill was married first in Whitley County, Indi-

ana, to Miss Emily Harrison, who was born and reared in that county and there passed away in 1878, being buried at the side of her first child. Reverend Mr. Tannehill was again married, July 5, 1880, in Whitley County, Indiana, to Miss Alice Beard, who was born in the same county, August 9, 1860, and there reared and educated, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beard who came to Whitley County, Indiana, from the State of New York, and there she died during the period of the Civil war. Mr. Beard was a carpenter by trade, a vocation which he followed in connection with agricultural pursuits until his death at the age of ninety-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Tannehill have been the parents of the following children: Charles E., who for four years was engaged in teaching in Starke County, Indiana, but is now living in the West; D. Ivy, who is the wife of Earl Hildebrand, of Stony Island, Illinois, an engineer on the Nickel Plate Railway, and has two sons, Carl and Harry, both attending school; Clara M., who is the wife of Forest Spoor, a farmer near Round Lake, Starke County, and has three children, Wade and Lynas and Lyman, twins; John A., a well known educator in Starke County, who was principal of schools in Pulaski County, at Monterey three years, and at Ora one year, married Edith Chapple and has two children, Dorothea and Grace; Ruby N., who is the wife of Albert Kruger, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has two children, Marjorie and Paul; Viola M., who is a graduate of the Knox High School, class of 1915, and resides at home; and Harry E., who is now attending Knox High School.

Reverend Mr. Tannehill was a pioneer prohibitionist of Starke County, and has staunchly supported the principles and candidates of that party, having voted for Governor St. John and every candidate since for thirty-one years. He has been a lifelong member of the Free Methodist Church, for twenty years local elder of that denomination, and for nineteen years, with the exception of three years' intervening, a supplied circuit preacher of the faith, having filled pastorates at Medinaville, Crown Point, Mishawaka, Rye and Knox, and has supplied locally up to the present time. Few men are more widely or favorably known in this part of the county, and none has been in greater degree the architect of his own fortunes.

MORGAN WELSH. Representing a pioneer family in Starke County, one that shared in all the labors and hardships of the early period of development, Morgan Welsh has for more than a quarter of a century been engaged in business at Aldine, in California Township. He established a general stock of merchandise at that point on November 8, 1888. Mr. Welsh is now and has been for a number of years postmaster at Aldine, and throughout his career has manifested a high degree of public spirit toward all enterprises and movements for the improvement of his community. By honorable and straightforward methods he has acquired a competence, and his fellow citizens have had good reason to respect his judgment and to follow his lead in public affairs.

Morgan Welsh was born at what is locally known as Muskrat Mill in

Wayne Township of Starke County, April 24, 1852, and is one of the older native sons of this county. He was reared and educated in that community, and after reaching manhood moved to California Township, and served as the first freight and passenger agent for the Erie Railway at Aldine. In 1893, during Cleveland's second administration, he was appointed postmaster at Aldine, held the office continuously for ten years, and has since been reappointed. In 1898 Mr. Welsh was elected township trustee, and the administration of the public schools and of other local affairs was under his capable direction for nine years. He was chairman of the township democratic committee for fifteen years, and about eight years ago made the race for the office of county treasurer, but was defeated.

To mention the name of Mr. Welsh's father is to recall the memory of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneers of Starke County. His parents were Abram and Elizabeth (Collins) Welsh. His father was of Welsh ancestry and a native of Virginia, and the mother was of Irish stock and born in Ohio, both coming to Indiana when young people. The mother came to this part of the state with her father, John B. Collins, who was one of the first settlers to locate on the shores of what was then known as Cedar Lake, now Bass Lake. John Collins and wife lived in the wilderness, developed a good farm, and died when very old. Abram Welsh before leaving Ohio enlisted and served as a soldier throughout the war with Mexico. In recompense for his services in that war the Government gave him a land warrant for 120 acres, which was laid in Wayne Township of Starke County. He moved to this wilderness community during the latter '40s, and as profitable farming was out of the question at that time, he depended for much of his living upon hunting and trapping. In many ways he was the Daniel Boone of this section of Indiana. Hundreds of deer fell before his trusty rifle, and for several years after settling here he was almost daily associated with the Indians, and came to know their character very intimately. During the early days of Starke County he was one of the most influential citizens. He served as one of the early county commissioners, and successfully performed the contract for the building of the first county jail. He built a log cabin home on his farm, was married in Starke County, and lived in that vicinity until 1866. He then traded his land for a saw and grist mill at Knox, and conducted that for five years, after which he returned to a farm in California Township. His home during his later years was in California Township, but his death occurred at the home of his son, Alva, in North Judson, in 1893. As he was born in March, 1812, he was eighty-one years of age at the time of his death. His widow is still living in Knox, and recently was awarded a prize by the Old Settlers' Association for the distinction of being the oldest living settler in the county.

Morgan Welsh is the oldest in her family, the other members of which are mentioned briefly as follows: Solon is married and lives at Griffith, Indiana, and has sons and daughters; James, a resident of Knox, has children by a first marriage and is now living with his second wife; Alva,

who lives in South Bend, has a son and daughter, and both are married and have children; Willis A., known as Pat, lives at English Lake, Indiana, and has children; Mahala is the widow of Albion C. Stephenson, who died in November, 1913, and she lives on a farm in California Township with her children and grandchildren. Minda is the wife of Edward Riggle, of Griffith, and they have children.

Mr. Morgan Welsh was married in Starke County to Miss Emma Stanton. She was born in Iowa January 3, 1864, but was reared and educated in Washington Township of Starke County. Her father, William P. Stanton, was a farmer in that township, and a man of influence in the community. To the marriage of Mr. Welsh and wife were born four children: The first were twins, one of whom died in infancy, and the other is Julia V., who is now assistant to her father in the store. William P., a resident of Aldine, has a daughter, Leora M., aged eleven years, and now attending sixth grade of public school, by his first wife, and by a second marriage has Harry and Adaline, both small children. Mary M., the youngest, is the wife of Bert E. Adams, who is a conductor on the Erie Railway, and they have a child, Ruth, eight years of age. Mr. Welsh in politics is a democrat.

ALBION C. STEPHENSON. A life marked by unassuming rectitude and by resolute integrity of purpose was that of the late Albion C. Stephenson, who was long numbered among the representative farmers and honored citizens of Starke County and who is fully entitled to a memorial tribute in this history. He was born on a farm bordering the Tippecanoe River in Pulaski County, Indiana, on the 2d of June, 1858, and at his attractive farm home, in section 16, California Township, Starke County, he was summoned to the life eternal on the 14th of February, 1914. He was a sterling member of the world's noble army of productive workers, his course was guided and governed by earnest devotion to principle and he left an unsullied reputation as the most gracious heritage to his children.

Mr. Stephenson was a son of Peter and Laura O. (Waite) Stephenson, representatives of worthy pioneer families of Indiana, Peter Stephenson having been born in Logan County, this state, about 1830, and his wife having been a native of Pulaski County, where their marriage was solemnized and where they began their wedded life on a pioneer farm. About the year 1874 Peter Stephenson disposed of his property in Pulaski County and came to Starke County, where he purchased the old Craig farm, in California Township, and where he passed the residue of his life, his death having occurred in September, 1879, as the result of injuries received while he was operating a ditching machine on his farm. He was in the prime of his strong and useful manhood at the time when froward accident thus brought a close to his life. His widow later became the wife of John Shafer, now likewise deceased, and, at the venerable age of seventy-seven years, she now resides in the City of Knox, judicial center of the county that has long been her home.

Of the children of her first marriage three sons and two daughters are yet living and all of them are married and have children.

Albion C. Stephenson, the eldest of the children, acquired his early education in the schools of his native county and was about sixteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Starke County, where he continued his studies for some time in the district schools, the while he gave zealous aid in the work of the home farm. He had attained to his legal majority only a short time prior to the tragic death of his honored father, and soon thereafter he engaged in farming in an independent way. He acquired his first forty acres of land in section 16, California Township, and having reclaimed the major part of this tract from a virtually wild state, he applied himself with such characteristic diligence and good judgment to its cultivation that he was soon enabled to purchase an adjoining eighty acres, this likewise having been reclaimed and developed under his industrious and careful supervision. On his farm he erected excellent buildings, including the attractive residence in which his widow still maintains her home, and he was known as one of the liberal, loyal and progressive citizens of Starke County and as one of the ambitious and representative farmers of California Township. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he represented California Township on the advisory board of the county, though he had no ambition for public office. He was reared in the faith of the Universalist Church, in which he held membership at the time of his death, his widow and children holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In California Township, on the 24th of December, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stephenson to Miss Mahala J. Welsh, who was here born, on the old Welsh homestead, on the 5th of June, 1855, but who was eleven years old at the time of her parents' removal to Knox, where she attended the public schools until she was seventeen years of age, the family then removing to Bass Lake, this county, and a year later establishing a home on the shores of Round Lake. After his retirement from active labor Mr. Welsh established his home in the Village of North Judson, and there his death occurred in May, 1893. He was born in Virginia, in April, 1812, as a youth was a resident of Ohio, and finally he became one of the pioneer settlers in California Township, Starke County, Indiana, where his marriage was solemnized, his widow being still a resident of North Judson and having celebrated in 1914 her eighty-first birthday anniversary. Mr. Welsh was a man of strong character and well fortified opinions, was true and loyal in all the relations of life, and his memory is revered in the county to whose civic and industrial development he contributed his quota. He became a resident of this county before the now thriving and attractive City of Knox was platted, and he was locally known as a "Daniel Boone of Starke County," owing largely to his prowess as a hunter and trapper in the early days. He was a stalwart adherent of the democratic party, and while he was an earnest student of the Bible and a firm believer in the spiritual verities of Christianity, he held to no specific creed and was a member of

no church organization, the same being true of his wife. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Stephenson was the third in order of birth. Most of the children attained to adult age, and of the number Mrs. Stephenson and five of her brothers represent the living members of their generation. The brothers are: Morgan, Alva, Solon, James and Abraham, all of whom have reared children.

In about 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson moved to the State of Missouri with their two children, Pearl and Grace, and they resided in Richmond, Missouri, and vicinity for seven years and then came back to Indiana. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Stephenson has continued her residence on the homestead farm, which is endeared to her by many hallowed memories and associations, and which she has made known for the gracious hospitality of the pleasant home. In conclusion of this memoir is given brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson: L. Pearl is the wife of Nelson Laramore, residing at Hamlet, this county, and they have three children,—Dorothy, Donald and Marjorie. Jesse Ray, a bachelor of twenty-eight years, remains with his mother and has charge of the farm. Charles Abraham, who is associated in the work and management of the old homestead farm, wedded Miss Clara Funk, and they have three children,—Edmond, Raymond and Luretta. Addison and Elizabeth are still members of the home circle. Bonnie is the wife of Harry Reynolds and they reside in the Village of Bass, this county, and Florence Fern, the youngest of the children, is now with her widowed mother, though she is a successful and popular teacher in the public schools. Grace died at the age of four years. The family is one of marked popularity in the social activities of Starke County, and since the death of her husband Mrs. Stephenson finds her greatest consolation in being surrounded by her devoted children and a host of old and loyal friends. Mr. Stephenson's remains are interred in the Round Lake Cemetery, where a beautiful stone stands sacred to his memory.

FREDERICK M. WHITE. A resident of Starke County from childhood, Mr. White has shown admirable ability in availing himself of the advantages that have here been afforded and has gained secure vantage-place as one of the representative agriculturists and stock growers of the county, where concrete evidence of his success is given in his ownership of a valuable landed estate of 220 acres, his homestead place being in section 13, California Township. His residence is commodious, substantial and attractive and the other buildings on the home farm are of excellent character, well equipped to the uses to which they are applied in connection with the multifarious operations of the farm. Mr. White's first purchase of land in California Township comprised thirty-three acres, and to this original place he has added from time to time, by judicious investments according to the resources at his command, until he is now the owner of a well improved landed estate of 220 acres, as previously noted. He has given careful attention to the raising of good grades of live stock, and has made this department of his farm enter-

prise profitable, even as he has been specially successful in the raising of the various cereals and other farm products for which the soil and climate are best adapted.

Mr. White was born in White Post Township, Pulaski County, Indiana, on the 26th of August, 1863, and is a son of August and Sophia (Eddy) White, both natives of Germany. August White was a child at the time when his father, a contractor, met death by an accident, and he was reared to maturity in his native land, and as a young man he immigrated to the United States and established his residence at Michigan City, Indiana, where his marriage was solemnized, his wife having come to America with her parents when she was a young woman. For a short time after their marriage August White and his wife resided in Laporte County, and thence they removed to White Post Township, Pulaski County, where Mr. White purchased forty acres of wild land, to the reclamation of which he turned his attention with all of energy and earnestness. From the sale of potatoes grown on his pioneer farm in a single season he realized sufficient profit to enable him to purchase an adjoining tract of forty acres, and after developing his farm to excellent productiveness he sold the property advantageously, in 1866. In that year he came to Starke County and purchased 160 acres of land in Railroad Township, where likewise he developed a farm from the virtual wilderness, eventually becoming the owner of 320 acres. In 1877 he sold this property and purchased 240 acres in California Township, this land being attractively situated on Bass Lake, in sections 12, 13 and 14. He made this one of the valuable farms of the county and on the same passed the residue of his life. His first wife died in their little cottage home on Bass Lake, on the 8th of August, 1889, and at the age of sixty-five years he wedded Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, widow of David Miller. August White passed to the life eternal on the 10th of August, 1899, when about seventy-six years of age, and his widow, now seventy years of age, resides in the Village of San Pierre, this county. She is a communicant of the Lutheran Church, as was also her husband, but the latter's first wife held membership in the Free Methodist Church, Mr. White having been a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party from the time he became a naturalized citizen until his death. He became the father of a large family of sons and daughters, including Minnie, Bettie, Albert, Henry and William, all of whom are living and well established in homes of their own.

Frederick M. White was three years of age at the time of the family removal to Starke County, where he was reared to manhood under the conditions and influences of the pioneer farm and where he availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of the period. He has never abated his allegiance to the great fundamental industries of agriculture and stockgrowing and is today one of their substantial and honored representatives in this county, besides being a loyal citizen of prominence and influence in his community. He is a stalwart in the camp of the democratic party, is serving as a member of the county advisory board, and is also superintendent of gravel roads in California Township, his

civic liberality having been manifest in his ready support of measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community. Both he and his wife attend and support the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. White is a member.

In Franklin Township, Pulaski County, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. White to Miss Emma A. Podell, who was born in Richgrove Township, that county, on the 26th of August, 1879, and who completed her education in the institution now known as Valparaiso University. In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. White: Clarence James, twenty-four years of age in 1914, was afforded the advantages of the high school at Knox and is now associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm; Edward Freeman, a young man of fine character, was twenty-one years of age at the time when he met a tragic death while operating an elevator at Detroit, Michigan, on the 7th of October, 1913, his untimely death being a great blow to his devoted parents as well as to his many friends in his native county; Everett A., born July 10, 1894, is attending a business college in the City of South Bend; Frederick A., who remains at the parental home, is attending the public schools; Vada S. died November 17, 1913, at the age of seven years; and Forest, the youngest of the children, was born November 10, 1911.

CHRISTIAN DAHLE. It is most pleasing to have been able to accord in this history recognition to a very appreciable percentage of the thrifty and substantial citizens who are upholding the high reputation of Starke County in the field of agricultural industry, and well entitled to such consideration is Mr. Dahle, whose well improved homestead farm is situated in section 34, Center Township. He purchased this property in 1905 and has made on the same most substantial improvements. The house on the farm is an attractive building of six rooms, with substantial basement, and the excellent barn, erected the year prior to his purchase of the property, is 32 by 44 feet in dimensions. The farm has excellent drainage facilities, both through tile drains and open ditches, and the land is of the exceptional fertility that has made Center Township a veritable garden spot. Mr. Dahle is most careful and circumspect in all departments of his farm work and management and his success has fully attested that a man of energy and judgment may turn from mechanical pursuits and the teeming life of a city and prove his ability to win independence and definite prosperity as an exponent of the agricultural industry. For twenty years prior to his removal to Starke County Mr. Dahle had been engaged in the work of the carpenter's trade in the City of Chicago, and as a farmer he has found that his success has justified his hopes and aspirations.

Mr. Dahle was born in the fine old City of Bergen, Norway, on the 30th of October, 1870, a son of Peter and Christiana Dahle, both of whom passed their entire lives in the vicinity of Bergen, where the families have been established for many generations. Peter Dahle was a prosperous farmer in his native land, where he died at the age of eighty

years, his wife having been sixty years old when she was summoned to the life eternal, and both having been zealous and devout communicants of the Lutheran Church. They became the parents of four sons: Peter resides on the old homestead farm in Norway and has four children; Andrew and Edward both died when young men and as bachelors; and Christian, of this review, is the youngest of the number.

On the old home farm Christian Dahle early gained practical experience that has proved of inestimable value to him in his later years of active identification with agricultural pursuits. He was afforded the advantages of the schools of his native land, and in 1886, when sixteen years of age, he severed the home ties to come to America, ambitious to make his own way in the world and to avail himself of the superior advantages afforded in the United States. This sturdy young son of the far Norseland made the voyage to America on the ship Sabra, and soon after landing in the port of New York City he made his way to Chicago, where, in the shops of the Pullman car works, he learned the trade of carpenter, becoming an expert in the finishing work on the fine parlor cars that have made the Pullman Company world famous. He continued his residence in Chicago the greater part of the time until his removal to Starke County, though he had been employed for intervals in the City of Buffalo, New York, and Wilmington, Delaware. In politics Mr. Dahle gives his allegiance to the republican party; both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran Church, and in Chicago he still maintains affiliation with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In the City of Chicago was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dahle to Miss Signa Seter, who was born in Norway, in the year 1889, and who came to the United States in 1902. Mr. Dahle has found in his wife a devoted companion and helpmeet, and they have been sustained and encouraged by mutual ambition and harmony of purpose, with the result that they are fully appreciative of the success that has been their portion in connection with agricultural activities in Starke County. Here they have gained the confidence and good will of all with whom they have come in contact and they feel that their "lines have been cast in pleasant places." They have one son, Arthur, who was born on the 12th of November, 1908.

JOHN G. BAKER. A resident of Starke County for thirty-three years, John G. Baker during the past six years has been superintendent of the ice plant of the Consumers Ice Company at Bass Lake. While it is as a business man that he has impressed himself upon his community, he has not been lacking in public spirit, and the locality of his adoption has ever found him a helpful factor in its stirring life. Mr. Baker was born at Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana, December 30, 1875, and was brought to California Township, Starke County, by his parents in 1881. They were John C. and Amanda (Colflesh) Baker, the former born in Ohio in 1844, and the latter in Delaware County, that state, in 1845. They were married in Delaware County and moved to

Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana, where the father was engaged as a teamster, continuing thus until coming to Starke County, when he invested his savings in a farm and spent the rest of his active career as an agriculturist. In 1906 he retired from active pursuits and moved to Lake Park, and there has lived quietly to the present time. Both he and Mrs. Baker are hale and hearty, in spite of their years, and are among the best known and most highly respected people of their community. Mr. Baker is a republican in his political views, but has not sought political preferment at the hands of his fellow townsmen. He and Mrs. Baker have been the parents of eight sons and two daughters, and of these ten children six have grown up, all are married, and all have families.

The fifth of his parents' children, John G. Baker was given a common school education in California Township and grew up on his father's farm, on which he was employed until becoming connected with the Consumers Ice Company, a large Chicago concern. His fidelity, ability and energy were rewarded by consecutive promotion, until, October 1, 1908, he was made superintendent and manager; positions which he has continued to hold to the present. The building of this company on Bass Lake was erected some twenty years ago by Thomas Fisher, and later was purchased by the Knickerbocker Ice Company, which concern sold it to the Consumers Company, and the plant now has a capacity of 10,000 tons, its market being the City of Chicago by way of the Erie Railroad. Mr. Baker is showing himself a progressive and energetic business man, and has done much to improve the service of the plant.

Mr. Baker was married at Chicago, Illinois, to Miss Louisa R. Brook, who was born at Winamac, Indiana, May 5, 1876, and grew up there. Her father, Julius Brook, was killed in a railroad accident when she was twelve years of age, and when her mother died, not long thereafter, she went to make her home with a married sister living in Chicago, where she met and married Mr. Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been the parents of one son, Hobart E., born February 23, 1903, and now a student in the sixth grade of the Lake Park school. It can be truthfully said of Mrs. Baker that she is a cordial, genial lady and a model housekeeper, as her little gem of a home can testify. She is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and has a kind word for every one, and she ably fills her function as a model wife and mother.

In political matters Mr. Baker is a republican and has taken some active part in the public affairs of his community, serving in 1909 as assessor of the township. He is a member and vice chief of the Gleaners, and with Mrs. Baker is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

LOREN A. WHITE. Among the citizens who have introduced themselves into Starke County life and affairs during the most progressive period of its history is the family of Loren A. White, who have one of the comfortable country homes of Washington township, comprising eighty acres of land in section 21. Both Mr. and Mrs. White represent old American stock, the former of Scotch ancestry and the latter of

English forebears, and since coming to Starke County, besides their increasing prosperity as farmers, they have contributed not a little to those activities which give tone and character to community and social life. Of his eighty-acre farm, Mr. White has sixty acres under the plow, with about fifteen acres in a grove of native timber. He has been most successful in the growing of oats, corn and cow peas, having about sixteen acres of corn land and ten acres of cow peas during the season of 1914. He keeps mixed stock and pursues diversified farming. At the present time he has eight head of cattle and five head of horses.

Mr. White bought his present farm in Starke County, March 21, 1903, and it was partly improved, but since taking possession he has cleared up and placed under cultivation thirteen acres and in many ways has increased the value and attractiveness of the homestead. Mr. White came to Starke County from Paulding County, Ohio, where he had previously succeeded in acquiring and improving a farm of forty acres. He was born in Lorain County, Ohio, September 12, 1863, and was reared and educated there on a farm, went to Paulding County in 1895, showed his enterprise in that vicinity, and then moved to Starke County.

Mr. White is a son of Delos and Lucretia (Curtis) White. His father was born in New York State, a son of Samuel White. When Delos was a child Samuel White moved out to Lorain County, Ohio, when that section was still a part of the wilderness of the Western Reserve, and when Cleveland was a settlement comprising only one building. About the same time that Samuel White located in Lorain County, Hosea Curtis and wife and family settled in the same vicinity. That was before their daughter, Lucretia Curtis, was born. Both the White and Curtis families were pioneers of eighty years ago, and were among the people who established and developed homes in Lorain County. Hosea Curtis and wife lived and died in Lorain County. Samuel White and wife finally moved to Eaton Rapids, that being before the Civil war, and died in that community when old people. The religion of both the Curtis and White families in the older generation was that of the Methodist Church. Delos White after his marriage located on a farm in Lorain County, but died in Eaton County, Michigan, in 1867, when in the prime of life. His widow then married Luther Johnson, and they came out to Paulding County, Ohio, where Mr. Johnson died seven years ago, and his widow, the mother of Loren A. White, is now seventy-four years of age and active and possessed of all her faculties.

Loren A. White was married in his native county to Miss Nettie Hastings. She was born in the same vicinity, near LaGrange, Ohio, July 5, 1870, and was reared and educated in that vicinity. Her grandparents, Carey and Mary A. (Spoor) Hastings, came from New York State, after their marriage, to Lorain County, and their location in that vicinity occurred about the same time as the Curtis and White families. They found a home in the heart of the wilderness, built log cabins, and went through all the experiences and hardships of living on

the frontier. Mrs. White's grandparents both died in that community, her father at the age of sixty-eight and her mother at ninety-three, the latter being a Methodist. They were the parents of five sons and six daughters, all of whom grew up, married and lived to good old age, while one son and three daughters are still living. The fourth in the family was Edson, father of Mrs. White. He was born in Lorain County, Ohio, in August, 1842, grew up on his father's farm of 108 acres, and later acquired that homestead, and it was the scene of his activities until his death in April, 1909. His son Freeman is now its owner. Mrs. White's mother died October 16, 1912, at the age of seventy-six. She was a member of the Baptist Church. They have two sons and two daughters, all of whom are living and married. The children, Addie, Freeman and Alex, all live in the old home community of Lorain County.

Mr. and Mrs. White are the parents of the following children: Ellen, born May 18, 1896, educated in the grade schools and now living at home; Loren O., born February 12, 1899, and attending school; Lendell V., born January 14, 1902, and in school; and Fern Aletha, born June 19, 1906.

LEE WOLFE. Of the substantial Pennsylvania stock which has produced such wealth of character and citizenship in Indiana, Lee Wolfe, now serving as commissioner from the First District of Starke County, and a prosperous farmer, with home on section 26 of Washington Township, is a worthy representative. Lee Wolfe has lived in Starke County since 1891, has prospered in health and land, has reared a family to do him credit, and has possessed the esteem of all whose lives he has touched in business or social relations. Mr. Wolfe has a good farm of fifty acres, well improved, which he bought when coming to this county twenty-three years ago. As a farmer he produces crops of wheat, corn and oats, and rents a large amount of land outside of his own possession and usually puts in a crop of about forty acres of cow peas. He pursues farming on the diversified plan, and keeps considerable stock.

Lee Wolfe was born in South Bend, Indiana, October 27, 1860, a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Kline) Wolf, who were natives of Ohio, but of Pennsylvania parents from the old German community of Lancaster county. His parents were married near Akron, Ohio, took up life as farmers, and after a few years moved to South Bend, Indiana, and finally to Marshall County, where they bought land and continued their lives as farmers. Their home is not far from Plymouth. The mother died there in 1904 at the age of seventy-two, while her husband had passed away ten years previously in Starke County. Daniel and Rebecca Wolfe were members of the Dunkard Church, and in politics he was a life-long democrat. Of their nine children, two died young, three sons and four daughters grew up and married. Those now living besides Mr. Lee Wolfe are: Adaline, wife of Jacob Bottorff, of Plymouth, and they have five sons and daughters; William D., who is a miner living in Hope, Alaska, unmarried.

Lee Wolfe was married in Marshall County in 1885 to Miss Mattie Ransbottom. She was born in Ohio in 1859, was reared and educated in that state, and at the age of twenty-two came to Marshall County, Indiana, with her parents, George and Mary (Kaug) Ransbottom. The Ransbottom family were farmers, and her father died in Starke County. They were likewise members of the Dunkard Church, and her father a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wolfe are the parents of four children: Harry F., who lives on a farm in Washington Township and by his marriage to Media Shiplock has a son, Charles Lee; Fred M., a resident of Starke County, and by his marriage to Katie Quinn has two children, Vera and Bernice; William E., who is now twenty-three years of age, was educated in the public schools like the other children, and is now assisting his father on the farm; and L. Marvin, now fourteen years old and a student in the grade schools. Mrs. Wolfe is a member of the Dunkard Church, and the family attend that denomination. Mr. Wolfe is a democrat in his political affiliations, has always been a worker for the welfare of the community, and in his present office as one of the three commissioners of Starke County has administered the public business of the county with a commendable judgment and efficiency.

JAMES C. POTTER. Starke County has been the home of James C. Potter for over forty years, and during this time he has been known as a substantial farmer, with his homestead in section 4 of Center Township, and has lived the life that has brought prosperity and contentment as the lot of his declining years. Mr. Potter was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, and the military record of his family is exceptional and of extreme interest.

His father, Daniel Potter, was born in Sweden about 1780, and belonged to good family stock. When he was about seven years of age he and several other boy companions were captured by a crew from a British warship. The exact reason is not to be ascertained, but it is known that the British navy at that time and for a number of years afterwards made a practice of impressing young men of foreign nations, particularly Americans, and compelled such recruits to serve on his majesty's vessels. Whatever may have been the reason for the capture of Daniel Potter and his companions, they were retained and trained as sailors, and made to serve under the English flag for several years. In all that time they never saw land except from the deck of the vessel, and endured treatment which agrees with some of the worst stories told of conditions that were once prevalent in the navy and on merchant vessels. They were compelled to work like galley slaves, almost daily received a flogging for some minor cause, and many times their bodies were cut in a dozen places from a lash wielded by a strong man. Daniel Potter was once severely whipped for responding "yes" instead of "yes sir," and even with the best of intentions it was practically impossible to evade cruelty at the hands of his superiors. Finally the vessel on which they were confined got

JAMES C. POTTER AND HIS PET HORSE "BILL"



into American waters, and was lying at anchor about five miles off the coast of New England. The young Swedish lads resolved to make their escape, and one night all jumped overboard and attempted to swim the five miles to shore. Three of them had secreted about their clothes a small store of gold, and it was doubtless the weight of this money that exhausted them early in the struggle, and they were drowned. Young Potter or Potterson as his original name was, although he always used the shorter form in America, together with his companion, managed to keep themselves afloat, and finally reached shore, though nearly dead with the extreme labor. Not long after this escape the War of 1812 broke out between the United States and England. Samuel Potter to the end of his life retained the memory of his early bitter experiences in the British navy, and this grudge caused him to be one of the first to enlist at the beginning of the war. He found opportunity for service in the American navy, and often in his later life took pride in referring to the ardor with which he fought the British, and had the satisfaction of being able to retaliate for some of the tortures inflicted upon him when a boy. After the close of the war Daniel Potter went West, located on a tract of new land, comprising 120 acres in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and though with practically no experience as a landsman took up the life of a farmer. In that way the years passed quietly and with growing prosperity until the outbreak of the war with Mexico in 1846. He at once volunteered, joined the land forces, and continued in service until his honorable discharge. At that time he was married and had a wife and five children. Then followed another interval of industrious toil as a civilian farmer, and the outbreak of the Civil war found him a man well past the ordinary limits of a human lifetime. There are very few instances of men, at least in the early years of the war, seeking to enlist as soldiers when past threescore and ten. Samuel Potter possessed the military spirit to an unusual degree, and was also prompted by a high patriotism to his adopted country. There was no boy of twenty more eager for the fight than this veteran of two wars, and he applied for enlistment at the first call for 75,000 men. The authorities refused his service on account of age, and it was said that this refusal broke his heart, and he continued to insist upon being allowed to go to the front, and when the call came for 300,000 volunteers his enlistment was accepted. Though his age was a bar, he was in fact still a young man in activity, strength and endurance. He was taken into service with the cavalry, and went through the war from his enlistment until the close, and as a "graybeard" made a record for fidelity and soldierly efficiency seldom excelled in the annals of that great struggle. He participated in many campaigns, but escaped without wounds, and finally returned to his family. Daniel Potter kept up his busy life from that time until more than a hundred years of age. His death occurred in Coshocton County, Ohio, at the home of his oldest daughter, when past a hundred and two years. He had never lost a day in his life on

account of sickness, and was active on his farm until a few months before the end.

Daniel Potter was married in Pennsylvania to Margaret Ralston, who was an aunt of the present governor of Indiana. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1811, and died in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in February, 1861. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and Daniel Potter throughout his American residence was a democrat. There were nine children in the family. Aside from James C. Potter, the other one now living is Mrs. Hannah Dickinson, a widow, who lives with her children at West Lima, Wisconsin, and is seventy-nine years of age.

James C. Potter, one of the youngest in the family, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, June 22, 1833, grew up in his native county, and in early manhood enlisted at New Philadelphia, Ohio, in August, 1861, in Company D of the Fifty-second Ohio Infantry. As a private he continued with the armies of the North in various campaigns, and gave three years and nine months to the cause. His command was part of General McCook's division in the great armies which finally subdued the Confederate states in the Mississippi Valley and the lower South, and he was in General Sherman's army in its march to the sea after the fall of Atlanta. Previously he was one of the men that charged up Lookout Mountain in the battle above the clouds, and scaled that height without a single wound. At Peach Tree Creek in Georgia he was shot in the shoulder. These are only a few brief incidents of his long service as a soldier and he was honorably discharged in February, 1865.

Mr. Potter returned to Ohio to his wife and one child, and lived there as a farmer until 1870. In that year Mr. Potter moved to Starke County, Indiana, and bought eighty-seven acres in sections 3 and 4 of Center Township. The land was already improved, though some native timber stood on it, and he has since increased its value several times by cultivation and the erection of farm buildings and resourceful management.

Mr. Potter was married in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, to Miss Margaret J. Milligan. She was born in that county in 1845 and died in 1882 in Center Township of Starke County, when about thirty-seven years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Later Mr. Potter married Miss Amanda Ellis of Starke County, where she was reared and educated. She became a devoted wife and a loyal step-mother to his children and passed away August 23, 1910. She is buried in the North Judson Cemetery. Her church was the Baptist. Mr. Potter's children by his first wife are: Alice, who died after her marriage to John Hill and left two children, Daniel and Rose; Jerry, who for twenty-seven years was passenger conductor on the Burlington Railroad, resigning without a mark against him, is now a merchant in Kansas City, Missouri, and has two children, Harland and Forest; Ruth, deceased, was the wife of O. C. Shaw of Spokane, Washington, and she left children, Elzy, Bruce, Hershel L., Juno E. and

Lancelot; Sarah is the wife of George Robbins of Knox, and their children are Phyllis, Letha Bell and James Weldon; Charles, who is a yard conductor with the Missouri Pacific Railway at Kansas City, married Anna Olish and has two children, Raymond and Glenn; Margaret is the wife of Charles H. Peele of Knox, and they have no children. Mr. Potter is a democrat in politics and has been honored during his residence in Starke County with several local offices.

JESSE E. ROGERS. While Mr. Rogers has for a number of years been identified with the thrifty and progressive farming population of Starke County, with an excellent farm in section 16 of Washington Township, he is a man whose range of experience has been such as few men in Starke County have enjoyed. Mr. Rogers comes from an old Portuguese family, and of Portuguese stock that for generations lived on Island St. Michaels, off the coast of Portugal. No nation, with the possible exception of Spain, did more in exploration, conquest and colonization of the New World than Portugal, and its people have always been hardy and daring mariners, and Mr. Rogers himself spent many interesting years on the sea, especially as a whaler.

Jesse E. Rogers was born on the Island of St. Michaels, Portugal, October 15, 1855. His parents were John and Rose (Courste) Rogers, and parents, grandparents and earlier generations had lived in Portugal, most of them as farmers. The maternal grandfather, Judge Emanuel Courste, was a man of special prominence on St. Michaels Island, and during most of his active career served as a judge or magistrate. He and his wife died there when past eighty years of age. The family have always been identified with the national church and the Catholic religion. When Jesse E. Rogers was seven or eight years old he lost both his parents, who died in middle life, leaving six sons and two daughters, most of whom grew up and had families of their own. Three brothers and one sister, Joseph, John, Emanuel and Mary, went out to Brazil in 1862, and it is presumed they are still living there, or their descendants.

Jesse E. Rogers was one of the younger children, grew up on his native island, acquired some education, and at the age of nineteen left home and began his career as a sailor. He went to sea on a whaling vessel, known as the Barque Perry, and in 1876 came on a sailing vessel to America, landing at New Bedford, Massachusetts. This for many years was the headquarters and seat of the American whaling industry. While there he joined a crew of whalers, and sailed into the South Atlantic and subsequently landed at Fial Island of Portugal. He made many voyages in whaling vessels, and his principal activities in that industry were in the South Atlantic, around New Zealand and other parts of the South Seas where whales were most abundant. Mr. Rogers has worked in all departments of the business, has helped to man the whale boats, and again and again personally participated in the pursuit and capture of great whales. Some of these mammoths of the deep which were captured by his crew y^e d as high as one hundred and

twenty-five barrels of fine oil each. Different whaling vessels on which he made these cruises would frequently store away seventeen hundred barrels of oil during the voyage. For years Mr. Rogers endured all the heavy toil, adventure and hardships of whaling, which has many times been the subject of literary description. He has had exciting experiences and narrow escapes in handling sperm whales, and was one of the most expert members of the crew. Mr. Rogers, though a veteran of the sea, speaks with considerable modesty of his own achievements, but when he can be induced to relate some of the incidents of his life as a whaler it means an hour or more of interesting narration, with chapters that sound like a novel. During his six years as a whaler Mr. Rogers traveled many thousands of miles on the high seas, and came to know all the habits and peculiarities of the whale. Off the coast of Brazil he has seen schools containing hundreds of the smaller whales, and when hunting this class of animals it was no uncommon thing to capture five or six in a day. Mr. Rogers made his last whaling voyage on the Barque Tritian, of New Bedford, under Captain Key, and after his return spent two years as a sailor on a coasting vessel, and was subsequently identified with a dredging outfit operated by the Hallowells of Portland, Maine, and for about four years was connected with the operations for the deepening of channels in and around Portland and Kennebunkport. After finishing his work in that connection, Mr. Rogers went to New Bedford, Massachusetts, and for eighteen months was engaged in merchandising as a grocer. Then coming west, he invested his savings in town lots west of Chicago, and seven years later traded that property for a farm of eighty acres in section 19 of Washington Township, in Starke County. Mr. Rogers as a farmer is characterized by all the thrift and industry of his nation, and has improved about three-fourths of his farm. He grows nearly all the cereals, and keeps considerable stock on his farm. Perhaps his most important crop is onions, of which he grows about two thousand bushels a year.

Mr. Rogers was married in New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1880, to Miss Mary Perry. She was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts, forty-six years ago, while her parents, Antone and Bertha Perry, were both natives of Island St. Michaels in Portugal, came to America before their marriage, and were united in wedlock in Massachusetts. Her father was a seafaring man, and now lives in New Bedford, being about sixty-five years of age. His wife died in the summer of 1911. They were Catholics, and he was a republican.

To the marriage of Mr. Rogers and wife have been born nine children: Alfred L., aged twenty-four, who is assisting his father on the farm and received an education in the public schools; Louis F., aged twenty-two, and also at home on the farm; Maybel M., aged twenty, the wife of Aaron Harness, a farmer in LaPorte County, Indiana; Anna M., aged eighteen, and through the grade schools; Leo P., aged fifteen, and still attending school; George P., fourteen years of age, and in the sixth grade; Jesse C., nine years of age; John E., aged seven; and Leona E., five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and family are mem-

bers of the Catholic Church, while he and his sons are republicans in political affiliations.

JACOB EMIGH. For fifty-five years a resident of Starke County, Jacob Emigh is one of the citizens whose name and a brief record of whose career should be permanently recorded in any record of the community. Mr. Emigh has a substantial country home on section 32 of Washington Township, and owns altogether in that section and adjoining section ninety-eight acres of land. Nearly all of it is under cultivation, and for many years has been growing large quantities of grains and cereals, with a considerable acreage in cow peas, timothy and clover hay. The land is well drained, and all the homestead represents the modern standards of improvement and cultivation which are now characteristic of the better farms in this county.

Jacob Emigh located in Washington Township in 1859, when nearly the entire country was wild, and when deer could be shot almost any day and long before the modern era of farming and drainage had been introduced. Jacob Emigh began life with the unfortunate handicap of having his physical powers crippled, a condition and burden imposed upon him at birth. Considering these advantages, there is probably no citizen of Starke County who has done more to develop the county than Jacob Emigh. He was born at Johnstown, in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1832. His family was of the early German stock that gave such substantial citizens to Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Peter Emigh, came from Germany to America during the Colonial days, locating in Pennsylvania, and some years later enlisted with a Pennsylvania regiment and fought against the British throughout the war for independence. He returned safe after many engagements, and lived to be one hundred and four years of age, passing away in Cambria County between 1842 and 1844. He was a blacksmith by trade, which trade has been continued through his descendants. His wife preceded him in death many years. They had three sons and a number of daughters. One of the sons was Frederick Emigh, grandfather of Jacob. Frederick was born about the time of the Revolutionary war, grew up in Cambria County, and from boyhood had a training in his father's blacksmith shop. He followed that trade in Cambria County until his death, when quite an old man, though an injury in a sawmill, when a log struck him and broke his hip, undoubtedly shortened his life. His wife was named Alice, and she died in Cambria County a number of years after her husband, when more than seventy. All the earlier generations of the Emigh family were Methodists. Frederick Emigh and wife had the following children: Christopher, Jacob, Peter, Frederick and Sophia, Ellen, Catherine and Eliza. All of them grew up in Pennsylvania, and all except Sophia were married and had children. The descendants of the family subsequently located in many states of the Union. Peter, Jacob and Christopher all learned and followed the trade of blacksmith. All of the children lived to be more than sixty

years of age, while Frederick, the youngest, is still living past eighty-three at Bloomington, Illinois.

Christopher Emigh was born in Cambria County, near Johnstown, about 1808, and also acquired the trade of blacksmith under his father. After coming of age he married Mary Paul, who was born in Cambria County about 1810, of early Pennsylvania German stock. Her parents lived and died in Cambria County and were substantial farming people. Mrs. Christopher Emigh died at the age of ninety-two, having come out to Starke County, and her death occurred in Center Township. Her grandmother lived to be one hundred and two years of age, and met death as result of an accident, when a limb from a chestnut tree struck her. The Paul family, like the Emighs, were all Methodists.

Jacob Emigh was the second son and child of his parents. Altogether there were six sons and seven daughters. Alfred died very young, while the others were: Christopher, Jr., who died in Kansas in May, 1914, past the age of eighty-two, and was the father of five children; Jacob; Abraham, who died when past seventy-five in Starke County, and left a family of nine living children and four deceased; Ellen, married Abner Hay, and further information concerning them is found in the sketch of Frank Hay elsewhere in this work; Eliza is the widow of Oren Humphreys and lives at Knox, see sketch of John Horner; Margaret was the first wife of Oren Humphreys, above named, and further details are found in the sketch of Charles Laramore; Elizabeth died after her marriage to John Terry, an Englishman, who died in LaPorte County, leaving a son and three daughters; Catherine was the deceased wife of Charles Laramore; Barbara died as the wife of Warren Terry of Bass Lake; Zora is the wife of Jesse Jackson of Center Township and has two children, Forest and Cecil; John lives in Nebraska at Raymond, where he is a mail carrier, and has two sons and three daughters; Henry, the youngest of the family, has a sketch elsewhere in this publication.

Jacob Emigh was married in Center Township of Starke County to Miss Lavina Orris. She was born in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, in 1848. Her father, George Orris, died before she was born. She was the youngest of eight children. One brother, Abraham, was killed in the Civil war in one of the battles. When Mrs. Emigh was about fourteen years of age she came to Starke County with her mother and step-father, Adam Ringleven. Her mother and other members of the family died here.

After their marriage Mr. Emigh and wife began life as farmers in Washington Township. In 1878 they went by team and covered wagon across the intervening states to Rooks County, Kansas, and there took up 160 acres, comprising a timber claim. They were among the pioneers of Northern Kansas, and endured the vicissitudes which befell so many of the settlers in that state during the '70s and '80s, and after two years of futile struggle against drought and other hardships they returned with the same wagon and team which had taken them out of Starke County, and have since been content to dwell in a section that in

subsequent years has become one of the fairest in all Northern Indiana.

To the marriage of Jacob Emigh and wife have been born the following children: Mary C. is the wife of Albert White, living at Sturgeon, Michigan, and they have four sons and five daughters. George is a blacksmith and farmer at Ober, in Starke County, and has a son and four daughters. Anna is the wife of Charles B. Atkins, living at Atlanta, Georgia, and has a son and two daughters. Ella is the wife of Everet Leach, connected with the Singer Sewing Machine Company at South Bend, and they have a son and daughter. Oren two years ago was killed by a stroke of lightning while helping thresh, and was unmarried. Eliza is the wife of Reuben Weblow, living at Ober, where Mr. Weblow is in the railway service, and they have four sons. Dora is the wife of Emory Cuberdale, living at South Bend, and they have two sons. William is unmarried and now helping his father run the home farm. Charles is also a farmer at home and unmarried, and Daniel is likewise at home. Two daughters, Margaret and Jane, both are deceased three years. Mr. Emigh is an active republican, and besides looking after his private interests, improving a farm and providing for a large family, has done some important public service, and for twelve years was superintendent and overseer of public highways.

WILLIAM PAEGEL. One of the attractive and valuable farms of Washington Township is the William Paegel place, comprising 120 acres, situated in section 31. Its proprietor, Mr. Paegel, acquired the land in 1890 at a time when it was almost entirely a landscape of trees and stumps and marsh. Mr. Paegel was born and reared in Germany, and came to this country with perhaps less than the average accumulations of the German immigrant, learned farming according to American methods in LaPorte County, has made his way by industry and thrift and intelligent management, and brought a thorough experience and ability to the improvement of his wild land in Starke County. In its standards of improvement and cultivation it is now one of the most valuable farms for its size in the county, and its development has been entirely shaped out by Mr. Paegel's labors and plans, and represents both a comfortable home and a gratifying success. All the buildings, including a comfortable dwelling and barns and other structures, were put up by Mr. Paegel. For a number of years he has been successfully growing fine crops of the cereals and also a large part of his income is derived from his potatoes, onions and other special crops which are so important a feature of Starke County agriculture. Mr. Paegel also keeps excellent stock, cattle, hogs and horses, and his farm measures up to the thrift and management which have long been considered characteristic of German agriculture in this country.

William Paegel was born in Pomern, Germany, February 25, 1853. He was reared and educated there, and was a son of poor but honest and industrious parents, William and Christina (Saace) Paegel, natives of the same province. His father served for three years in the German army. William Paegel, the son, and a sister came to America in 1881,

locating at Wanatah in LaPorte County, Indiana. In 1882 the father and mother and the four daughters came across the Atlantic and located also in LaPorte County. William Paegel, Sr., died in LaPorte County June, 1899, and would have been seventy-five years of age in September of the same year. His widow is still living, with her home in Lake County with a daughter and is eighty-eight years of age, still hale and vigorous. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, and the father was a democrat during his American citizenship.

William Paegel, Jr., was the second in a family of nine children. The oldest child died in Germany. Besides himself those now living are four daughters, Louise, Marie, Austena and Dora, all of whom are married and live in Lake County. William Paegel with his sister Mary came to the United States in the year already mentioned, and he soon found employment and began industriously to provide for the future in LaPorte County. Before his marriage Mr. Paegel came to Starke County and bought the land on which he still resides. Three years later, in 1892, he was married to Miss Bertha Schultz. She was born in Germany May 3, 1874, and came in 1881 with her parents to America, locating in Michigan City. Her parents were Martin and Rosina (Stelter) Schultz, who after coming to America lived about two years in Michigan City, and then settled on a farm of forty acres in Washington Township of Starke County. Their land was in section 32. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz died there, the former in 1908 and the latter in 1910. They were members of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Schultz was a democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Paegel are the parents of three children. Elsie H., who was born and reared on her father's farm in Starke County, received a public school education and is now the wife of Henry Eggett, a photographer in Chicago. Wilhelm J., who was born September 8, 1897, is still living with his father on the farm. Walter was born September 25, 1906, and is attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Paegel are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in their township, and for some years he has been an official in the church. In politics he is an independent democrat.

ALBERT C. MARKS. America, a nation born of self-denial, struggle and resolute purpose in the overcoming of seemingly insuperable obstacles, has in all generations continued to pay special tribute and honor to the man who achieves worthy success through his own ability and efforts, and such accomplishment in his chosen field of endeavor has marked the career of Mr. Marks, who is one of the representative agriculturists and substantial citizens of Starke County, where the tangible evidences of success won through earnest effort are shown in his ownership of a splendid landed estate of 320 acres, comprising two well improved farms, in sections 1, 11 and 12, California Township. His achievement and his high standing as a loyal and upright citizen render most consonant his recognition in this history of a county that has represented his home and been the stage of his useful activities for more than a quarter of a century. Each of his farms is equipped with a good house and other substantial

buildings requisite for the proper handling of the various departments of farm operations, and virtually all of his land is now available for cultivation, with large annual yields of the various cereals commonly raised in this section. He devotes an average of sixty-five acres of his home farm to corn, and on his other farm, which is under the management of his eldest son, an even greater acreage is given to the propagation of corn, while on both places are raised also excellent grades of horses, cattle, sheep and swine, the son manifesting the same admirable qualities of energy and progressiveness that have characterized the career of the father. Virtually all of the permanent improvements on the two farms have been made under the ownership of Mr. Marks, and he has given excellent account of himself as one of the world's productive workers.

Upon coming to Starke County, in 1887, Mr. Marks first purchased a tract of forty acres of wild land, and this practically exhausted his financial resources. In a rude shack in lieu of a more pretentious residence, he established his home, and he then set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming his land and causing it to bring forth its kindly rewards for indefatigable toil and endeavor. From this most modest nucleus he has evolved his present extensive and valuable landed estate, and every advancing step has represented earnest work and careful management. He was able to buy the greater part of his land at moderate prices and with the general development of the community and his excellent improvement of his own property, his landed estate, at prevailing prices represents a comfortable fortune. Mr. Marks has wisely availed himself of the best of farm implements and machinery, gives to the same excellent care and is looked upon as a model farmer of distinctive thrift and enterprise. In 1904 he erected on his home farm a fine barn, 50 by 42 feet in dimensions, and all buildings on both farms are of superior order.

The indefatigable industry, good management, frugality and wise business policies of Mr. Marks almost serve to indicate his sturdy German lineage, and he is himself a native of the great empire that at the time of this writing is involved in the greatest war in the world's history. He has, however, been a resident of the United States from infancy, and is essentially American in loyalty, progressiveness and appreciation. Mr. Marks was born in the Province of Posen, Prussia, on the 19th of June, 1862, and is a son of Gottlieb and Louise (Hutebach) Marks, both of whom were likewise natives of Posen, Prussia, where they were reared and where their marriage was solemnized. In the year that marked the birth of their fourth child, Albert, of this review, they immigrated to the United States. From the port at which they disembarked they made their way to the West and established their home on a tract of wild land near the present Village of Wanatah, Laporte County, Indiana. This original homestead comprised only twenty acres, and later Gottlieb Marks purchased in the same locality a tract of forty acres, upon which he erected a comfortable dwelling and made other excellent improvements. He has been numbered among the substantial and industrious farmers of Laporte County for more than half a century, is honored by all who know him and he and his wife, each nearing the age of ninety years, are numbered

among the most venerable pioneer citizens of Laporte County, both being devout communicants of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Marks being a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party. Of the ten children four sons and four daughters are living, and all are married except one son.

Albert Marks was reared on the old homestead farm in Laporte County, where he early gained through practical experience an abiding appreciation of the dignity and value of honest toil and endeavor. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of the vicinity during the time when his assistance was not required in the work of the farm, and he remained at the parental home until he came to Starke County, at the age of twenty-five years, and purchased the little tract of land that is now included in his fine homestead farm. He has been progressive not only in connection with his personal affairs but also as a loyal citizen, and both he and his eldest sons are unswerving supporters of the principles and policies of the democratic party, the religious faith of all members of the family being that of the Lutheran Church.

In the City of Valparaiso, this state, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Marks to Miss Christena Schultz, who was born in Posen, Prussia, on the 28th of October, 1862, a daughter of Louis and Louise Schultz, who immigrated to the United States in 1866, settling first in Laporte County, Indiana, and thereafter living for comparatively short periods in each White and Porter counties. In 1886 they came to Starke County, and purchased land in section 12, California Township, Mr. Schultz, now past the age of eighty, still residing in the home which he bought soon after coming to this county; his wife passed to the life eternal in 1887, a devout member of the Lutheran Church, as is also Mr. Schultz. Mr. and Mrs. Marks became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living except one. John, who has the supervision of one of his father's farms, is married and has two children, Mary and John. Louise is the wife of Ray Elder, of Hammond, this state, and they have two daughters, Florence and Edith. Dora is the wife of Cecil Good, a successful farmer of North Bend Township, and they have two children, Florence and Cledith. Cully, Emma, Richard and Edna, still remain at the parental home.

MICHAEL TIERNEY. The late Michael Tierney was a very thorough representative of the American citizen of Irish birth, loyal to the land of his nativity and his forefathers, but devoted heart and soul to the interests of the country of his adoption in which he found true freedom, prosperity and a home. In a great many respects Mr. Tierney showed himself a man of more than ordinary abilities, and even this necessarily brief review will serve to demonstrate that he allowed no obstacles or difficulties to swerve him from the course which he laid out when he entered upon his career.

Mr. Tierney was born in County Mayo, Ireland, March 4, 1838, and belonged to an old and honored family of Erin, but when a small child was taken to Ashton, Lancashire, England, and there grew to young

manhood, being employed with his father, Thomas Tierney, in the cotton mills of that place. Before he emigrated to the United States, a brother, Patrick Tierney, had come to this country and located at Paxton, the county seat of Ford County, Illinois, where he was residing at the time of the outbreak of the struggle between the North and the South. Enlisting in the company of Capt. Byron L. Crouch, in an Illinois cavalry regiment of volunteers, Mr. Tierney served until disabled by a fatal attack of chronic diarrhea, and died in the same year at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, his remains being taken back and buried at Paxton. He was elevated to the rank of corporal. He was unmarried. During the same year Michael Tierney emigrated to the United States with his father, in a sailing vessel, and after three months made port safely at New York. From that metropolis they made their way to Paxton, Illinois, and to the home of the dead son and brother's employer, Judge Patton, to reclaim forty acres of land which had been secured by Patrick Tierney before he entered the army. Not long thereafter, Thomas Tierney died, and Michael decided to enter the service of the country of his adoption, eventually securing a place in the same company and cavalry regiment of which his brother had been a member. Following his enlistment he saw much active service in the command of General Steele, and on one occasion had his haversack shot through, but managed to escape wound or capture and finally received his honorable discharge, November 22, 1865. His record was at all times that of a brave, faithful and gallant soldier, and he won and held the respect of his officers and the confidence and admiration of his comrades.

When he laid aside the implements of destruction for the tools of construction, Mr. Tierney returned to the home of Judge Patten. His mother and sister had left the old country while he was in the army, and on their arrival in the United States first located at Fall River, Massachusetts, but several years later joined Michael in Illinois. There, at his home, the mother died when past eighty-two years of age. After several years, and while still a resident of Paxton, Mr. Tierney learned the trade of harnessmaker, at which he continued to be successfully engaged for some years. He was an industrious and painstaking workman, energetic and thoroughly reliable, and commanded good wages which he invested in a manner that displayed the possession of much inherent business ability. He founded a home of his own at Paxton, February 1, 1879, when he was united in marriage with Miss Anna O'Melia, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, November 9, 1849, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Parsons) O'Melia. Her parents were natives of Erin's Isle, and there spent their lives in honest tilling of the soil, passing away in advanced years and in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, of which they had been lifelong members. Mrs. Tierney was but twelve years of age when she went to Lancashire, England, to make her home with an aunt, and in 1873-4 came by herself to the United States on a steamer, The City of New York, and from New York moved to Philadelphia, where she found employment and a home with a family of Quaker people. There she remained until 1876, in that year removing to Illinois, where

she resided at Loda until her marriage to Mr. Tierney who went to that place in following his trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Tierney started housekeeping at Paxton, and there resided until 1889, in that year moving to Chicago, which city continued to be their home for fifteen years. Their advent in Starke County occurred in 1904, when they came to live on the farm of 100 acres which had been purchased some twelve years before by Mr. Tierney. Settling down to the pursuits of the farm, Mr. Tierney immediately began to make improvements. The residence was built during the same year, a handsome and commodious structure, equipped with modern devices and conveniences, and in 1906 was erected the large and serviceable barn. This land, which is located in section 10, California Township, has been given over chiefly to corn and oats, crops in which Mr. Tierney met with excellent success. He continued to intelligently and progressively cultivate his fields until the time of his death, April 23, 1914, when his community lost one of its most capable citizens. Although reared as a Roman Catholic, he in later years adopted the faith of the Protestant Church, and in that passed away. He was a stalwart republican, and while not a politician did much to aid the interests of his party.

Mr. and Mrs. Tierney were the parents of the following children: Margaret, born at Paxton, Illinois, educated in the high schools of Chicago, and now residing with her mother; Mary, who secured a scholarship through her work in the high school, graduated in 1898 from the University of Chicago, became secretary for D. Vincent, and is now the wife of John M. Kinsey, a machine shop foreman of Chicago, and has two children, William M., four years of age, and Anna, three years old; Cassie B., born at Loda, Illinois, who is a graduate of the grammar school and high school, class of 1903, and lives with her mother and sister; John, born at Loda, Illinois, educated in the high schools of Chicago, and since his father's death the manager of the home farm; and James, who died at the age of three years, three months. The children have all been admirably reared and well educated, being thus fitted for the positions in life which they have been called upon to fill. Mrs. Tierney, who survives her husband, and lives with her children on the home farm in California Township, is widely and favorably known, and has taken an active part in various movements which have advanced the causes of education, religion and charity.

JOHN M. GUNN. A resident farmer of Washington Township for twenty years, Mr. Gunn spent the greater part of his life in Scotland. Since locating in Starke County he has been instrumental in improving a farm, has brought into his community the influence of thrift, rugged character and moral attributes of the true son of Scotland and is one of the highly esteemed men of this rural community.

John M. Gunn was born in Shropshire near Fintry, Scotland, September 3, 1839. His parents were Daniel and Catherine (Mewross) Gunn. His father was born in Sutherland Shire, Scotland. The mother was born in Essex County, England, while her father, John Mewross, was

in service as a surgeon of the British army. Dr. John Mewross was with the British troops during the Napoleonic wars, and was under Wellington in Portugal and in the Peninsular Campaign in Spain, and subsequently came with the troops to America during the War of 1812, and participated in the campaign about New Orleans. Subsequently he returned to Scotland, and died in Sterling Shire, and is buried in the churchyard at Fintry. He was at the time of his death forty-one years of age, and had served as orderly with the rank of sergeant in the British army. At the time of his death his daughter, Mrs. Gunn, was a young woman, and her marriage to Daniel Gunn came several years later. Daniel Gunn and wife began life in Stanley, Perth Shire, Scotland, where he was manager of a cotton mill for some years, and subsequently was a partner in the management of a cotton mill in England in Lancashire. He finally sold his interests there and became manager of the Smith & Company interests at Fintry, Scotland, went from there to Glasgow, Scotland, where he died in 1842 in the prime of life. Besides John M., he left another son, James, who married and lived in Scotland and died at Glasgow, leaving a son. After the death of her husband Mrs. Daniel Gunn remained at Fintry, Scotland, until her death at the age of seventy-seven. Though of Presbyterian family she affiliated with the Methodist Church. The Gunn family belong to the famous clan of Gunn.

John M. Gunn was three years of age when his father died, and from the time he was seven years old began earning some money for the support of his widowed mother. He worked as a cattle herder and was employed in the various duties of the farm and gave all his earnings to his mother. His education was acquired largely by attendance at night school. After reaching manhood he was married in his native shire to Miss Jeanette Cullens. She was born in Sterlingshire, Scotland, at Corn-ton, March 23, 1843, grew up in that section, and subsequently lived with her grandparents who were farmers. She was married before she was eighteen years of age. After their marriage Mr. Gunn and wife lived in Sterlingshire until 1880, and then with the two daughters of their family took passage on the ship *Devonia* in March, 1880, from Glasgow and after a rough voyage landed in New York. Mr. Gunn sought a new home in America on account of his wife's health. She was very feeble at the time of the emigration, but later recovered and lived for a number of years in this country. For several years Mr. Gunn was employed as superintendent of the Rock Hill Coal Mines at Flushing, Belmont County, Ohio. He also lived for some years at Fort Washington, Ohio. In December, 1895, they came to Starke County, establishing a home in section 28 of Washington Township, where Mr. Gunn bought eighty acres of good land, and has since devoted his time and attention to its improvement. He has erected a good residence and farm buildings, and is a general agriculturist, producing nearly all the crops raised in this county with the exception of wheat. Mr. Gunn is regarded very highly for his good judgment and his public spirited citizenship. Mrs. Gunn died in Starke County November 6, 1906. She was a member of the Church of God of Eagle

Creek, and Mr. Gunn is a member of the same church. While they lived in Scotland they were members of the Presbyterian faith.

There are the following children: Isabel and Mary, both of whom died after they were married, Mary leaving a daughter, Jeanette C. Reynard, who is now employed at Knox, while Isabel left three children, Janet, Christine and Robert. The living children are as follows: Catherine, who lives with Mr. Gunn; Elizabeth, wife of George Smart, of Chicago, and they are the parents of William, Janet C., Isabel and Jean; Jessie lives at home, and like the other children is well educated. Mr. Gunn is a republican, and a member of the Township Advisory Board, and also superintendent of the road district for two years.

CHARLES TRIGG. Not all the farms in Starke County are owned by members of the old families. Among the progressive newcomers who have come to the county from other sections, and by their enterprise and thrift have laid substantial foundations in a fine farm, is Charles Trigg, who for many years was identified with the industrial activities of Chicago, and ten years ago came to Starke County and has brought to farming the same ability and skill which gave him advancement in other fields of labor. Mr. Trigg is now proprietor of a fine estate of 100 acres in Washington Township, situated in sections 31 and 32. When he bought the land in 1904, a portion of it was in swamp, but that has been drained and converted into fertile fields, and nearly all the land is now employed in the production of the staple crops of Starke County. Mr. Trigg has found profit in growing wheat, corn and oats, as staple crops, and has been particularly successful with cow peas. At the present time more than fifty acres of his land are in this crop, and the average yield per acre is from twelve to fifteen bushels, though at different times he has grown as much as twenty-five bushels to the acre. Mr. Trigg is also one of the onion raisers of the county, and his onion crop has yielded as high as 500 bushels per acre. He also grows potatoes and other vegetables. Though a portion of his younger career was spent on a farm, Mr. Trigg was practically unacquainted with farming when he arrived in Starke County, and his success is all the more conspicuous for that reason. He keeps a fine herd of Holstein cattle, and has made it a rule to grade up his land, his crops and his stock to the highest possible point, always with a view to the greatest profit in the current markets. He is also the type of farmer who takes pride in making his farm increase in value and become more attractive to the eye each year. Seven acres of his land are devoted to the finest grove of native timber in this section of the county. He has a large number of fine native tamarack trees, and that somewhat rare tree in this part of the state gives the name, Tamarack Farm.

Mr. Trigg came to Starke County from Chicago, where for a number of years he was general foreman of the American Car and Foundry Company. During his management of the shops the product was increased from 12 to 42 cars per day, and Mr. Trigg received the highest wages paid in the shop for his class of work. He was with that company

for seventeen years, and finally decided to invest his surplus capital in farming, and has now a home and property which insure his declining years against want. Mr. Trigg is a man of strong physique and although sixty-three years of age is still rugged and able to do more than an average man's daily task.

Charles Trigg was born January 16, 1851, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, and was reared and educated there, having come to the United States in 1866. He worked on a farm for a while, but soon found employment at Aurora, Illinois, and for thirty years was in the car shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway. He was advanced from time to time in the shops, and was finally offered the position of foreman in the Chicago Car and Foundry Company, where he had under him 1,600 employes, all kinds and classes and all nationalities.

Mr. Trigg's nationality is English. His father was born near London, and was a policeman in that vicinity for eight years. The mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Civier, of Kent County, England. While they lived in England four children were born to them. After locating in Canada they became farmers in Ontario, and on emigrating to the United States located in Illinois. There the father engaged in the industry of market gardening within the city limits of Aurora, and spent all the rest of his years in that occupation. He died at the age of eighty-eight, and his wife passed away five years before, at the age of seventy-eight. They had eighty-eight acres of land in the City of Aurora, all of it devoted to gardening and truck raising. They were reared in the Episcopal Church, but while at Aurora became members of the Presbyterian faith. The elder Trigg was a democrat in politics. Five of their sons and two daughters are living, all are married, and all have children except one.

Mr. Charles Trigg was married in Aurora to Rosaline Brooks. She was born in Wisconsin, February 12, 1856, and when a child was brought to Aurora, where she was reared and educated. Her father, Levi Brooks, was a molder by trade, and died when past seventy-four years of age. His widow now lives in Porter County, Indiana, and is past eighty years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Trigg had eight children, one of whom, Frank, died at the age of nine. Lewis is now superintendent of the Chicago American Car & Foundry Company, with which concern he has been identified since seventeen years old, and is married. Maybell is the wife of Heden Nater, a Nebraska farmer. Charlotte is married and lives in Elgin, Illinois, where her husband is employed in the Elgin Watch Company, and has two daughters, Margaret and Dolly. Mary and Edward both live at home, Hazel is the wife of Herman Rogers, a Washington township farmer, and William the youngest is also at home. Mr. and Mrs. Trigg are members of the Presbyterian Church and he is a republican.

WALTER H. CONKLIN. That agreeable work generally is synonymous with successful work finds emphatic expression in the career of Walter H. Conklin, well known as a mint grower and dairy farmer of Starke County. When Mr. Conklin purchased his present farm of eighty acres in section

11 and forty acres in section 3, California Township, in 1898, its prestige existed principally in the mind of the owner, who, in turn, had little to back his expectations save his ambition and determination to succeed. Indefatigable industry, common sense and foresight have enabled him to accomplish in good order all that he has planned, and today he feels a justifiable pride in his surroundings, in their order and neatness, in the commodious and comfortable home, the large and well equipped barns and outbuildings, and the many facilities for carrying on his extensive operations. His career has been a singularly successful and satisfying one, and in the prime of life he finds himself the possessor of a handsome competency and the respect and esteem of those among whom his labors have been prosecuted.

Mr. Conklin was born in Dutchess County, New York, December 19, 1864, and was still a small child when he was taken to Brooklyn, Poweshiek County, Iowa, by his parents, John and Maria (Heermans) Conklin, natives of New York State, where their ancestors back to their great-grandparents had resided. The Conklins were of English origin, while the Heermans traced their ancestry back to Holland, and both families had their principal representatives in agricultural pursuits. It is a peculiar fact that Walter H. Conklin is in the sixth generation of his family in which there has been born only one son, and he himself is the father of but one male child. John Conklin was born February 24, 1834, in Dutchess County, New York, and was there married, two children being born to him: Walter H.; and Jennie, who died at the age of twenty-one years, several months prior to her proposed marriage. After locating in Iowa, the father embarked in the lumber business at Brooklyn, and continued to follow that vocation until his retirement in the early part of 1898, at that time moving to Chicago, Illinois, where he died June 21st of the same year, aged sixty-four years. He was a republican in politics, although not a politician, and he and Mrs. Conklin were members of the Presbyterian Church. After his death she was married a second time, and was again widowed, without issue. She is now seventy years of age, and during the last ten years has been engaged in traveling all over the country, visiting various points of interest. She is hale and hearty, in full possession of all her faculties, and is well read and well informed in various ways.

Walter H. Conklin was reared in Poweshiek County, Iowa, and was given a good education in the public schools. On attaining his majority he entered upon a career of his own, and for several years followed various pursuits, but eventually turned his attention to progressive farming. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Conklin came to California Township and purchased eighty acres of land in section 11, to which he has since added a tract of forty acres in section 3, and here he devotes twenty-five acres to the growing of mint in partnership with his son-in-law, Harry E. Kesler, one of the most successful young men in this line in the county, a sketch of whose short, but active career, is found on another page of this work. In addition Mr. Conklin has ten acres given to mint on his own farm, and this has proven a most valuable and paying product, averaging from for-

ty-five to fifty pounds annually to the acre, and selling from two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents per pound. Mr. Conklin has made a close and careful study of this subject, and has spent considerable time and money in investigation and experiment, so he is thoroughly informed as to all its details. He has his home farm in excellent condition, and all the buildings have been erected here since his arrival. These include a large dairy barn, good outbuildings and other structures, but chief among them is the modern residence. This is a handsome white structure, of eight rooms, with a broad cement porch and cement pillars, and is furnished with every modern convenience, including steam heat and acetylene lights. In addition to his activities in peppermint growing, Mr. Conklin has engaged extensively in dairying, and now has a well-kept barn and finds a ready market for his butter and other dairy products. Through his own efforts and labors he has succeeded in the accumulation of a material competence and in making himself a man of substance and worth in his community.

While still a resident of Iowa, June 21, 1893, Mr. Conklin was united in marriage with Miss Cora E. Bever, who was born in Poweshiek County, Iowa, March 18, 1870, and was there reared and educated and at the age of eighteen years began teaching in the country school, being so engaged until the time of her marriage and becoming one of the most popular educators of her community. She is a daughter of John A. and Susan A. (Moore) Bever, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. They were both children when brought by their respective parents to Illinois, and there were reared and educated in the Village of Quincy, where they met and were married. Their union occurred December 31, 1868, and in the following spring they moved to Poweshiek County, Iowa, where Mr. Bever purchased 160 acres of land at \$5 per acre, in Warren Township. Later he began to add to his holdings, through purchase and trade, and is now the owner of 900 acres of land, which is valued in the vicinity of two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. Mr. and Mrs. Bever still live there in quiet retirement, enjoying the comforts which their many years of industry has brought, the father being sixty-nine and the mother sixty-four years of age. They are fine old pioneer people of their community, and there is now only one other couple in Poweshiek County living who were there when the Bevers arrived. They are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which they have taken part, and in political matters Mr. Bever is a stalwart republican.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Conklin: Marie L., born at Chicago, Illinois, September 3, 1896, who was educated at Knox High School and is now the wife of Harry E. Kesler, of California Township, before mentioned; and John A., who was born July 17, 1902, and is now a student in the sixth grade of the public schools. Mr. Conklin is a republican, but has taken only a good citizen's part in public matters.

GEORGE W. COFFIN. Among the old families of Starke County the Coffins have had a prominent place from the time when this county was a wilderness. They have been farmers, and during the past sixty years

their lives have been led along the paths of quiet industry and prosperity, and as men of the soil and good citizens have done their full share for the enrichment of community life.

George W. Coffin has lived in one locality in Washington Township since infancy. His fine farm is in section 6 of Washington Township, where he is the proprietor of 160 acres of land, and one of his daughters owns eighty acres in sections 28 and 33 and the other forty acres in section 33 of Oregon Township. Mr. Coffin has lived in Washington Township since April, 1852. A reference to conditions in Starke County at that time, as described on other pages of this history, will indicate that the Coffin family were among the very early settlers. It was the days in which log cabins were the prevailing type of residence, and when wood land, sand ridges and marshes covered the entire area of this county. There were few farms in the modern sense of the term, and while the products of the land were limited, there was an abundance of wild game of all kinds that helped to supply the family larder. The Coffin family arrived at the Village of Knox on April 17, 1852. Only three houses at that time stood on the townsite.

The Coffin family came to Starke County from fourteen miles south of Lafayette, Indiana, making the journey with teams and wagons. George W. Coffin was born in that locality of Indiana October 27, 1849, and since he was three years of age has lived in Washington Township, and one of the few men who have so long occupied the same home through a period of sixty years or more. As a boy while growing into manhood he attended the primitive country schools, spent a number of years in a log cabin home, and has witnessed the remarkable development which has transformed Starke County in a space of less than a lifetime.

Mr. Coffin comes of old New England stock, and his parents' home had been in New York State. Mr. Coffin is a son of Philander and Martha (Smith) Coffin, the former born in New York State in 1811 and the latter in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1810. They were married at Springfield, Ohio, and lived in Clark, Montgomery and Allen counties, Ohio, where eight children were born to them, George W. Coffin being the only one a native of Indiana. Besides Mr. Coffin there are two daughters still living, Caroline Macumber and Elizabeth Fletcher, both of Knox. All the other children grew up, married and had families. Mr. Coffin was married at Knox on September 28, 1873, to Anna M. Patrick, who was born in Southern Indiana, among the hills of Jennings County, September 15, 1855. During the war her father was a soldier in the Union army, and when the Confederate cavalry man, John H. Morgan, made his invasion into Indiana, it was necessary to hide the horses from the invaders. Later Solomon and Jane (Shederly) Patrick came to Starke County, and bought 160 acres of land in Washington Township. They lived there until their family, including Mrs. Coffin grew up, and then returned to Jennings County for some years, but eventually located in Hamlet in Starke County, and died there when past seventy years of age. They were Methodist Church people, and Solomon Patrick was a republican. The Coffin family have usually been United Presbyterians, and

also affiliated with the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin have two children: Cora, who was well educated and for twenty years was a teacher, and now lives at home; and Bessie, widow of Dr. E. A. Hardene, an eye specialist, who practiced at Knox for a number of years and there died. His widow is now a teacher in the Central High School at Knox. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Coffin are well known in Starke County as successful and efficient teachers, and for their efficiency received the highest of wages.

WILHELM KRAUSE. A scion of a long and sterling line of German ancestry, Mr. Krause, who is now one of the prominent farmers and honored citizens of North Bend Township, was born in the ancient Province of Posen, Prussia, on the 10th of October, 1848, and is a son of Johann and Julia (Guderzahn) Krause, who passed their entire lives in Posen, where the father died at the age of forty-two and the mother at fifty-two years, both having been lifelong communicants of the Lutheran Church and the father having devoted his active career to the great basic industry of agriculture. Of the four sons and two daughters Wilhelm is the only one to leave the Fatherland, and the only other one of the number now living is Ernestine, who is the wife of Daniel Rhode, residing in the Rhine Province of Germany, their only living child being Adolph.

In his native province Wilhelm was reared to maturity and acquired the thorough knowledge of practical agriculture that has made the sons of Germany admirable exponents of this industry wherever they have been found, the while he profited duly by the advantages afforded in the common schools. In 1873, when about twenty-five years of age, Mr. Krause severed the bonds that linked him to home and native land and immigrated to the United States, where he felt assured of better opportunities for gaining independence and prosperity through his own efforts. He embarked, at Hamburg, on a small steamship that had a miscellaneous and none too attractive passenger list, and proceeded on this vessel to Liverpool, England, and thence across the Atlantic to America, where he landed with unqualified satisfaction in the Port of New York City, as the voyage had been notably ungratifying, principally on account of the conditions and surroundings of the poorly ordered vessel on which he had made his way to the land of his adoption.

From the national metropolis Mr. Krause soon made his way to Indiana, and he was thereafter identified with agricultural pursuits near Wanatah, Laporte County, until the 1st of April, 1884, when he came to Starke County and purchased eighty acres of land in section 6, North Bend Township, the tract being virtually covered with underbrush and presenting little attractiveness save to the mind that had prescience of future possibilities. With vigor and determination Mr. Krause instituted the work of clearing the land and making it eligible for cultivation, and with the passing years it became under his effective management a productive farm, improved with a good house and a substantial barn for the accommodation of grain and other products, as well as live stock. All these meritorious improvements were made by Mr. Krause, and he is now one

of the substantial agriculturists and stock-growers of Starke County. In addition to his original homestead, his present place of residence, Mr. Krause has acquired and improved also a farm of forty acres in section 36, Center Township, and his landed estate thus comprises a total area of 120 acres. He gives his attention to diversified agriculture and the raising of excellent grades of live stock, besides which he has on his home place a good orchard and raises also a variety of small fruits. The dominating trait of his character has been industry, and his inviolable integrity has gained to him the confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact in the varied relations of life. He is sincere, earnest and unassuming, places true values upon all things, and may well take pride in the goodly success that has crowned his years of earnest and honest endeavor. He is independent in politics and both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they were reared.

In Wanatah, Laporte County, the year 1879 gave record of the marriage of Mr. Krause to Miss Ernestine M. Middlestadt, who likewise was born in the Province of Posen, Prussia, the date of her nativity having been July 3, 1849. Her father, Johann G. Middlestadt, died in the year of her birth and in the prime of his manhood, Mrs. Krause having been but four months old at the time. The widow, whose maiden name was Wilhelmina Arndt, was left to care for her three little daughters. In 1872 the mother and daughters came to the United States on the ship *St. Adolph*, and they landed in New York City on the 9th of June, having sailed from the Port of Hamburg on the 11th of April. They made their way to Wanatah, Laporte County, Indiana, a locality in which there have been an appreciable number of colonists from Posen, and there the devoted mother continued to reside until her death, at the venerable age of eighty-six years, two of her daughters being deceased, so that Mrs. Krause is now left as the only representative of the immediate family circle. Mrs. Middlestadt was a lifelong and consistent member of the Lutheran Church, as was also her husband.

This final paragraph is given to a brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Krause: Bertha is the wife of Wilhelm Willschen, a prosperous blacksmith and miller at Kinman, Jasper County, and they have no children; Lena, who resides in the village of North Judson, this county, is the widow of Theodore King and has two daughters, Bertha and Leona; Emma is employed as a compositor in the office of the *North Judson News*; Albert, who is a progressive farmer of California Township, wedded Miss Frances Fell and they have two sons, Willhelm and Carl; Martha died at the age of nineteen years, a gracious young woman who had a wide circle of friends. All of the children were accorded good educational advantages, and Mr. and Mrs. Krause find their chief satisfaction, after years of devoted companionship, in knowing that their children have fully justified the parental care and solicitude.

JOHN A. SCHULTZ. Many of the best farms in Starke County illustrate the thrift, businesslike management and industry of the German-

American citizens. One of the most noteworthy of these is the home of John A. Schultz, comprising 160 acres of land in section 12 of California Township. His dwelling is a substantial seven-room house, and adjoining it is a large red barn for stock and hay, 30 by 50 feet, with a crib and shed, 20 by 50 feet, adjoining. Mr. Schultz constructed these farm buildings twelve years ago, at the time he bought the farm from his father. His home has been on this homestead for thirty years. Mr. Schultz is one of the farmers in Starke County who has used intelligence and are among the most successful growers of the general crops, and his land is made to yield large quantities of corn, wheat, oats and cowpeas every season. The home is near Bass Lake.

John A. Schultz was born at Reynolds near Lafayette, Indiana, January 8, 1871, and when three years of age his parents moved to Porter County, later to Laporte County, in which county he received most of his early schooling. In 1884 the family came to Starke County, where the father acquired a tract of unbroken land, and began the improvement which has since transformed it into a valuable farm. The parents were Louis and Minnie (Dregg) Schultz, both natives of Posen, Germany, near Kelmar. They grew up as neighbors in that community, were married there, and before leaving Germany two children were born, Louis and Ernestina. The latter is now Mrs. Albert Marks. In 1869 the family embarked on a vessel at Bremen, and after a long and tedious voyage on a sailing vessel arrived in New York City. The son Louis died and was buried in Porter. The family came West, locating at Wanatah, Laporte County, and like many emigrants to this country were people of very limited circumstances. The father found employment as a section hand with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and supported his family by that kind of labor for several years. In the meantime he located in Porter County and continued work at day wages until moving to Starke County, where he purchased the land which his labor gradually converted into a good farm. The father is still living on the homestead, in the home of his son, and is now eighty-one years of age and still vigorous. His wife died in Starke County in 1886, when forty-seven years of age. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, and the father is a democrat.

John A. Schultz, who is one of seven living children, all of whom are married except one, was married in Peru, Indiana, to Dora Kohnke. She was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1874, and was a young girl when she came with some friends to the United States, and lived for a time in Ohio and afterwards in Peru, Indiana, until her marriage. She died December 11, 1902, leaving three children: Fred, born December 22, 1895, a graduate of the Knox High School, and now employed as a clerk in Hammond, Indiana; Ernest, born July 11, 1897, a member of the class of 1915 in the Knox High School; Alma, born in November, 1898, finished the grade school course in 1912. In 1904 Mr. Schultz married at Peru, Minnie, a sister of his first wife. She was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1881, and came to the United States when past fifteen years of age to join her sister at Peru. By this marriage there are three children: Edward,

born November 18, 1905, and attending school in the fourth grade; Elsie, born January 8, 1907, and now in school; and Arthur, born January 10, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are members of the Lutheran Church and he follows the principles of the democratic party.

WILLIAM NEWMAN. Reared to manhood on the excellent farm of which he is now the owner, in section 9, North Bend Township, Mr. Newman has manifested the same spirit of thrift, industry and progressiveness that have made the agriculturists and stock-growers of his native province in Germany such effective exponents of these great basic industries. He is a scion of a family that now has many worthy representatives in Indiana, and from this source the state has had much to gain and nothing to lose. Mr. Newman's farm comprises 120 acres of the fine land whose organic constituency and careful improvement have made Starke County one of the most prolific and attractive agricultural districts of the Hoosier commonwealth. About one-half of the area of this farm is now available for cultivation, twenty acres is in valuable native timber, and there is a residuum of the fertile muck land that needs only proper drainage to bring it up to the same high standard as marks all other such reclaimed tracts in the county. Mr. Newman is essentially energetic and progressive and has shown marked discrimination and judgment in carrying forward the various departments of his farm enterprise, so that his success has been on a parity with his well directed efforts. He raises the varied products common to this section, including wheat, oats, corn and forage crops, and his farm shows excellent grades of horses, cattle and swine, though he does not raise the same on an extensive scale. Mr. Newman purchased the farm from his father and as an agriculturist has well upheld the prestige of a family name that has long been closely identified with this line of enterprise.

William Newman was born in the Province of Pomerania, Prussia, a fine agricultural and stock district of the great German Empire, and the date of his nativity was March 9, 1875, the genealogy tracing through a long line of sterling German ancestors and many generations having found successful association with agricultural pursuits in the Fatherland. Mr. Newman is a son of Frederick and Anna (Nese) Newman, both of whom were born and reared in the ancient Province of Posen, Germany, the father having been a successful tiller of the soil in his native land, where all of his children were born,—seven sturdy sons and two daughters. The elder daughter, Minnie, was the first to come to the United States, and was a young woman at the time when she severed the home ties and immigrated to America. She made Indiana her destination and in Porter County joined her uncle, Gottfried Newman, who was a foreman on Pan Handle Bridge, having been a boy at the time when his mother came to the United States and there established her residence. Within a short time the younger sister of our subject joined the elder in Porter County, and the next of the immediate family to come from Germany to that county was the son Otto. In 1884 the loved parents came from their native land in company with three other children, em-

barking at Hamburg and landing in the Port of New York City, whence they came forthwith to Porter County and made possible a joyous family reunion, at which all were present except one son, Carl, who had to wait the expiration of his assigned term of service in the German army, but who joined the other members of the family in the spring of the following year. In that year, 1885, the parents, accompanied by their sons, William, Carl and Frederick, Jr., came to Starke County and purchased eighty acres of unimproved land, in section 9, the same being an integral part of the homestead farm now owned by William Newman, to whom this sketch is dedicated and who was at that time a lad of about ten years. The father, with the aid of his sons, developed the place into a productive farm, and here he continued to reside, an honored and valued citizen, until his death, which occurred on the 8th of July, 1902, at which time he was seventy years of age. His widow now resides in the home of her niece, Mrs. Carl Schwermer, of Michigan City, this state, and has been a lifelong and devoted communicant of the Lutheran Church, as was also her husband. Of the surviving children the eldest son is Carl, who is now a prosperous farmer of Laporte County and who has sons and daughters. Minnie married and was a resident of Railroad Township, Starke County, at the time of her death, no children surviving her. Emma is the wife of John Ernest, of Michigan City, and they have one son, Wilhelm, and three daughters,—Mrs. Carl Schwermer, of Michigan City, Mrs. Bertha Smutzer, of Indianapolis; and Esther, who remains at the parental home. Otto is now a successful owner of a fruit farm in the State of Washington, is married and has children. Frederick, Jr., is a machinist by vocation, resides in the City of Chicago, and is the father of two daughters. William of this review, was the next in order of birth. Robert, who is employed in the car shops at Michigan City, married Miss Anna Steink, who is deceased and who is survived by one daughter.

William Newman was reared to manhood on the farm of which he is now the owner and was afforded the advantages of the public schools of North Bend Township, the while he has excellent training also in German, with facility in the accurate use of his native language. He is a loyal and public-spirited citizen, takes specially deep interest in local affairs and is ever ready to contribute his quota to the support of measures advanced for the general good of the community. He is a democrat in his political allegiance and neither he nor his wife is formally identified with any religious organization.

In Pulaski County, this state, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Newman to Miss Dora Felker, who was born in that county on the 16th of February, 1876, and who is a daughter of Isaac Felker, the maiden name of her mother having been Fischer. Her parents were born in Pennsylvania and were young folk at the time when the respective families removed to Indiana, their marriage having occurred in Pulaski County, on the old homestead which is still their place of residence and where they are held in unqualified esteem, Mr. Felker having been for many years one of the substantial farmers of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Newman have two children,—Signa Beulah, born in 1904, and Maria,

born in 1906, both daughters being pupils in the graded schools of their home district.

JOHN W. OSBORN. Among the old families of Starke County who still have descendants, usefully and prominently identified with citizenship, there is probably none that can claim longer residence than the Osborns. More than three score and ten years have passed since they first found homes in this county, and as pioneers they gave more than ordinary sacrifices in the building and establishment of homes, and in the later period their lives have been led along the paths of quiet industry and prosperity and as farmers and good citizens they have done their full share for the enrichment of community life.

Special attention is directed to the late John W. Osborn, who for many years was one of the leading farmers and citizens of North Bend Township, and whose son, George Osborn, now lives in section 12 of that township. John Wesley Osborn was born in Delaware County, Ohio, January 23, 1832. His parents were George M. and Anna (Hall) Osborn. His father was born in Pennsylvania, January 30, 1802, and died at Eagle Lake, in Starke County, July 15, 1845. The mother was born in 1804, probably in Ohio, and died April 25, 1845, at Eagle Lake. During their residence in Delaware County all their children were born, and in 1840 George M. Osborn brought his family out to Starke County, locating at Eagle Lake in what is now Washington Township. The Osborns gave the name to that body of water, on account of the large numbers of eagles found nesting about its shores. Their settlement there preceded the organization of Starke County by a number of years, and their outlook for several years was over a landscape of almost unbroken wilderness, forest, lake, marshes and sandy ridges. Only five families at that time comprised the total population of what is now Starke County. All the land was wild, some in prairie, other parts covered with timber, and a portion under water. It was a mighty task to turn the virgin sod, fell the forest trees and drain the swamps, and yet these old time pioneers so prominently represented by the Osborn family proved equal to overcoming the obstacles which lay in their path. While the members of the earliest generation did not live to see all their hopes materialized, they laid the foundation upon which their successors have built prosperity and have continued lives of influence and usefulness. George M. Osborn and wife are both buried near Eagle Lake, having died when little past middle life. They were both church people, and possessed the sterling traits of pioneers. To those generations of the family now living many stories are preserved of the old times in Starke County, when the family lived in log cabin homes, and when the Indians were frequent visitors and almost as numerous as civilized men. After arriving in Starke County the head of the family walked through the woods, blazing a trail as he went, thirty miles to Winamac, the seat of the land office, in order to enter the land. In plowing and in all farm work they used oxen, but aside from the needs of home consumption there was little market for grain, and what surplus

they had was taken by wagon over the rough roads to Michigan City. The diet of those early settlers consisted largely of wild game and fish, with coarse meal for bread, and much of the fruit was supplied from the wild bushes growing in the woods. The Osborn family had their farm improvement well under way before many neighbors came, and the community became fairly well settled, introducing the institutions of the school and the church.

After the death of George M. Osborn and wife their oldest son, William, who is now living at the age of eighty-seven in Culver, took the responsibilities of head of the family. John W. Osborn at the time the family arrived in Starke County was only eight years of age. Later as the other sons grew up they moved into North Bend Township, and secured new and much better land than their father had settled among the sand dunes about Eagle Lake. All the four sons entered Government land, acquired good farms, and because of their priority of settlement in North Bend Township the locality was long known as the Osborn Neighborhood. The greater part of the land acquired by these pioneers, divided among several farms, is still in the Osborn family.

John W. Osborn located his farm on sections 11 and 12. His first habitation was a log cabin, similar to the other buildings erected by his brothers and neighbors, and he cut down the trees to open up a garden spot, and gradually, year after year, extended the area of cultivation until the greater part of his land was available for crops. He planted a large number of fruit trees, and his was one of the first orchards in the township, and an old pear tree, which is said to have been the first planted in the county, is still standing on the farm. John W. Osborn was a man of progressive ideas, thrifty and business like in his management, and in a few years was able to supplant the log house with a commodious eight-room dwelling that for a number of years was regarded as the best mansion in that locality. This old landmark, built more than forty years ago, is still in use, and one of the best built structures in the township. It has been the center of associations for the family of John W. Osborn through more than a generation, and it stands as a monument to his enterprise. John W. Osborn finally retired from farming and spent some ten or twelve years before his death at Culver, where he died September 11, 1906.

John W. Osborn was married in North Bend Township, November 13, 1853, to Sarah Mischler. She was born November 13, 1834, in Canada, and was still a young girl when her parents came to Indiana, and most of her years until marriage were spent in Starke County. She is still living, at the venerable age of eighty, and has her home with her son George. She is a member of the Methodist Church and her husband was of the same faith and was also reared in a democratic household, but throughout most of his career was a republican. During the war John W. Osborn was one of Starke County's gallant soldiers, going out as a member of Company E in the Fifty-second Regiment of Indiana Infantry in 1861, and remaining in the service until his honorable discharge on July 25, 1865. He was assigned to service in the pioneer corps, was

with Sherman's army in its campaigns up to Atlanta and from that time on the march to the sea, and his chief work was in building bridges for the army on its advance through Confederate territory. He escaped unhurt, and for many years was an active member of the Grand Army Post at Culver. Politically he did much service in behalf of his friends, but never sought any office for himself. John W. Osborn and wife became the parents of eleven children, and seven of them are still living.

George W. Osborn, the fourth of the family, was born on the farm that is still his home June 30, 1862. He grew up in this vicinity, and the most interesting associations of his entire life are about the old homestead that was established in North Bend Township in pioneer times. He acquired his education in the common schools, and after his marriage went west to South Dakota, entered land from the Government, and in turn had his share of pioneering in a new country. He lived in that state seven years, spent a year in Nebraska, and for five years was a resident in Hamlet in Starke County. Since his return to the old homestead on sections 11 and 12, in North Bend Township, he has actively prosecuted his business as a farmer, and now owns 300 acres of splendidly improved and valuable lands. He grows all kinds of grain, keeps good stock, and is one of the most substantial men of the community.

Mr. Osborn was married in Washington Township, of Starke County, April 6, 1884, to Miss Ella Lenora Leighty. She was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, January 9, 1867, and was a girl when her parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Harp) Leighty, came to Starke County. Her parents were both natives of Ohio but were of German parentage. They were Ohio farmers and followed the same business in Starke County, but spent their last years in Culver. Mrs. Osborn's father died there December 28, 1913, at the age of eighty-three, and her mother passed away February 12, 1914, aged seventy-eight. Her mother's death was caused by asphyxiation from the fumes of a base-burner stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are the parents of two children: Clarence, born February 26, 1885, was educated in the public schools of his home township, and is now one of the progressive young farmers of the county; Maybelle E., born in South Dakota, was reared in Starke County and completed a thorough musical education and is one of the popular members of the younger social circles in her community. Mr. Osborn is a republican in politics.

SWAN OLIVER SWANSON. A resident of Jackson Township since 1876, Swan Oliver Swanson, of section 1, has played an important part in the development of this part of Starke County. It has been his fortune to rise from obscurity and humble circumstances to a place as the leader in agricultural pursuits in the western part of Starke County and to the ownership of 1,000 acres of land, all gained through the medium of his own efforts, and while he has been thus engaged in advancing his material interests, he has also found time and the zeal to assist his community in many ways.

Mr. Swanson was born in the vicinity of the capital city of Sweden,



NICKEL PLATE STOCK FARM
Swan Oliver Swanson, Proprietor

Stockholm, August 16, 1856, and was crossing the ocean with his parents when he experienced his first birthday. In their native land the family had been in very modest circumstances, and the father decided that in the land across the waters there awaited him greater opportunities than any which he had found in Sweden. Accordingly, in 1857, he took his family aboard a sailing vessel, which, after a voyage of eleven weeks, made port at Castle Garden, the former immigrant depot in New York, at the point of Manhattan Island, in Battery Park. The parents were Swan and Martha (Erickson) Swanson, who belonged to old and honorable families which for generations had carried on various pursuits in that country. In 1858 the parents removed from Calumet, Indiana, to Starke County, where the father obtained by purchase a tract of eighty-six acres of land. This property was covered partly by a dense growth of brush and partly by swamps, but Mr. Swanson's energetic and persevering labor overcame all obstacles and difficulties, and he was able to develop this into a well-cultivated property. When he disposed of this land, Mr. Swanson came to Jackson Township and erected the home in which his son, Swan Oliver, now resides. He continued to carry on agricultural pursuits as long as he lived and was able through his native ability, persistence and good management to achieve a success such as is granted to few men, not only in a material way, but in gaining and retaining the unquestioned confidence of those among whom he lived and labored for so many years. His death occurred at his home in Jackson Township, March 11, 1888, when he had reached the age of sixty-three years. Mrs. Swanson survived him some ten years, and was upwards of seventy years old at the time of her demise. Both were reared in the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they died. In political matters Mr. Swanson was a republican but could not be said to be an office seeker or politician, although he always endeavored to keep himself fully abreast of the times and to do his full share as a good citizen in assuming the responsibilities which such a position necessitated. Of the three children born to Swan and Martha Swanson in Sweden: Alex J. is connected with the Northwestern Railway Company, at Chicago, is married and has children; Christina C. is also a resident of Chicago, where she is a clerk for a merchandise concern; and Swan Oliver is the youngest. Three children were also born to the parents after the family came to the United States, all in Indiana, as follows: Anna, who wedded A. J. Thompson, a farmer of Riga, McHenry County, North Dakota; and Andrew and Joseph William, who are residents of Chicago, Illinois. The children were all given good educational advantages by their father and were brought up to habits of sturdy honesty and industry and well trained for the positions in life which they have since been called upon to fill.

Swan Oliver Swanson was two years of age when he was brought to Davis Township and since the age of twenty years his life has been spent in Jackson Township. His boyhood was spent much the same as that of other farmers' sons of the day and community, participating in

the sports and amusements of the pioneer youths of this fast-growing community, attending the district schools during the short winter terms, and giving the greater part of the rest of the year to their father's service on the home place. He was still a lad when he had learned to plow and to do his full share in the thousand and one tasks which constantly confronted the early settlers. While his educational advantages were not of the extraordinary character, he made the most of his opportunities and thus came to manhood alert in mind and strong and active in body, thus being admirably fitted for the career he was to pursue. Section 1 has continued to be Mr. Swanson's home since his first arrival here, and since 1876 he has made his residence in his present house, an eight-room structure of which seven rooms were built during that year and one since added. This presents an attractive appearance, painted white and kept in the best of repair, and is equipped with the most modern conveniences and comforts. The other structures on this property are of equally commodious and handsome character, and include a barn 40x60 feet, built in 1902, with a lean-to 22x46 feet, and a cattle shed 58x14 feet. The land is all well adapted to the growing of wheat and corn, and of the latter Mr. Swanson had in 1914 160 acres, averaging 50 bushels to the acre, while of oats he averaged 30 bushels and of wheat from 20 to 34 bushels per acre. He uses the latest and most highly approved methods in his work, and because of his intelligent management is reaping excellent results. His home farm of 360 acres in Jackson Township is one of the most beautiful spots in the county, with its well kept buildings, flowing fields of grain and herds of fat and contented cattle. He has twenty-four head of the latter, with twenty head of horses, over 100 swine and 600 head of sheep, dealing extensively in the markets in mutton. One of his county's most progressive and up-to-date agriculturists, he is the owner with his son of 1,000 acres of good land.

Mr. Swanson was married in Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Mary M. Stocker, and concerning her death the following article is quoted from the Starke County Democrat of August 7, 1902: "Mary Magdalene (Stocker) Swanson was born in Crawfordsville, Wyandotte County, Ohio, July 11, 1858, died July 30, 1902, at her home in Brems, Indiana, aged 44 years and 19 days. She was married to Oliver Swanson January 26, 1882, who, with her five living children, survive her. One child preceded the mother into the great beyond. The funeral services were held at Hanna, Laporte County, Indiana, at 1 o'clock Saturday P. M. Conducted by Rev. Berry of Knox. Those in attendance from a distance were: Frank Stocker, a brother; Mr. and Mrs. William Swanson, the latter a sister from Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rabey, the latter a sister from Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Mrs. William Meyers, a sister from Dwight, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stocker, the former a brother from North Judson; Miss Kate and Mr. Andrew Swanson of Chicago, sister and brother of the bereaved husband. The husband, children and an aged mother have the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends on the loss of wife, mother and daughter, whose

chief aim in life was to make her home happy." Mrs. Swanson was the mother of six children, as follows: Lydia L., who died at the age of eight years; Rhoda C., who is the wife of Everett Wynant, of Chicago and has three children, Muriel, Robert and Donald; Olive, the wife of Herbert Marks, a farmer of Laporte County, has two sons, Harold and Oliver; Martha, the wife of George Basara, of Chicago, has a daughter, Eva; Maude, single, and a resident of Chicago; and Charles, who is his father's associate in his farming ventures and lives on the homestead farm, married Miss Florence Hermance.

Mr. Swan O. Swanson is a democrat in his political views, and for some years has taken an active interest in the success of his party, contributing of his time and abilities in its behalf. He has at times been called upon to represent his community in offices of importance and trust, and for twelve years was a member of the county advisory board. At the present time he is his party's candidate for the office of county commissioner. His public service has been characterized by the same fidelity to duty that has marked his private affairs, and in every capacity he has fully vindicated the faith and trust placed in him. The farmstead of Mr. Swanson is known as "The Nickel Plate Stock Farm."

JAMES PIPER. Another of the representative farmers and specially popular and honored citizens particularly entitled to consideration in this history of Starke County is Mr. Piper, who is one of the substantial agriculturists and stock growers of North Bend Township, where he has resided on his present homestead for nearly half a century, diligent, far-sighted and industrious in the reclamation and improving of his farm, loyal to all civic duties and responsibilities, generous and considerate in his relations with others, and actuated by sterling integrity in every thought and undertaking. His homestead farm is situated in section 8, North Bend Township, and is one of the fine old places of this part of the county, the area of his landed estate being now 280 acres, all in section 8, and his son, who is associated in the management of the entire property, is the owner of a tract of forty acres adjoining the paternal homestead.

The portion of his estate on which is established the residence of Mr. Piper is the old James Locke homestead, obtained by Mr. Locke from the Government within the administration of President James Polk, in the later '40s. From the original owner the property passed into the possession of John Chapman, and from the heirs of the latter Mr. Piper purchased the property in 1870, even at that date much of the land having been unreclaimed to cultivation. He found the farm virtually without fences and the dwelling on the place was a rude log house of the true pioneer order. About a decade after purchasing the homestead Mr. Piper erected his present substantial and attractive residence, in 1886, and since that time he has made additions and other improvements to the house; the while he has brought his entire estate under a high state of cultivation and has kept in advance in the matter of availing himself of modern machinery, implements and methods in all departments of

his farm operations. The barns and other buildings are of model type, and he has on the place a substantial silo, the great value of which device is now widely recognized by all progressive farmers and stock growers.

Upon coming to Starke County Mr. Piper first purchased a tract of 100 acres from Jacob Keller; his second accumulation was the previously mentioned Chapman Farm, of equal area; later he bought from Jacob Meyers an adjoining forty acres, and finally he purchased from a Mrs. Truax an additional forty acres and forty acres from Cary D. Chapman, these various tracts making up his admirable landed estate at the present time. Nearly all of the land is now available for cultivation and devoted to the crops best suited to the soil and climate of this locality, including the various cereals, clover and other hay products, and special attention being given to the raising of cow-peas on an extensive scale. The grades of live stock on this fine rural demesne are always of the best. An excellent system of tile drainage has been installed and everything about the estate bears unmistakable evidence of thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Piper is a native of the fine old Hoosier State and a scion of one of its sterling pioneer families. He was born on a farm near Madison, judicial center of Jefferson County, on the 18th of July, 1841, and is a son of Simon and Sarah (Jackson) Piper, the former of whom was born in Vermont, in 1822, a representative of a colonial New England family. As a young man Simon Piper came to the West and numbered himself among the pioneer farmers of Jefferson County, Indiana, where his marriage was solemnized and where he continued to reside on a small farm until after the birth of his first three children—Solomon, Jesse and James. He then removed with his family, in 1852, to Kosciusko County, where he located on a tract of wild land and established his family in a pioneer log cabin home. He thereafter gave himself zealously to the development of his farm, but he was soon called from the stage of life's mortal endeavors, in the prime of his life, his death having occurred in 1853. His widow later became the wife of Simon Lloyd, and they finally removed to Rensselaer, Jasper County, where they passed the residue of their long and useful lives, Mrs. Lloyd having attained to the remarkable age of ninety-five years. Her first husband was a Baptist and she herself held to that faith until after her second marriage, both she and Mr. Lloyd having become earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. No children were born of the second marriage, and of the five children of the first union the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, Jane and Ansel having been born after the removal to Kosciusko County. All of the number are still living.

James Piper acquired his rudimentary education in the pioneer schools of his native county and was a lad of about eleven years at the time of the family removal to Kosciusko County, where he was reared to manhood and attended school when opportunity afforded. There he continued to reside, engaged in agricultural pursuits, until his removal to Starke County, in 1883, as already noted in a preceding paragraph.

June 10, 1870, in Kosciusko County, was solemnized the marriage of

Mr. Piper to Miss Harriet Sarber, daughter of John and Ellen (Stuckey) Sarber, who were natives of Ohio and who became pioneer settlers in Kosciusko County, where Mr. Sarber obtained a tract of Government land and improved a productive farm, both he and his wife passing the rest of their lives on this old homestead and each attaining to venerable age. They were members of the Primitive Baptist Church and in politics Mr. Sarber was a democrat, as was also the father of Mr. Piper. Mr. and Mrs. Piper came to Starke County shortly after their marriage and here began their devoted companionship in the little log house on the farm purchased by Mr. Piper. One in sympathy, hopes and aspirations, they walked side by side down the pathway of life for forty years, and when the silver cord was loosed and Mrs. Piper passed forward to the life eternal, on the 14th of October, 1911, there came to her husband the supreme loss and bereavement of his life, even as there remains a measure of consolation and reconciliation in the memories of her devotion as a wife and mother and her gentle and gracious consideration for all with whom she came in contact, her mortal remains being laid to rest in the Bass Lake Cemetery. She was an earnest member of the Christian Church, as are also her husband and children. Homer F., eldest of the children now living, has the general supervision of the homestead farm, as well as of his own farm, lying contiguous, and is known as one of the progressive agriculturists and stock growers of his native county, where he and all other members of the family are held in the highest esteem, the old homestead ever having been known for its gracious hospitality, and the loved wife and mother having always been eager to extend aid and sympathy to those in affliction or distress. Homer F. Piper wedded Miss Anna Smith, and they have three children: Flossie, who is the wife of John F. Merkert, son of George Merkert, mentioned on other pages of this work; and Marion and Thomas, who remain at the parental home and are attending the local schools. Homer F. Piper is an honored member of the Gleaners. Alpheus W. Piper, the second son, is a successful farmer in Fulton County. He married Miss Rena Terry, and they have three children, Kenneth, Nina and Clem. Wilber J., the oldest child, died at the age of seven years. Mr. Piper is known as a man imbued with a kind and benevolent nature, and has always been ready to aid any one in distress. His little niece, Estella Piper, was left an orphan when she was but three months old, and he took her into his home as one of his own children and raised and educated her. She wedded Eddie Rea Bolen, November 25, 1894, and three children have been born to them: Millis Earl, who received a practical education and is now one of the successful teachers of Marshall County, and Dorothy C. and Beulah Harriett, both in school. Mr. Piper and his sons are arrayed as staunch supporters of the cause of the democratic party and all stand exponents of loyal and useful citizenship.

SAMUEL OBERLIN. A life of quiet and useful industry has been that of Samuel Oberlin, who for a number of years has served as postmaster under the civil service rules at Ora, Indiana, in North Bend Township.

He was a boy soldier in the Union army, learned the trade of boot and shoemaker, along with business as a farmer and in public office has always to a greater or less extent made his living through that trade.

Samuel Oberlin was born in Limestone Township, of Union County, Pennsylvania, June 19, 1844. The family were of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. His parents, Michael and Leah (Valentine) Oberlin, were both born in Union County between the years 1820 and 1822, were married in that locality, began life as farmers, and spent most of their years in their native county. Before their death they moved to Snyder County, in the same state, where Michael Oberlin died in 1884, and was followed by his widow fifteen years later, when about eighty years of age. In early life they had been members of the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches, but after marriage joined the Free Methodist denomination. Michael Oberlin was a republican. Samuel was the second son and child in a family of five sons and three daughters, all of whom except two grew up, and three sons and two daughters are still living. His early youth was spent in Union Township, with education in the public schools, and before reaching his majority and during the progress of the Civil war came to Ohio. At Lima, in that state, he enlisted in the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry and saw active service during the closing months of the great war. His regiment became attached as body guard to General Sherman, and followed that splendid leader on his march from Atlanta to the sea, and was afterwards stationed at St. Louis. Samuel Oberlin had unusual opportunities for knowing the great Union leader, since for many hours, day and night, he stood as guard before the tent of General Sherman. He served out his enlistment of one year or until the close of the war, and was gone about ten months altogether.

Returning to Hancock County, Ohio, where his parents were living at the time, Mr. Oberlin in 1868 moved to Goshen, Indiana, and there opened a shop for the making of custom shoes and boots. For about fifteen years he was actively identified with his trade and was a hardworking and popular citizen. After one year of residence in Van Buren County, Michigan, he returned to Goshen, and in 1879 moved to North Bend Township in Starke County. He purchased forty acres of land, improved it, and lived in that rural community until 1898. Since then his home has been in Ora, Indiana. Mr. Oberlin was appointed postmaster of Ora by President McKinley, served for ten years, was out of the office for two years and was then reappointed under the civil service rules governing fourth class postoffices. He is a man of genial and popular personality and through his public office rendered a service that has been eminently satisfactory to the patrons. The Ora postoffice maintains an assistant postmaster and one rural carrier. Though his work as a farmer and as postmaster have taken much of his time during the past thirty-five years, Mr. Oberlin has still continued his work as a shoemaker. He has invested his surplus in property, and has some profitable real estate in both Starke and Pulaski counties.

During his residence at Goshen Mr. Oberlin married Miss Margaret Hunt. She was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1850, and came to

Goshen with her parents when quite young. She was educated there and died at Ora in 1905 on the 15th of March. By this marriage there were three children: John W., who now lives in Shelby, Michigan, a farmer and fruit grower, and is married and the head of a family of sons and daughters; Leota is the wife of William Keller, of Monterey, Pulaski County, Indiana, and they have children; Edith C. is the wife of John Berry of Reed City, Michigan, and they have a son and daughter.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Oberlin married Emma M. Rank. Mrs. Oberlin was born a few miles from Ora when Starke County was in its pioneer condition, and was educated in North Bend Township. She is a woman of kindly and wholesome character, has proved her worth as a homemaker, and before her marriage had been for eighteen years in the employ of one family in Starke County. Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin attend all the church services held in their community, and in politics he has been a staunch republican since casting his first vote nearly half a century ago.

JOHN W. INKS. Much that is worthy and estimable in human life has been the lot of John W. Inks of North Bend Township. As a young man, not yet of age, he went forth with an Indiana regiment to battle for the Union in the South, and the close of the war marked the beginning of a career of industry and independence, more than forty years of which have been spent in Starke County. He is an honored old-time citizen and has performed his obligations faithfully to country, home and community.

John W. Inks was born in Kosciusko County, Indiana, January 27, 1843. His birthplace was near Milford Junction. His family is one of the old pioneer stock in Northwest Indiana. His grandfather, John Inks, a native of England, was one of three brothers who came to America, settling in New York State and later moving to Pennsylvania. John Inks was married in the latter state to an American girl named Eleanor Compton. She was born about 1780 and died July 25, 1853. John Inks was by trade a millwright, and during his residence in the Middle West his work was extremely useful. No institution in the early settlement of a country is more useful to the inhabitants than mills, and while the early settlers had proficiency in the building of their own homes, it required special skill to construct and operate mills. John Inks knew his business in all its details, and could build a mill from foundation to roof, including all the machinery. He was particularly noted for his skill in cutting millstones. He was one of the early settlers in Elkhart County, and the history of that county shows much of his early work and his good citizenship. In that county he constructed three grist mills along Elkhart River, also one in the Village of Goshen, and on Baugo Creek built and operated a mill of his own. It was at his home near the old mill on Baugo Creek that he died, February 15, 1853, a few weeks before his wife. At that time he was nearly eighty years of age. Both were noble Christian people, made their home a center of the social hospitality that

prevailed in pioneer times, and in many ways their kindly influence extended out among their neighbors. They were the parents of seven sons and a daughter, namely: William, Ezekiel, Joseph, John, Jr., James, Beecher, Thomas, and Sallie. All these children married and left families, and their descendants are now found in many sections of Indiana and in other states.

William Inks, father of the Starke County citizen first named, was born either in Pennsylvania or Ohio, March 2, 1802, and died in Elkhart County, May 18, 1853, the same year which witnessed the passing of his father and mother. He grew up in Ohio and became a gravestone cutter. In Ohio he married Martha Hedley, who was born in New York State, January 9, 1806. During the decade of the '30s they moved out to Kosciusko County, Indiana, and later to Elkhart County. William Inks owned the lot on which the present courthouse stands in Goshen. His widow survived him many years and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Stockings, about 1900, when nearly ninety-four years of age. She was a Methodist and her husband was a democrat in politics. Of their seven children, two daughters and three sons grew up and were married and left children. John Inks has only one living sister, Eleanor Ehert, whose home is in Nashville, Michigan.

John Inks was reared and educated in Elkhart County, and his vocation has always been that of farming. He was about eighteen years of age when the war broke out, and in October of 1861 enlisted as a private in the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry under Colonel Bass and Captain Silvers. He saw three years of hard and active service with that regiment, excepting one month spent in the hospital. At the end of three years he was given an honorable discharge, but at once reenlisted in the Twenty-sixth Indiana Infantry and saw another year of service, remaining with the army until after the war. Though in many of the great campaigns and battles that marked the progress of the war through the South, and while he had several narrow escapes, he was only once grazed by a bullet.

In 1871 Mr. Inks moved to Marshall County, was a farmer there, and in 1873, more than forty years ago, established a home in Starke County. He has been a North Bend Township farmer and about twenty years ago, bought 130 acres in section 17. This land was new at the time, and all its splendid improvements have been the result of his individual activities. It is a fine farm, one of the best in the township, and has grown every crop that can be profitably grown in this county. Forty acres of the land is muck soil, and all of it will produce good crops. Mr. Inks some years ago built a fine stone basement barn, on a foundation 36x56 feet, and it is at once one of the attractive and noticeable features of the landscape. He keeps excellent stock, eight horses, ten head of cattle and a number of Poland China hogs.

Mr. Inks was married in Elkhart County to Mary A. Firestone. She was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, September 18, 1847, but at the age of one year came with her parents to Elkhart County. She was a daughter of Emanuel and Susan Firestone, who spent a number of

years in Elkhart County, where her mother died in the early '60s. Emanuel Firestone was a soldier, and was given a furlough to allow him to return home to see his sick wife. She died before he came, and his own death followed shortly afterwards. Mrs. Inks, who was reared and educated in Elkhart County, died at the Starke County homestead June 4, 1910, and in reverting to this sad event we quote in part from one of the local publications:

“Mary Ann Firestone Inks was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, September 18, 1847, and died at her late home in Starke county, Indiana, June 4, 1910, aged 62 years, 8 months and 16 days. She came with her parents to Indiana at the age of 7 years with whom she resided until their death. She was united in marriage with John W. Inks, December 29, 1865. To this union were born eleven children, three sons and eight daughters, three of the above died in infancy and another at the age of 19 years. She united with the Christian church in 1890 and lived a consistent Christian life until death. She leaves a husband, seven children, ten grandchildren and four brothers to mourn her death.

Mother, Thou hast left our circle
And Thy loss we deeply feel,
And while death hath thus bereft us
God can all our sorrows heal.

Mother, Thou are near and dear to us,
’Tis only death that spoils our view.
But in God’s word it is written,
That his truths are coming due.

Mother, often we took council,
As we walked side by side,
But here our walks are over,
Till we meet on the other side.

“The funeral was held Monday from the Antioch church near Bass Lake, interment following in Bass Lake cemetery. Rev. J. C. Rupe of Argos had charge of the services.”

She fulfilled all her duties of motherhood and as a home maker and neighbor. There are seven living children: John, who is a bachelor living at home; Elvira, wife of Benjamin F. Sarber, a farmer in Washington Township, whose career is sketched on other pages; Martha, wife of Alden Sensabaugh, a North Bend Township farmer, with a son, Lester, and a daughter, Eva; Mary A. (Dolly) is the wife of George W. Terry, of Bass Lake, and they have a daughter, Edith; Estella, wife of William Hunt of Culver, and they have a son, Donald; Harriet and Bessie are unmarried and living at home. Mr. Inks is a democrat in politics and keeps up associations with old army comrades through his membership in the Knox Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JOHN A. TUESBURG. In the drainage and reclamation movements which have transformed large areas of Starke and adjacent counties during the last quarter of a century, perhaps no name has been more prominent than that of Tuesburg. Charles H. Tuesburg of Laporte County was the man of vision and practical enterprise who engineered several of the most successful projects in the drainage of Kankakee swamp lands, and his possessions and interests in Starke and adjacent counties are broad and extensive. One of his sons is John A. Tuesburg, whose success as a farmer on the reclaimed land is an interesting subject of study.

Mr. Tuesburg is particularly known as a grower of peppermint and onions on his fine farm in section 9 of North Bend Township. He began his operations on his quarter section of land in that vicinity in 1899. At that time the ditches had been constructed in this vicinity and the land was ready for occupation, though still in a completely wild state. In that year Mr. Tuesburg built his home and later erected a large grain and stock barn, 56x48 feet, besides other farm buildings. In fifteen years a marvelous transformation has occurred. Nearly every acre of the soil is now in a high state of cultivation, and land that previously was worthless for all commercial or agricultural purposes is now worth a great deal more than the average acreage of Starke County. Mr. Tuesburg owns 200 acres adjoining his farm, but that is still unimproved and awaits the same quality of enterprise to give it value. Most of the land of his farm is muck soil, and is prolific in its onion and all other crops. Mr. Tuesburg grows about forty acres of onions, averaging 350 bushels to the acre, and has been specializing in that crop since 1909. He has at the present time fourteen acres of peppermint, and is planning to increase that crop to forty acres. His yield of peppermint oil is about fifty pounds to the acre. Mr. Tuesburg also grows fine crops of corn and wheat, about thirty acres each, and there is hardly any acreage in Starke County which produces larger crops. Mr. Tuesburg follows farming on the diversified plan, and feeds all his grain to his own stock. He is a thorough farmer and a keen business man and the causes of his success are not far to seek.

John A. Tuesburg was born in Livingston County, Illinois, February 12, 1875, and grew up and was educated in that vicinity, and from boyhood has been identified with farming. He belongs to a family about whom there is much interest in Starke County, and complete details will be found elsewhere in this publication in the sketch of C. Elmer Tuesburg. Mr. Tuesburg's parents, Charles H. Tuesburg and wife, still live in Laporte County. His father owns many hundreds of acres in this section of Indiana, and for a number of years has been the best known operator in the land reclamation movement along the valley of the Kankakee. Prior to his association with the men who developed these wet lands, Mr. Tuesburg had been successful in the management of the large Scott estate in Champaign, Piatt, Livingston and McLean counties in Illinois.

John A. Tuesburg is the oldest in a family of four children. His sister Lillian is the wife of John Adams of La Crosse, Indiana, a large farmer of Laporte County, and also owning 160 acres of land in North Bend Township, in section 4, adjacent to the farm of John A. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have one son, Clarence. The brother, C. Elmer Tuesburg, is mentioned elsewhere in this work. William, who now lives at Hanna, Indiana, is a truck farmer, and by his marriage to Nellie Herson had a son, George, who died at the age of two years.

John A. Tuesburg was married in Livingston County, Illinois, January 25, 1908, to Bertha A. Cox. She was born in that county August 15, 1875, but received her education in Nebraska and was a teacher for several years in that state before her marriage. Her parents were Samuel P. and Mary (Fry) Cox. Her father was born in Laporte County, Indiana, December 31, 1852, and her mother in Illinois, September 27, 1853, her birthplace being near Ottawa. They were married in Livingston County, and for fourteen years had their home in Fillmore County, Nebraska. Four of their children were born in Illinois, five in Nebraska, and during four years of residence in Southwest Missouri another child came to them. The Cox family finally returned to Illinois and one year later moved to Indiana, and the parents now live on section 4 in North Bend Township of Starke County, where they have forty acres of land.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuesburg are the parents of the following children: Arthur C., who is a member of the class of 1916 in the high school; Claude R., now in the seventh grade; Gladys A., in the sixth grade; Ethel L., in the fourth grade; Madge, in the second grade; Samuel, who died in childhood; and Robert W. and Helen M. Mr. Tuesburg and his father and brothers are prohibitionists.

WALTER FRANK WILLIAMS. Sixty-two years ago Starke County was still largely wilderness. There were practically no village communities, and the pioneers had effected some clearings and tilled fields, a few roads cut or blazed through the woods and across the marshes, but still the burdens rested upon most newcomers of cutting down countless trees, uprooting the stumps and brush, and starting cultivation where never before had been the civilized activities of white men. That was the portion of the Williams family when it first became identified with North Bend Township, and as its members did their share of pioneer toil, so a later generation has enjoyed the fruits of later and better days.

Walter Frank Williams, who was four years of age when the family located in Starke County, has himself been a witness of many transformations, and of both the old and the new in this county. Mr. Williams is a successful farmer and owns forty acres of choice land on section 11 of North Bend Township. That has been his home for thirty-nine years, and it was through his own labors that the land was improved from wild marsh and brush into a good homestead. When the Williams family, as members of a colony of twenty or more people, came from Warren County, Ind., to Starke County, in 1852, Walter F. was four years of age. He is a son of Joshua Williams, and as fuller particulars

concerning this interesting family are given elsewhere in the sketch of Sterling H. Williams, they need not be repeated here.

During his childhood Walter F. Williams was a witness of those conditions and activities which preceded settled enterprise in this county. He recalls the days when the county was one vast game preserve, filled not only with the turkeys, squirrels and other animals that were known at a later time, but also with deer and particularly with wild hogs. These hogs were more dangerous than the wolves, and were a hard enemy to tackle. Mr. Williams recalls an incident of his boyhood when his half brother was nearly devoured by a wild boar. Only the daring and energy of his faithful friend, the family watch dog, Old Ring, prevented such a disaster. This faithful dog held on to one of the hog's ears until the boy could extricate himself, gain his feet and run beyond danger. With their guns, fish lines and spears, the early settlers were able to provide liberally for the meat consumed in the family. Many fish were taken out of the swamps in Starke County in the early days weighing between ten and fifteen pounds. The usual method of hunting them was by spearing. Mr. Williams' father, like the other pioneers, was a skillful hunter, and did much trapping and fishing both for sport and to provide the necessities of the family larder. In such a country life had many attractions as well as many hardships, and while the early settlers had none of the civilized amusements of the present time, they enjoyed sports and diversions such as wealthy men now acquire by long and extensive trips to the few unsettled portions of the world. All the grain that was raised had to be taken by wagon to market at Michigan City, and it was a trip of many days until better highways were introduced, and until railroads were built. The Williams family took their grain for flour and meal by wagons drawn by ox team into Laporte County, which was the most convenient mill.

Mr. Williams remembers when there were only two horses in North Bend Township, and these were owned by William Osborn, one of the first settlers. Mr. Williams himself has had a full share in the experience of using the old fashioned ox team. Day after day he plowed with the slow-going oxen, and his daily companion was his whip with its long stock. It required patience and a loud voice to compel the oxen to move properly, according to Mr. Williams' recollection, and he says that he could be heard for a distance of a mile when commanding his contrary beasts. Even now at times, in moments of absentmindedness, he speaks to his horses much after the manner in which he during youth talked to his oxen. He was a boy when the great civilizers, the railroads, began building through Indiana, and has in his own time known the advent of every railway line into Starke County. The first one was the Pittsburg Railway, built in 1856.

Walter Frank Williams was born in the southwestern part of Warren County, Indiana, January 20, 1849, and was accordingly less than four years of age when his parents and the other members of the colony entered Starke County. As a boy he had the advantages of the various brief terms of public and subscription schools maintained in the county.

He grew up on his father's farm, and has spent his entire life in this township and in the vicinity of his father's old homestead. Mr. Williams has been active in local matters, and has often led the way in improvements which have meant so much to the people of this community. He petitioned and secured what is known as the Williams ditch, passing through his farm, and draining a large amount of land in its vicinity. He was also the chief petitioner and most instrumental in getting the gravel road constructed by his home farm. It was due to his efforts that the first schoolhouse in the district, known as No. 9, was obtained. His farm is now beautified by avenues of beautiful maple and buckeye trees, and these were all set out by his own hand, and each one of them is like a tried and trusted friend. He also set out the orchard, and nearly every living thing about his farm he has tended and made grow. Politically he is a straight-out democrat, but his only service in a political office has been as school director, which he held for nine years. As a farmer, he follows the mixed plan, and is one of the successful men in North Bend Township.

Mr. Williams was married in Starke County to Miss Alwilda Crabb. She was born in Crawford County, Ohio, May 15, 1854, and when twelve years of age, in 1866, her family located in Center Township of Starke County. Her parents were George and Henrietta (Snyder) Crabb. They lived on a farm near Knox, and her father died there in 1875 at the age of fifty-four, having been born in Richland County, Ohio. His widow survived and married Stephen Cole, and they spent the rest of their lives in this county. Mrs. Cole died at Knox in the fall of 1894 at the age of sixty-six. She was born in Pennsylvania, and was married to Mr. Crabb in Ohio. They were members of the English Lutheran church, and while Mr. Crabb was a republican, Mr. Cole was a democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of seven children: Lloyd, who died at the age of three weeks; Clarence, who is living at home unmarried; Leo, unmarried and at home; Albert, living at home; C. Arlington, who has now reached his majority and is still at home; Ada Fern, who is a graduate of the common schools; and Harry, who died in infancy. The sons are all active assistants of their father in the management of the homestead. The family are members of the United Brethren church.

GODFREY JORDAN. The youths obliged to make their own way in agriculture, without the assisting aids of means or influence, can find something encouraging in the career of Godfrey Jordan, of North Bend Township. When he came to the United States, some thirty years ago, Mr. Jordan was possessed of little save his ambition and determination; capital was not his, neither had he influence; his understanding of the English language was slight, and of American customs and methods even more so; moreover, he had a wife and five children to support. There were several things on the other side, however, to balance these handicaps. For the first thing, he was not afraid to work. He had the ability to plan and the perseverance to execute, and having practical and non-visionary needs, was able to live easily within the competence fashioned by his

hands. The humble positions which he was forced to accept at first were gradually put aside for employments of a more important and pretentious character, and thus, step by step, he has climbed the ladder of success, until today he holds the proud position of one of his community's substantial men.

Mr. Jordan was born in Germany, November 6, 1842, and is a son of Michael and Louisa (White) Jordan, who spent their entire lives in the Fatherland, the father following the modest yet honorable vocation of shepherd. He was seventy years of age at the time of his death, while the mother survived him four years and had passed the age of three score years and ten. They were members of the Lutheran church, in the faith of which they reared their large family of children. Godfrey Jordan was reared in his parents' little home and received only an ordinary education in the public schools, as it was necessary that he early go to work and become at least partly self-supporting. He came of age in his native locality and was there married to Caroline Worm, who was born in the same province, January 17, 1848, her father living there all of his life, and passing away in advanced age in the faith of the Lutheran church. Her father, Henry Worm, was a musician and hunter and was well known in his community. He and his wife were the parents of five or six children, and after the father's death the mother with two sons, Carl and William, came to the United States and located in St. Joseph County, Indiana, where she died at the age of seventy-three years. William Worm was married and died there, leaving a widow and children, while Carl Worm still survives, makes his home at South Bend, Indiana, where he is engaged in farming, and is married and has a family of children.

Godfrey Jordan continued to follow a variety of pursuits for some years after his marriage, and in the meantime five children were born to him and his wife. Eventually he came to the conclusion that no future awaited him in his native land save one of hard and incessant work, with but little chance for gaining a competence, and accordingly he decided to come to the United States. Gathering about him his family and his possessions, as well as what capital he could secure, he made his way to this country, landing at New York, from whence he journeyed on to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and thence to South Bend, Indiana. There he was offered and accepted a position as a man of all work, and during the next ten years worked faithfully and industriously, carefully saving his earnings that he might become the proprietor of a place and a home of his own. This ambition he realized in 1893 when he came to Starke County and purchased 120 acres of land located in Section 22, Township 3. His first view of this land could not have been very encouraging. It was in its wild state, largely covered with a heavy growth of forest, and gave little indication of the handsome farm into which it was to develop. However, he settled down at once, and with characteristic energy began to clear off the trees, break the land, and plant his first crop. From that time to the present, Mr. Jordan's success has been assured. So faithfully has he labored that at the present time he has all of his land under cultivation

except three acres, which he has left standing in native timber. The improvements are of a modern and substantial character, and include a white frame house, with seven rooms and full basement, equipped with modern conveniences; a substantial red barn, 34x60 feet, and outbuildings proportionately commodious and attractive. He has at this time twenty acres in cowpeas, while the rest of his property is devoted to the raising of grain, the greater part of which he feeds to his stock. Of the latter he ships several carloads annually, meeting with an excellent sale in the nearby markets. Today Mr. Jordan is looked upon as a successful farmer, and he may take a pardonable degree of pride in the fact that the prosperity that is his has come to him solely as a result of his own labors. As a citizen he is known to be public-spirited and helpful in community affairs, and as a neighbor and friend he is held in high esteem.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan as follows: Fred, who is engaged in farming in North Bend Township, married Mrs. Flora Crider, an Illinois widow, and has one daughter; Mary, who is the wife of August Jahnke, a baker of South Bend, Indiana, and has two children—Dorothy and Arnold; Charles, a general contractor of South Bend, married Mary Storch, and has four sons; August, also living at South Bend, a baker by trade, married Rose Kurz, and has a son and a daughter; Minnie, the wife of George Hoffman, living at South Bend, where Mr. Hoffman is a gravel dealer, and has a family of two sons and two daughters; Bertha, the wife of Henry Storch, of Detroit, Michigan, has two sons and one daughter; Emma, the wife of Henry Hoffman, of South Bend, has one daughter; Emil, who is single and connected with the Fischer Automobile Body Manufacturing Company, of Detroit, Michigan; and Adolph, twenty-three years of age, who resides at home and is his father's assistant on the farm. All of these children have received excellent educational training, and have been well fitted for the struggles of life. They are members of the Lutheran church, as are their parents, and Mr. Jordan and his sons are staunch supporters of the democratic party in politics.

A. PERRY TURNBULL. During his lifetime of more than fifty years in Starke County, A. Perry Turnbull has accomplished those things which are considered most worth while by ambitious men—years of honorable activity as a farmer, with satisfying material reward, the esteem of his fellow men, and a public spirited share in the social and civic life of the community.

Mr. Turnbull was born on the old Osborn farm in North Bend Township, May 9, 1863. He was reared and educated in that locality and his legal residence has always been in North Bend Township. His present farm in section 11 has been his place of residence since 1890. He bought the farm when it was all woods, brush and marsh, and future generations should credit him with a considerable part in the development of this township as a prosperous farming district. In 1908 Mr. Turnbull erected a large stock and grain barn, 60 by 32 feet, and has done much besides to make a comfortable home and a well ordered farmstead.

Fifty acres of his home place are well improved, and he also has a fine grove of fifteen acres of native timber. Mr. Turnbull also owns the southwest quarter of section 10, 160 acres of cultivated land, but without farm buildings.

A. Perry Turnbull is a son of William Turnbull, who came to Indiana from Ohio. A few years after his marriage he left his family, but still lived in Starke County until his death in 1890, when past seventy years of age. He never married again. Mr. Turnbull's mother was Eliza Osborn, now the oldest living citizen in Starke County, a woman of venerable years whose life has been rich in all those elements that make true womanhood. She was born in Delaware County in April, 1830, and when ten years of age, in 1840, came with her parents to Starke County. She was a daughter of William and Anna (Hull) Osborn, who located at Eagle Lake in Washington Township. That was a number of years before Starke County came into existence, and its territory was then under the jurisdiction of Marshall County. No family has been more prominently identified with the pioneer times of Starke County than the Osborns. In the early days they lived in the heart of the wilderness and literally cut homes and farms out of the woods, and through their early residence and later activities and influence did much to give character to the community. Mrs. Turnbull's parents died a few years after establishing a home in this county and lie buried in a family plot in Washington Township. Mrs. Turnbull has resided for more than seventy-four years in Starke County, and now keeps her home near her son Perry. She is hale and hearty notwithstanding her eighty-four years, and can walk a dozen miles a day. A large amount of space might be given to the activities and character of this remarkable woman. She possessed unusual physical strength, and in the early days could swing an axe in active competition with her brothers, and was equally faithful and efficient about her domestic household duties, knitting far into the night by the light of burning twigs picked up in the woods. When her husband left her she was the mother of four children, and for years did the hardest kind of labor to earn bread for herself and children. For a number of years she has been the central figure in the Old Settlers meetings in the county, and has been given prizes for her distinction as the oldest living settler. For many years she has been an active member of the United Brethren Church. Her children were: Rebecca Ann, a resident of Rhode Island; Martha J.; John Linderman, who lives in Waupaca, Wisconsin; Sarah A., who now lives with her mother and is unmarried; David, who about twelve years ago was accidentally killed while walking on the track of the Nickel Plate Railway, the accident being due to deafness, and he left a widow and one daughter, Rebecca. His widow has again married and now lives three miles south of Ober.

A. Perry Turnbull was the youngest of the children, and was born after his father left home. He has spent his life as a farmer, and his prosperity is well measured by his accumulations already described. He was married in South Bend, Indiana, to Miss Cora Walters, who was

born in St. Joseph County, Indiana, April 19, 1870, and was reared and educated in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull became the parents of six children, one of whom died in infancy, while the living are: Dessie May, born January 1, 1893, was educated in the grade schools and is now employed as a seamstress and dressmaker in South Bend; Lettie O., born February 18, 1897, graduated from the grade schools in 1912; Claude, born August 21, 1899, is now in the seventh grade of school; Hazel, born October 11, 1902, is in school; and Gertrude, born in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull and family are among the highly esteemed people of their community. In politics he affiliates with the democratic party.

GEORGE W. GROVE. One of the best kept farm homes in North Bend Township is the old Pettis farm, now owned by George W. Grove, who bought it from his father-in-law in 1899. During his fifteen years as a Starke County agriculturist Mr. Grove has developed an excellent property and enjoys all the prosperity and comforts familiarly associated with the twentieth century farmer. His home is on sections 12 and 13 in North Bend Township, and his farm consists of 120 acres, most of it in cultivation with about ten acres of timber. The house is a substantial rural home, consisting of ten rooms, and stands on section 13, while the barn, 32 by 50 feet, is on section 12. This barn is well filled with grain and stock, and Mr. Grove keeps some high grade stock to consume most of his grain crops. He has been successful as a grower of corn, wheat, oats and cowpeas, and has also raised about fifteen hundred bushels of onions and some potatoes every year.

George W. Grove was born in Union Township, Marshall County, Indiana, April 1, 1865, and spent his youth in that county, being educated in the local schools. His parents were George W. and Harriet (Swigart) Grove. His father was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, while the mother was born in Starke County, Ohio, where they were married and first had their home. The father was a carpenter, a man of unusual skill in that business, and during his residence in Ohio three children were born, Celesta, Clayton and Ambrose. Then in 1857 the family came out to Indiana, locating at Burr Oak in Marshall County. With his home in Marshall County, the father built up a large business as a carpenter and building contractor, and built dozens of houses and barns in both Marshall and Starke counties. There are many structures in these counties that still testify to his skill as a mechanic, and his son George has in his home a bookcase and secretary, which is a sample of the cabinet making done by his father, and is a much prized heirloom. The father continued in active business until a few years before his death, and he passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Celesta Gandy, at Culver, on June 2, 1913. He would have been eighty-six years of age on the following 11th of July. In politics he was a republican, and was a man well known and esteemed in two counties. His wife died in Marshall County in October, 1875, when a little past thirty-nine years of age. She was the mother of ten children, was survived by nine of them, and two are still living, both in Indiana.

George W. Grove was married April 20, 1899, at his present homestead to Miss Carrie A. Pettis. She was born on this farm, and it has been the scene of her associations since her earliest memory. Her birth occurred June 2, 1870, and her father was John Pettis, while her brother is George Pettis, the present sheriff of Starke County. The Pettis is one of the older families of Starke County, and its history is given elsewhere in the sketch of George Pettis.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove are the parents of the following children: Myrtle M., born May 5, 1890, was educated in the local schools, and is now the wife of William Vergin, son of Fred Vergin, a well known and wealthy farmer of North Bend Township. William Vergin operates about two hundred acres of his father's estate in North Bend Township. Harold R. was born October 6, 1898, and finished the course in the grade schools in 1913. Ivy M. was born January 15, 1903, and is now in the sixth grade of the public schools. Wayne, born March 28, 1907, is now in the second year of the public schools. Mr. Grove is a thoroughly practical farmer and up-to-date business man, and as a democrat has held some local offices. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 617, A. F. & A. M. at Culver, has filled the different chairs in the Blue Lodge, and is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men at Culver and of the Woodmen Camp at Burr Oak.

OSWALD SCHMIDT. Among the progressive and efficient agriculturists whose well-directed efforts have contributed to the prestige and development of Starke County, one whose career is a reflection of intelligent industry, devotion to the best interests of the community and promotion of the best tenets of agriculture is Oswald Schmidt. His financial standing is indicated by the possession of a finely cultivated farm in sections 27 and 34, North Bend Township, which has come to him through the exercise of thrift, good management and business sagacity. Born at Baden, Germany, January 29, 1840, Mr. Schmidt comes of an old and honored family of the Fatherland, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Onzer) Schmidt.

The parents of Mr. Schmidt were natives of Germany, where the father was born in 1798 and the mother January 8, 1809, and both were faithful members of the Catholic Church, Mrs. Schmidt dying in that belief October 29, 1849, when she left nine children. The father was a carpenter in his native land, where he reared his children until 1857, and in that year left Baden and traveled to Paris, France, and thence to Havre, where the family took passage on a sailing vessel. After a voyage of forty-nine days this vessel made port at New York, and the little party of emigrants went from that city to Youngstown, Ohio, where the four sons found employment in the coal mines for many years, while one also followed the trade of shoemaker. There the father passed away in advanced years, in October, 1882. He was a modest, unassuming citizen, content to be a good and industrious workman, without political aspirations.

Oswald Schmidt has been the only member of his family to come to

Starke County or to the State of Indiana, all dying in Ohio, where they had married and had become the heads of families. He was but seventeen years of age at the time he accompanied his father, brothers and sisters to Youngstown, Ohio, and there he received a somewhat limited educational training. He was also taught the shoemaker's trade, but after several years thus spent entered the coal mines, and during the next twenty-two years was connected with this line of business, all of this time being passed in the employ of the Mahoning Coal Company. This concern appreciated his faithfulness, integrity, reliability and fidelity to such an extent that he was one of its most trusted employes, and when he wished to leave its employ he was offered an excellent position, but owing to the lack of a comprehensive knowledge of writing or speaking English he declined the offer. While in the employ of this concern he had opened three different coal mines for the company, and in every way had displayed his ability and good judgment.

In the meantime, in 1869, Mr. Schmidt had come to Starke County and purchased 120 acres of land, on sections 34 and 27, North Bend Township, a tract of land located in the woods. By the time he was ready to settle upon it, which he did in 1880, he had this land all paid for, and with his wife, four sons and three daughters, started in to clear the property and make a home. The next few years were ones filled with trials and hardships, with sacrifices and economies, but, assisted by his faithful helpmate, who cheerfully did all kinds of work about the home, and his willing and energetic children, Mr. Schmidt was able to clear almost all of his property, to put it under a good state of cultivation, and to install many improvements of a modern character. These latter now include a handsome and commodious white frame house, which presents an attractive appearance with its green trimmings and well-kept surroundings, as well as large and substantial barns and various out-buildings. Mr. Schmidt has been a general farmer, and has met with a satisfying measure of success in the growing of the various cereals and the raising of stock.

Mr. Schmidt was married at Youngstown, Ohio, November 17, 1864, to Miss Walberg Ruppel, who was born in Hessen, Germany, January 1, 1846, and was nine years of age when she came to the United States with her parents, Anthony and Christina (Cress) Ruppel, natives of the same province. The father had been married before to Elizabeth Ruppel, who had died in Germany, leaving two daughters and one son, Peter, who came to the United States and who was instrumental in bringing to this country Mr. and Mrs. Ruppel and their two daughters: Mrs. Schmidt of this notice; and Dorothy, who married Barney Millen, an Irishman, now deceased, and died as a comparatively young woman after the birth of her second child. After coming to the United States Anthony Ruppel secured employment at the iron furnace at Youngstown, and met an accidental death there when killed by a railroad train, in July, 1869, when seventy-two years of age. Mrs. Ruppel subsequently made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Schmidt, with whom she died on the farm in North Bend Township, May 17, 1892, when she was

seventy-one years of age. Both she and her husband were faithful members of the Catholic Church.

Fifteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, namely: John, who died at the age of six years; Frank, who was also six years of age at the time of his death; Christina, who died as a child of eighteen months; Catherine, who is the wife of George Crouse, of Los Angeles, California, and has three living children; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Fred Berwalt, a farmer of DeLong, Indiana, and has six children; Andrew, a resident of Monterey, Marshall County, Indiana, who is married and has one son and two daughters; George, who died at the age of fifteen years; Mary, who married Frank Schriner, of Hammond, Indiana; Andy, of South Bend, Indiana, who is married and has a son; William, who died when two weeks old; Theresa, who is the wife of Iver Buyer, of South Bend, Indiana, and has one son and one daughter; Louisa and Jennie, twins, the latter of whom died at the age of six months, while the former is the wife of William Webber, of South Bend, Indiana, and has two sons; Martin, who died March 4, 1915, was his father's assistant; and Joseph, of Detroit, Michigan, where he is connected with the plant of the Ford Automobile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt and their children are all members of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a democrat in his political views, and while not an office seeker takes an interest in the success of his party in Starke County.

GEORGE COLLINS. Through an active career of about forty years George Collins has been identified with the farming interests of Starke County, has proved efficient and competent in the management of public office, and is now the successful proprietor of a department store at Ora in North Bend Township. Mr. Collins is a man of good judgment and his record shows that he has done well in everything he has undertaken. He established his present store January 25, 1898. It is an unusually well stocked and managed country store. The building is 24x60 feet, and inside is found a large stock of all kinds of staple goods required in that community. Mr. Collins, as a merchant aims to supply every want of everyone living within trading distance of his store. Through this policy and fair dealings he has built up a large and profitable business.

Mr. Collins came to merchandising from his farm in California Township. He had a well improved place of sixty acres, and had been a land owner and a cultivator in that vicinity for the greater part of his life since his majority. George Collins was born on what is now known as the George Merkel farm near Bass Lake in Starke County September 12, 1855. He was reared and educated in the county, and his legal residence and place of voting has always been in this one county.

His parents, John B. and Mary (Truax) Collins were among the pioneer settlers of Starke County, and located here before the organization of the county government, and when the entire country was wild and unimproved. Both were natives of Ohio, and came of good family stock

on both sides. The father was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and the mother of Huguenot stock. They were married in Ohio, and during their residence in Miami County of that state several of their children were born. About 1840 they moved to North Bend Township in Starke County, where the father entered a 160 acres of government land in sections 5 and 6. That is now, as already stated, the George Merkel farm. While living there the remainder of their children were born. The Collins home was one of the first civilized habitations in the vicinity of Bass Lake. Only here and there was a settler's cabin to attest the presence of white men, and for several years the Collins family lived almost in isolation and without conveniences of church or school. Their home was a double log house and in the establishment of a home and the clearing up of land for cultivation they deserve the honors paid to the first settlers of any country. Later the father sold his land near Bass Lake and moved his home to California Township. While living in that township the mother died about thirty-five years ago, being then about sixty-five years of age. John Collins later moved to Knox, and died there when about fourscore. He was a republican. There were thirteen children, and five sons and six daughters grew up, married and became heads of families. Of these, four sons and four daughters are still living, and all but one have their home in Starke County.

George Collins was the youngest of the family. He was married in Center Township of Starke County to Miss Lora Stephenson. She was born in Indiana January 10, 1863, and was reared and gained her education in Starke County. Her father, Peter Stephenson, died in California Township, having been accidentally killed while working with a ditching machine, when he was struck in the stomach by one of the heavy levers of the machine. His widow now lives at Knox and is a very old woman. Mr. and Mrs. Collins are the parents of the following children: The first died at birth; Hazel is the wife of Charles A. Good, now county surveyor of Starke County, living at Knox, and their only child, Ross, died at the age of six months; Helen is the wife of Ward Good, living on a farm in North Bend Township; F. Clair lives at home, is a graduate of the grade and high schools, and took a special course in the Terre Haute Normal College, and is now assisting his father in the management of the store; Ernest, lives at home and is a graduate of the grade schools; Inez, the youngest, is still in school.

Mr. Collins has been a useful citizen, has served as assessor of California Township four years, and in politics affiliates with the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of Aldine Lodge No. 660 of the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

JOHN A. BUSH. During the past fourteen years North Bend Township has profited by the well-directed energies and good business management of John A. Bush, who, as the proprietor of a handsome farm of eighty acres in section 15, is contributing materially to his adopted community's prestige. During his occupancy of this property he has erected numerous improvements, all of which reflect his own substantial

character and progressive spirit, factors eminently necessary in the makeup of a community as well as of an individual.

Mr. Bush was born in Wabash County, Indiana, May 22, 1862, and comes of old Virginia and Ohio stock. His grandfather, John Bush, was born in the Old Dominion state, where he married Malinda Tanner, immediately following which he removed to Ohio, locating on a farm in Muskingum County about 1832 or 1833. In that county, in January, 1835, William Bush, the father of John A. Bush, was born, as were his brothers and sisters except one. While residing in Ohio, the war between the United States and Mexico broke out, and John Bush enlisted for service and went to the front with a company from Ohio. For these services he was given a land warrant in the newly opened country of Iowa, to which state the family moved in 1847. One year later they left the frontier and located in Wayne County, Indiana, and in 1849 moved on to Wabash County, where the grandfather turned his attention to the carpenter trade, to the building of barns and to the making of wagons, and thus continued until his death in Chester Township, in 1876, the grandmother having died there some fifteen years before. She was a member of the Dunkard Church and reared her children in that faith. The grandfather was a democrat in his political views.

William Bush was one of four children. One sister, Elizabeth, died after her marriage to William Harris, also deceased, and left a family; another sister, Susie, was the wife of T. B. Clark, who now resides at North Manchester, Indiana, and died at the age of seventy years, leaving some children; and a brother, John, the only child born in Indiana, now lives at Wabash, and is following his trade of machinist at the age of sixty-five years. He is a widower and the father of three children.

William Bush was twelve years of age when he accompanied the family to Iowa and fourteen years old when the family located in Chester Township, Wayne County, Indiana. There he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the district schools and learning the trade of cooper, which he followed for some time in the employ of a packing company. He was married in Chester Township to Miss Elizabeth Mourer, who was born in 1838, in Ohio, and was a young woman when she came to Wabash County, Indiana, with her parents, who became farming people of Chester Township. There they passed the remaining years of their lives, and in that community Mrs. Bush was reared and educated. Mrs. Bush, who now lives in Pleasant Township and is in rather feeble health, was formerly a member of the Christian Church, but now belongs to the Wesleyan Methodist congregation. Mr. Bush was a Dunkard in his religious belief, and in politics was a staunch democrat. There were seven children in the family of William and Elizabeth Bush, as follows: Martin, who died in childhood; Charles, who is a farmer of Wabash County, has two sons and two daughters; John A., of this review; George, a farmer of North Manchester, Indiana, has two sons and one daughter: Ella, deceased, who was the wife of James Reahard and had three sons and one daughter, of whom one son is deceased; Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Hall, a farmer of Wabash County, and has two

sons; and Malinda, the wife of Ort Weitzel, occupying the Bush homestead, and has three sons and three daughters.

John A. Bush was reared in his native community and grew up to the pursuits of the farm, in the meantime receiving a good education in the public schools. When he was ready to start upon a career of his own he selected agriculture as the vocation in which to expend his energies, and for some years continued to work in his native county of Wabash. In 1897 Mr. Bush came to Starke County and purchased the farm which he now owns, although it was not until three years later that he settled permanently upon it. This property, a tract of eighty acres lying in section 15, North Bend Township, was practically in its virgin condition when he took possession, and all the improvements are the labors of his own hands. He has erected a full set of substantial buildings, including a modern house and new barn, both fitted with modern equipments and conveniences. Eight acres of his property consist of muck land. He has 400 rods of tile, from four to eight inch, and the place is admirably drained by the William Casper Dredge Ditch, so that the soil is exceedingly fertile. Mr. Bush is thus able to grow great crops of all farm products, and has a record of 200 bushels of potatoes to the acre. At a comparatively early age Mr. Bush has amassed a competence and has earned a high position in the business world through an intelligent handling of modern and progressive methods, allied to hard and persevering labor. In politics he is a democrat, but aside from the formality of casting his vote upon well-considered public matters, is not active in political affairs. He is one of the open-minded and well-posted men of his township, an advocate of progress and enlightenment and a staunch supporter of honest business and clean social life.

Mr. Bush was married in Wabash County, Indiana, to Miss Flora Reahard, who was born in Pleasant Township, Wabash County, December 22, 1864, and died at the family home in North Bend Township, May 17, 1909. In commemorating the death of Mrs. Bush, one of the local publications wrote as follows: "Her early life was spent at the old homestead at Laketon, where she was married February 8, 1888, to Alva Bush. To this union was born one child, Mabel. The early years of their married life was spent in the vicinity of the old home. Nine years ago they came to their present home. While yet a young girl she gave her life to Christ and united with the Methodist Church, of which she always remained a faithful and consistent member. Of late years it has not been her privilege to attend church regularly, yet the love of her Saviour was dear to her, and through the long months of suffering she was called upon to pass through, those with whom she came in contact could but know that patient endurance and strong will were God given. Her heart was in her home and her desire strong to live for the loved ones. Always cheerful, never complaining, a true wife and mother, a good neighbor, it can truly be said of her: 'She hath done what she could,' and none knew her but to be made better by her Christian influence. She leaves to mourn a husband, a daughter, a father,

a mother, four brothers and two sisters. Three brothers and a sister are waiting to welcome her in the better land. Short service was held at the late home before leaving for Laketon. Services at Laketon were in the Christian Church, Rev. S. M. Hill of the United Brethren Church officiating. Interment followed in cemetery near by." She was a daughter of John and Catherine (Bear) Reahard, the former born in Ohio and the latter in, Wabash County, Indiana, and married in the latter. They began their married life as farming people in Pleasant Township, Mr. Reahard clearing the land on which the town of North Manchester now stands, as well as other farms, and died at that place in January 5, 1914, at the age of eighty-seven years. Mrs. Reahard died when twenty-eight years of age, in the faith of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Reahard was married a second time to Sarah Lautgenhiser, who is still living at Manchester at the age of sixty-six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush had one daughter: Mabel L., born July 19, 1892, who was well educated, and is one of the talented and popular young ladies of her community. Mr. and Miss Bush are members of the Methodist Church, to which Mrs. Bush belonged during her life.

CHARLES J. SCHWARTZ. Among the representatives of Starke County's agricultural interests whose energetic and progressive methods are bringing them to the forefront there is probably none who is more deserving of the success that has come to him than Charles J. Schwartz, of Davis Township. Through close application to a well-directed line and courageous loyalty to principle, Mr. Schwartz has steadfastly advanced himself from a position of mediocrity to one where he can lay claim to being the most extensive grain farmer in Starke County, and at the same time has so conducted his affairs as to retain the respect and faith of those with whom he has carried on transactions and among whom he has lived.

Mr. Schwartz has lived in Starke County since the year 1900. He was born at Blue Island, Illinois, September 25, 1873, and is therefore but forty-one years of age, so that his success has come to him in the prime of life, a time when the majority of men are merely starting upon their careers. His entire life has been passed in the pursuits of the soil, save for eighteen months when he was engaged in railroading, and he comes of an agricultural family, being a son of Charles and Dorothea (Timme) Schwartz, natives of Germany. The father was born in Mecklenburg and the mother in Hanover, and both were children when they came to the United States with their respective parents, who located in Illinois and passed away here after years spent in agricultural pursuits. After their marriage at Blue Island, Illinois, Charles and Dorothea Schwartz settled down to housekeeping on a farm in the vicinity of that place, in Cook County, and there the father continued to work industriously and energetically until the time of his retirement. He is now an old gentleman of sixty-eight years, still alert and vigorous, and has the esteem and regard of all who know him. The faithful mother passed away in 1905, when fifty-six years of age, in the faith of

the Lutheran church, to which the father still adheres. He is a republican in political matters, but has never found time to perform any public duty save those which devolve upon good and public-spirited citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz were the parents of two children, namely: Charles J., of this review; and Louisa, who is the wife of Fred Kich, living on the old Schwartz homestead in Cook County, Illinois, near Blue Island, and has a large family of children.

Charles J. Schwartz was given a good educational training in the public schools of his native locality, and was reared on the homestead place, being thoroughly trained in all the duties devolving upon the sons of the soil. As a young man he decided to try his hand at rail-roading, as before stated, but after eighteen months of trial came to the conclusion that farming was his forte, and accordingly went back to Blue Island and resumed his operations on the homestead. When he embarked upon his own career he secured a property in his home vicinity and there remained until 1900, when he came to Starke County and began activities that have brought him to the very forefront among the agriculturists in a locality not wanting for strong and stirring men. At the present time Mr. Schwartz has eighty acres in section 34, Davis Township, all in a high state of cultivation, in addition to which he operates more than three hundred acres in section 35, in the same township. He has given his principal attention to the growing of wheat, corn and oats, and in 1914 had two hundred and thirty acres in wheat, from fifty to one hundred acres in corn and a large acreage in oats. His wheat yields on an average of from thirty to forty-two bushels to the acre, and his corn from fifty to eighty-five bushels per acre, and his operations are carried on upon the largest scale, he doing his plowing with a six-gang plow, with a fifteen horsepower engine. He rotates his crops and uses the very latest methods in all of his work, and it is to this that he credits much of his success. Mr. Schwartz's cleared fields contain from three hundred to four hundred acres, all devoted to grain, a fact which makes him the largest grower of cereals in the county. On his own property he has a commodious eight-room house, presenting an attractive appearance in its coat of white in the midst of the red barn, 50 by 30 feet, the large red granary, the machine shed and various outbuildings.

While still residing at Blue Island, Illinois, Mr. Schwartz was united in marriage with Miss Anna Elizabeth Kich, who was born at Orland, Cook County, Illinois, August 28, 1874. She was well reared and thoroughly educated there, and has at all times been a great help to her husband in his advancement toward independence and position. Mrs. Schwartz is a daughter of Henry and Matilda (Sthöre) Kich, natives of Germany, the former born in Hesse-Darmstadt, and the latter at Presen. They emigrated to the United States as young people with their parents, and were married in Cook County, following which Mr. Kich engaged in the real estate business at Blue Island, Illinois, and became one of that city's most prominent citizens, in addition to which he had large and valuable farming interests in Cook County. At the

present time he is living retired from active pursuits, and he and his wife make their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, the father being now seventy-one years of age and the mother sixty-six. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and the father is a stalwart republican.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, namely: Elmer, born September 4, 1898, who suffers the misfortune of being blind, and is now a student in the Indiana State Institution for the Blind, where he is known as one of the brightest scholars; and Raymond, born September 12, 1901, and now a student in the seventh grade of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and have taken a helpful and active part in its work. Mr. Schwartz is a republican in his political views, but is not a politician. He has steadfastly endeavored to assist his community in its struggle for better government, better business conditions and better citizenship, and his hosts of friends will testify to his general popularity.

AARON SPEELMON. Now living on a fine farm in section 36 of Davis Township, Aaron Speelmon is one of the sterling old-timers of Starke County, and as a business man and citizen has a record of integrity and efficiency such as any man might be proud to possess. He has been known in this community as a merchant and farmer, and his activities and dealings have all been such as to develop confidence and trust among those who know him. Mr. Speelmon has lived in this county since 1857, and the greater part of his active career has been spent as a farmer in Davis Township.

For about fifteen years Mr. Speelmon was engaged in the shipping and handling of baled prairie hay at Brems. He has the distinction of having shipped from Brems the first carload of hay over the Nickel Plate Railway. That was about 1883. He was associated in business with his brother William, under the firm name of Speelmon Brothers. His brother was also a merchant at the same time, had the first store at Brems, and was for twenty years postmaster in that place. The brothers prospered as merchants, and a part of their surplus capital was invested in 120 acres in section 36 of Davis Township. A division was made of this property in 1902, and at that time Aaron took eighty acres of land, and has since occupied it as his farm home. Under his management the land has been well improved, and he is now regarded as one of the substantial and prosperous citizens of this neighborhood. No other local resident has witnessed more changes in Davis Township than Mr. Speelmon. While his own prosperity has been satisfying, he recalls many lost opportunities for the purchase of farm lands at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3 per acre, which at the present time is worth as high as \$100 per acre. At one time he refused to trade a rifle for forty acres of land that is now one of the choice tracts in this rich agricultural area. Mr. Speelmon has always been a hard worker, and what he has represents his individual efforts and his keen business enter-

prise. On his present farm he has a comfortable seven-room house and substantial outbuildings and every year grows a large volume of crops.

Aaron Speelmon was born in Grant County, Indiana, near the City of Marion, October 2, 1851. He was six years of age when his parents came to Hamlet, in Starke County, so that practically all his conscious existence has been spent in this locality. His father, Peter Speelmon, was born in Virginia in 1818, a son of Solomon, whose life was passed in Virginia. Solomon was a blacksmith and died when past middle life, having been found dead in the woods near his home. The Speelmon family is of German stock, and Solomon's wife was of the same ancestry. Peter Speelmon was reared to his father's trade as blacksmith and became an unusually skilled workman. After locating in Grant County he established a large country shop, with six forges, and did all kinds of work in the repair and the manufacture of farm implements, selling them to the farmers over a broad territory. He had settled in Grant County in 1846. Besides his large smithy he conducted a country tavern for the accommodation of drovers and other travelers. On moving to Starke County he also established a blacksmith shop in Hamlet, and conducted that until 1861. He then bought 160 acres of heavily timbered land in section 20 of Davis Township, and erected on it a double log cabin. That house was used to accommodate several men whom he had working for him in cutting up the timber as fuel for railway engines. In those days locomotive engines burned wood rather than coal. At the end of four years, by converting his timber into money, he at the same time cleared off a large part of his land and was ready for general farming. He then moved his family out to the country, and the remaining years of his active life were spent as a farmer and blacksmith. In the early days he did blacksmithing for people who came from a distance of twenty miles to his shop. On the old farm which he had improved he passed away March 26, 1876. He was a man of prominence in the community, was a democrat in politics, and for several years served as county assessor and was the first trustee elected for Davis Township, and looked after the responsibilities of that office for several years. Peter Speelmon was married in Virginia to Hannah Farris, a native of that state and of Irish parentage. She was born in December, 1822, and died at Brems in the home of her son Aaron, December 6, 1893. She and her husband were both members of the United Brethren church. In their family were ten children, five sons and five daughters, and all but one grew up and married and had families of their own.

Aaron Speelmon married, for his first wife, at North Judson, Margaret Collins. She was born in Fulton, Indiana, in 1858, and died in Davis Township, June 16, 1878, her only child, Francis, dying at the age of three months. The second wife of Mr. Speelmon was Miss Elizabeth Klingman, whom he married in Putnam County, Ohio. She was born May 8, 1854, and died at Brems April 10, 1894. She was a member of the Methodist Church and left no children. The third wife of Mr. Speelmon was Mrs. Ellen (Shirley) Downey. She was born in Porter County, Indiana, June 2, 1867, and was reared and educated there.

Her first husband was John Downey, and she has two children by that marriage: Gertrude, wife of Joseph Craig, whose home is in Porter County and who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railway, and they have children, Mildred, Fern and Carl. The second child of Mrs. Speelmon is Ray, a farmer in Jackson Township, and who married Bessie Reed. Mr. Speelmon, by his present wife, had four children: Aaron, Jr., and Ora, both of whom died in early childhood; Harry, who died in infancy; and Eve, who is now attending the sixth grade of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Speelmon are members of the Christian Science faith and in politics he is a democrat. Their estate is known as "The Skoshnock Stock Farm." "Skoshnock" is an Indian name, and this locality of Starke County was the camping ground on the trail of the red men.

WILLIAM PELLE. Of remote and distinguished English lineage of patrician order, the Pelle family has long been one of prominence and influence in Indiana, and the name has been identified with the civic and industrial history of Starke County for more than half a century, many scions of the family being still residents of this state, where they are well upholding the prestige of the name which they bear. The original English spelling of the proper noun was "Peele," but is now known as Pelle in Starke County, Indiana. William Pelle has been a resident of Starke County from early childhood and is now numbered among the substantial agriculturists and dairymen of this section of the state, his well-improved farm being eligibly situated in section 28, Center Township.

Mr. Pelle was born in Randolph County, Indiana, on the 1st of November, 1859, and was three years of age at the time of the family removal to Starke County, in 1863, his father having been one of the pioneer settlers in Center Township, where he reclaimed a farm from a veritable wilderness, much of the land which he obtained in trade for his old farm in Randolph County having been swampy, awaiting proper drainage to make it the veritable garden spot that it constitutes at the present time. John and Penina (Pate) Pelle, grandparents of him whose name introduces this article, were natives of North Carolina and representatives of fine old stock of the Society of Friends, of which they were birthright members. Immediately after their marriage John Pelle and his wife set forth for Indiana, the journey being made with one horse and a light wagon and having been of arduous and often perplexing experience. They finally arrived at their destination and made settlement on an embryonic farm near the present Fountain City, Wayne County, where many sterling representatives of the Society of Friends established homes in the pioneer days, the Quaker stock being still one of much prominence and influence in Wayne County. There John Pelle reclaimed a productive farm, and on this old homestead all of his children were born and reared, namely: William, Hiram, James, John, Jr., Calvin, Harriet and Mary, all of whom married and reared children, and all of whom are now deceased, except Harriet,



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM PEELE AND FAMILY

Reading from left to right, standing—Frances Peelle Whitmer, Charles Peelle, Althea Peelle Ostrander, Agnes Peelle Geiselman. From left to right, sitting—Clara Peelle, William Peelle, Rosa Windisch Peelle.

who is a widow. John Peelle, the sterling founder of the family in Indiana, finally retired from his farm and purchased the old homestead of the Morton family, of which former Governor Morton, executive of Indiana, was a member, at Centerville, Wayne County. Mr. Peelle finally sold this property and erected an attractive cottage at Centerville, this domicile being the abiding place of both himself and his wife until the close of their lives, he having attained to the age of seventy-two years and his widow having reached the remarkable age of one hundred years, as indicated by the family records. These honored pioneers finally became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Peelle served as a lay preacher in the same, even as he had formerly been a minister of similar functions in the Society of Friends. He was originally a whig and later a republican in politics.

James Peelle, father of the subject of this review, was born in Wayne County, Indiana, in February, 1824, and he passed the closing years of his life in Center Township, Starke County, on the farm now owned by his son, Henry H., who is one of the substantial farmers and honored and influential citizens of this township. James Peelle died in March, 1871, and virtually his entire active career was one of close and successful identification with the great basic industry of agriculture. In his native county was solemnized his marriage to Miss Maria Clemmons, who was born in Warren County, Ohio, on the 22d of May, 1822, a member of an honored pioneer family of the Buckeye State, her paternal grandparents having lived at Cincinnati when the place was principally marked as a frontier fort. The grandfather of Mrs. Peelle was killed by Indians while he was out in the wilds searching for his cows. His son Isaac was at that time a child of three years, and was reared to manhood in Ohio, his marriage having been solemnized in Warren County, that state, whence, in 1835, he removed with his family to Wayne County, Indiana, where both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives on their pioneer farm, he having been seventy years old at the time of his death, and his wife having died at the age of sixty-eight years. Both were earnest members of the Society of Friends. Of their children only the youngest is now living, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Fisher, who resides at Ogden, Champaign County, Illinois, and is now an octogenarian. Of the children of these worthy pioneers, the mother of William Peelle was one of the older ones.

After his marriage James Peelle and his wife established their home on an unimproved farm lying near the line between Wayne and Randolph counties, and that their fortitude and mutual ambitions were needed at this time is indicated when it is stated that in their primitive log cabin they began housekeeping with no lamp, no stove and even without a crane for culinary purposes at the fireplace. Later they removed to the farm on which all of their children were born, in Randolph County, and the passing years brought to them merited independence and prosperity. It should be noted that the father of John Peelle had been a slaveholder in North Carolina in the days long prior to the Civil war, but that his convictions led him to bring his slaves

to Indiana, where he gave them their freedom. Upon coming to Starke County, James Peelle resided on a farm in Center Township for two years and then bought a tract of land on which is now situated the Village of North Judson, this county. He obtained forty acres, and when the Pennsylvania Railroad line was constructed through this county he gave to the same the right of way through his farm, the railway station at North Judson having been established on the land which he thus donated, with an incidental stipulation that all trains should stop at the village of which he there became the founder, North Judson having been laid out by him and his energy and progressiveness having been potent in its development and upbuilding. Mr. Peelle later disposed of his property at and near North Judson and purchased eighty acres of the farm now owned by his son, Henry H. There he erected a commodious and substantial house of nine rooms, and in this he continued to make his home until his death, in 1881, as previously noted. His widow was nearly eighty-two years of age at the time of her death, and the names of both merit high places on the roll of the honored pioneers of Starke County, where they lived and labored to goodly ends. Mr. Peelle was a local preacher of the Christian Church for many years, and his wife was equally zealous and devoted as an adherent of this religious denomination. Kindliness and consideration were dominating elements in their characters, and they went about doing good, comforting and aiding those in affliction or distress, so that it is not strange that their memory is revered in the county that was long their home. Of the six children, three are living. Henry H. owns and resides upon the old homestead, as already noted; William is the immediate subject of this review; and Isaac is a resident of the City of South Bend.

William Peelle was reared to manhood in Starke County, where he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools, and from his youth to the present time he has not faltered in his allegiance to the industry of agriculture, of which he is now a most successful representative, besides which he has developed an excellent dairy business, in connection with which he keeps excellent grades of the Jersey stock. Mr. Peelle purchased his present homestead a score of years ago, and the same is now one of the well-improved farms of the county, its area being seventy acres. The fertile land gives an average annual yield of 700 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of oats and the best of corn and peas. Mr. Peelle is essentially vigorous, progressive and alert in the management of his farm, which gives every evidence of thrift and prosperity, and as a citizen he is liberal and public-spirited, with well-fortified opinions concerning matters of public polity. He was formerly aligned with the democratic party, but is now a staunch socialist. He and his family hold membership in the Christian Church at Knox, Indiana.

As a young man Mr. Peelle was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Windisch, who was born in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of November, 1860, and who was a young woman at the time when she came to Starke County. In the sketch of the career of her

brother, Charles Windisch, on other pages of this publication, may be found further data concerning the family. Mr. and Mrs. Peelle have five children: Agnes is the wife of Nelson Geiselman, associated with Charles Windisch in the grocery business at Knox, and they have one daughter, Vera; Frances, who died in Chicago, January 15, 1915, and was interred in Oak Park Cemetery, near Knox, Indiana, became the wife of Emory Whitmer, of Chicago, and they had daughters, Verda and Lula; Alta is the wife of Howard Ostrander, of Chicago; Charles is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm and is still an eligible young bachelor; and Miss Clara likewise remains at the parental home, a popular young woman and active in the best social life of the community.

WILLIAM J. BOGART. There are few places in Davis Township that spell prosperity and comfort, enterprise in business and alert citizenship, to a greater degree than the fine home of William J. Bogart, in section 29. Under his ownership are 160 acres, divided equally into two farms, each with its own group of buildings. It is black sandy loam with clay subsoil, and can produce practically any crop known to Indiana. His farm management provides a three-year rotation, and his principal crops are wheat, corn and oats. His own home comprises a comfortable modern house of eight rooms and a substantial barn and other equipment, while his tenant lives in a good six-room house, with a red barn on a foundation 24 by 48 feet. He believes in the conservation of the soil fertility, and practically all the crops are fed on the farm.

Mr. Bogart purchased the home place of eighty acres in 1906, and the adjoining farm in 1909, giving him an acreage eighty rods wide and a length of one mile. His home has been in this county since April 3, 1881, and the old farm was the property of his father, George W. Bogart, one of Starke County's highly respected citizens, who undertook the work of improvement which has resulted in the draining of a swamp and the conversion of a tract almost worthless into a farm that will compare with the best in the township.

Behind Mr. Bogart lies a strong and capable family stock. His grandfather Isaac Bogart was born in Pennsylvania of German parentage, and he married a Miss Brass, also of German stock. They moved to Darke County, Ohio, and there made a farm out of wild land and lived there until death called them when a little past middle life. Their children were Mary, Hannah, Jacob, John, Jesse, George, and William, all of whom grew up in Darke County. All five of the sons saw active service as soldiers in the Union army, and few families made greater sacrifices for that cause. John and William were killed at the battle of Chickamauga, and Jacob died from the hardships of army life soon after his return home to Madison County, Indiana, where he left a family. Jesse, who also went through the war, died in 1900 in Fillmore County, Minnesota, where he had lived many years as a blacksmith, and had reared his family.

George Bogart, the father, saw his military service as a member of

the Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry. He contracted pneumonia in the service, and was discharged on account of disability, and suffered from the effects for many years, which hastened his end. He was born December 25, 1826, and died on the home farm in Starke County, August 13, 1900. He was a farmer who did his work well and always enjoyed the esteem of his community. Politically he was a republican. He was married in Paulding County, Ohio, to Mary A. D. Woodcock, who was born in Licking County, Ohio, January 1, 1832. She is still living, smart and active for all her eighty-two years, and performs her own work. She lives at home with her son William. Her family consisted of five children: Bernhard B., who died at the age of twenty; George W., Jr., lives on a farm in LaPorte County and married Elizabeth Weed; William J. is the third; James E., a carpenter at Fort Wayne, married Ola J. Davis, and has three sons and two daughters, Urban E., Bernhard H., George R., Nita and Gladys, of whom one son and one daughter are married; and John J., who lives on a farm in LaPorte County, first married Louise Walters, who left a son, Grant E., and for his second wife, Jane Garvison, who is the mother of Joseph, William, Grace and Helen.

William J. Bogart was married at Fort Wayne, September 17, 1908, to Leona C. Clark, who was born in Pulaski County, Indiana, September 7, 1890, was reared and educated there and in Starke County, and died at her home February 16, 1912. She was survived by a son three months old, who died September 14 following, and also by George Latimore (always called Billie), who was born June 22, 1909. Politically Mr. Bogart is a decided republican, and always ready to assist his friends and work heartily for any movement affecting the welfare of the community.

CHARLES J. ANDERSON. The attractiveness of Starke County farm land as investment and home appealed a few years ago to Charles J. Anderson, and for the past seven years he has enjoyed the revenues from some fine property in both Davis and Washington townships. Mr. Anderson has been a farmer, merchant and manufacturer, and lived in different places in Illinois and finally in Chicago, before moving to Starke County. He is now retired from the active work of farming, and his home is on 106 acres in section 35 of Davis Township. This farm is distinguished under the name the Nickel Plate Gun Club Farm, and for a number of years was at the center of the large game preserve leased and occupied by the gun club of that name. Mr. Anderson bought this land in 1908. Thirty acres of it is well improved, and the residence was formerly the club house, and comprises a large two-story fourteen-room building, and has been remodeled into an excellent private dwelling. The farm lies along the east bank of the Kankakee River, and the soil is some of the richest found anywhere in Starke County. About seventy-five acres are now in heavy timber. Mr. Anderson moved to this place in 1911, coming from his other farm in Washington Township, where he is the owner of a place of 120 acres, which he had bought in November, 1910. The Washington Township land is fertile soil, and all of it well

improved except about forty acres. The farm buildings in Washington Township are substantial and in good condition. This farm Mr. Anderson now rents.

Mr. Anderson came to Starke County from Illinois six years ago. He had been a farmer in Bureau County for a number of years, having located there about 1873. In that rich and fertile section of Central Illinois, he continued his business as a farmer until 1890, and then conducted a store at Nekoma, in Henry County until 1902. In the latter year he moved to Brookfield in Cook County, Illinois, had a grocery store there four years, and then bought a pickle factory in Chicago and was proprietor of that business until he moved to Starke County in 1908.

Mr. Anderson was born in Eastern Sweden, December 27, 1850, and comes of a substantial class of Swedish people. A few years ago Mr. Anderson returned to his native land, and from the standpoint of an American citizen made a study of Sweden and its people and took much pleasure in noting the recent progress of that country measured from his own early experience. His parents were John and Mary Anderson, both born in Northern Sweden. In 1868 his father left Sweden and emigrated to Illinois, establishing a blacksmith shop near Princeton, the county seat of Bureau County. In 1870 the mother and all her children except Charles J. crossed the ocean and joined the father and somewhat later Charles J. also came over, and all of them lived together in Bureau County. The mother died at the age of sixty years in Princeton, and the father passed away at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1911, aged eighty-eight. Both parents were confirmed as members of the Lutheran Church. There were three sons and four daughters, all of whom grew up and married, and all had families, and two sons and two daughters are still living.

Charles J. Anderson was married in Bureau County, Illinois, to Olivia Olson. She was born in the southern part of Sweden March 23, 1848, and came to the United States and located in Illinois in 1872. She died at Brookfield in Cook County, October 10, 1908. Her parents had spent all their lives in Sweden. Mrs. Anderson had a sister, Mrs. Bird, who is still living in Princeton, and one brother and two sisters died in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson by their marriage had five children: Effie is the wife of Clarence Shidinger, who lives in Knox, and they have a daughter Ruth E.; Emory, who married Bessie Ducker, has his home in Omaha, and for many years has been a dining car conductor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway; Edna, who is unmarried, lives with her brother, Emory, at Omaha, Nebraska; Ernest died in a Chicago hospital in 1909 at the age of seventeen. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the Lutheran Church and in politics he is a republican. During his residence in Illinois he was honored with a number of local offices. He has a fine property in Starke County, and his capital and management are doing much to improve local agricultural conditions in this section.

FRED ARNDT. When Fred Arndt first joined the agricultural community of Starke County, in 1898, he had little to aid him in his efforts

save a willingness for hard work, tireless energy and a plenteous stock of ambition. He had, also, been reared to agricultural work and thoroughly trained for a career therein, and the value of these possessions is evidenced today by the ownership of two farms of eighty acres each, one in section 27 and the other in section 22, Davis Township. Mr. Arndt's career may be said to be one well worthy of emulation, for he has not only gained individual success through unaided effort, but has found the time also to satisfactorily perform the duties of good citizenship.

Fred Arndt was born October 22, 1874, in Laporte County, Indiana, and comes of German parentage, being a son of Christian and Mary Arndt. Christian Arndt was born in Germany, received there his education in the public schools, and grew up on a farm, being married in his native community. Two children were born to him in Germany: Charles, who is married and lives on a farm in Davis Township, the father of a son and a daughter; and Hattie, who is the widow of John Geasler, of Laporte County, Indiana. Christian Arndt was a man of ambition, and, believing that the United States offered better opportunities for success than did the Fatherland, he came to this country with his two children. While on the way over on the ocean, Mrs. Arndt died, and was buried at sea. After his arrival in this country the father took his two small children to Laporte County, Indiana, and here he was married a second time, his wife being also a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her parents when she was still a child. They began life as farmers in Laporte County, and there continued as tillers of the soil until Mrs. Arndt's death, in 1886, when she was forty-eight years of age. Mr. Arndt later came to Starke County to make his home with his son, Fred, and here passed away December 6, 1912, aged seventy-seven years, three days. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, as was also his wife, and both lived up to the teachings of their faith and through their many excellencies of mind and heart won and retained the confidence and esteem of all who knew them. Originally a democrat, Mr. Arndt later transferred his support to the republican party, but his political activities were confined to casting his vote and supporting movements which he considered would be beneficial to his community. Mr. and Mrs. Arndt were the parents of the following children: John, a farmer of Laporte County, Indiana, married Lulu Young of that county, and they have two children, Lou and Daniel; William, who was married the first time to Bertha Bass, who died leaving two children, Clarence and Lillie, and Mr. Arndt then married Nettie Weiler, and they have seven children, Rudolph, Freda, Estella, Alla, May, Bernice and a baby son; Fred, of this review; Mary, who is the wife of Mr. Immekers, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and has one son and one daughter; Christian, who married Lizzie Lyle, is a farmer at Harvey, Illinois, and has one son, Carl; and Henry, connected with the Wabash Railroad, at Kingsbury, Laporte County, married Cora Lewis, and they have four children, Geneva, Vera, Maria and an unnamed infant.

Fred Arndt was given his education in the public schools of Laporte County, Indiana, and his boyhood and youth were passed in much the same way as those of other Indiana farmers' sons, in that he spent his summer months in assisting his father in the work of the homestead, while the winter terms were devoted to securing a literary training. Mr. Arndt was twenty-two years of age when he left the parental roof and came to Starke County to enter upon a career of his own. A number of years were passed in working for others, but during this time he carefully saved his earnings, so that he finally became a renter, located on his present farm in section 27, in 1911, and in 1914 became its owner. Here he has eighty acres of land, all improved except seven acres of timber, in addition to which there is a good fifty-tree orchard with fruit trees of all kinds bearing. In his commodious barn and cribs there is to be found room for 1,500 bushels of corn, and his residence is of modern construction, with five rooms and painted a slate color. Mr. Arndt devotes twenty acres of his land to the growing of oats, and has been particularly successful with this grain, having an excellent average per acre. On his other eighty-acre tract, in section 22, he has also good improvements and buildings, and is meeting with success in raising the staple grains and other products. A friend of modern methods, he is always ready to give innovations a trial, and among the farmers of the community is looked upon as a progressive representative of his calling.

On April 23, 1896, Mr. Arndt was married to Miss Mary A. Scarborough, who was born in Laporte County, Indiana, July 15, 1878, and there educated, being graduated from the graded schools when only fourteen years of age. She is a daughter of John and Ida (Goff) Scarborough, the former born in England and being six months old when brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Laporte County, where they lived some years, but later went to Nebraska and there died. Ida Goff was a daughter of Albion and Mary (Robins) Goff, who were pioneer settlers of Laporte County, Indiana, and owned their own farm near Hanna, in Noble Township. There both passed away, having reached the age of more than sixty-five years. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough began their life in Noble Township, but in 1892 removed to Porter County, Indiana, and a year later returned to Laporte County and again took up their residence near Hanna. In 1896 they came to Starke County, but after a few years removed to Walkerton, St. Joseph County, where they now reside. The father is sixty-three years of age, having been born December 23, 1851, while the mother is fifty-seven, her birth having occurred January 25, 1858. Mr. Scarborough is a democrat, but not a politician. Mrs. Arndt is the eldest of a family of five sons and daughters, all of whom are living, married and have children.

Mr. and Mrs. Arndt have been the parents of two children, namely: Ora R., born October 27, 1902, who is now in the seventh grade of the public schools; and Harry O., born February 9, 1906, who is attending school as a member of the second-grade class. Mr. Arndt is a democrat in his political views, but has found time to take only a good citizen's

part in public affairs. Mrs. Arndt is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and has been active in its work and movements.

HERMAN BUSSE. Now nearing the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, Mr. Busse is living virtually retired on a fine little homestead of forty acres in section 36, Davis Township, and during his more active career in Starke County he achieved large and worthy success through his well ordered industry and progressive policies in connection with farming. He has been a resident of the county for thirty years and is a representative of that sterling German element of citizenship which in past and present generations has proved most valuable a force in the furtherance of social and industrial progress and prosperity in the United States. He was born and reared in Prussia, served as a valiant soldier in the Franco-Prussian war, and is a scion of the sturdiest of old German stock long identified with the history of the Province of Posen, Prussia, where he was born on the 25th of April, 1847, where he was reared and educated and where he continued to maintain his home until his immigration to America.

Mr. Busse came to Starke County in the year 1882, and here the tangible results of his earnest industry are shown in his ownership of a well improved and valuable landed estate, of which his present little homestead place is an integral part. He is the owner also of sixty acres in section 1, Jackson Township, and another tract, of eighty acres, in section 35, Davis Township, and virtually all of this land has been reclaimed and improved since it came into his possession. In addition to this valuable estate of 180 acres, Mr. Busse has been associated since 1911 with William F. Rosenbaum, in the ownership of a tract of 100 acres of land in the northeast corner of section 36, Davis Township, this being still utilized mainly for pasturage. On the eighty-acre homestead Mr. Busse lived from the time of coming to the county until his retirement from the arduous labors that have long engrossed his time and attention, and since 1911 he has resided on his present small farm of forty acres, in the supervision of which he finds ample scope for productive effort, as he is a man whose very nature prevents him from desiring a life of luxurious ease and inactivity.

Mr. Busse came to Starke County with very limited financial resources and his substantial success and advancement indicate the true worth of the man and his indefatigable industry. Nearly all of his land was reclaimed by him from a swampy condition, and it was all under water in the early days of the history of the county. It has been effectively drained by proper dredging and ditching and now constitutes a veritable garden spot, with all evidence of thrift and prosperity. From his land he has had yields of cereals that have been far above the average crops in Indiana, and he showed marked circumspection in giving his attention to diversified agriculture and stock raising. He is known and honored as a loyal and public-spirited citizen; in national politics he gives his support to the republican party, and in local affairs he is

not constrained by strict partisan lines, but supports the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment.

Mr. Busse is a son of Daniel and Caroline (Kreger) Busse, both of whom were born and reared in Posen, Germany, where their marriage was solemnized in the year 1844. The father became the owner of a good farm, the same having come to him and his wife as an inheritance from the latter's father, and on this homestead he continued to reside until his death, at the early age of thirty-six years, in 1856. He was survived by five children: Augusta, Herman, Cecilia, Paulina and Gustave, all of whom married and reared children and all of whom remained in their native land with the exception of the subject of this sketch and his brother Gustave, the latter of whom came to the United States and established his residence in Laporte County, Indiana, where he married Miss Augusta Hunt, likewise of German birth, and he passed the closing years of his life at Hobart, Lake County, where he died in 1910, leaving his widow and seven children.

The widowed mother of Mr. Busse finally became the wife of William Stellbarger, and both passed the remainder of their lives in Posen, being survived by four daughters, Lena, Bertha, Emma and Eda. All of the daughters married and only one of the number, Bertha, came to America, she having joined her brothers in Laporte County, Indiana, where she married; she died in 1911 and is survived by eight sons and three daughters, her parents having been upward of sixty years of age at the time of their death.

In 1868, at the age of twenty-one years, Herman Busse enlisted in the Prussian army, in consonance with the military regulations of that country, and when the Franco-Prussian war broke out he went with his command to the stage of action, where he took part in two severe battles and seven minor engagements, and where he marched with the victorious German forces into the City of Paris, on the 27th of July, 1872. After receiving his honorable discharge from the army, Mr. Busse returned to Posen, and there, in 1875, he wedded Miss Augusta Doms, who was there born in the year 1856. Their marriage was solemnized in June, and in the following October they set sail, on the post ship Mozelle for America. They landed in New York City on the 27th of the same month, and shortly afterward came to Indiana and established their home at Wanata, Laporte County, where Mr. Busse found employment for three years in connection with the ditching of lowlands. He then turned his attention to farming and he rented land for this purpose until 1882, when he came from Laporte County to Starke County and instituted his independent career as a farmer, as indicated in a preceding paragraph of this article. His devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal on the 26th of September, 1893, and of the six children of this union, brief record is here entered: Lena is the wife of William F. Rosenbaum, of Lacrosse, Laporte County, and they have five children—Alvin, Eva, Verna, Adaline and Margaret. Ida is the wife of William Clausson, engaged in the meat market business at Evanston, Illinois, and they have four children—Herbert, Esther, Edward and Irma.

Wanda is the wife of William Prim, of Wichita, Kansas, and their children are Lillian and Edna. Augusta is the wife of Peter Cords, a rural mail carrier at Evanston, Illinois, and they have two children—Robert and Donald. Anna is the wife of Lewis Pratt, who resides upon and has supervision of the old homestead farm of Mr. Busse, as well as of the other farm properties owned by the latter; they have four children—Edith, Alice, Edward and Louise. Herbert, who is a prosperous blacksmith at Knox, the county seat of Starke County, married Miss Ethel Hollingsworth and they have one daughter, Evaline.

For his second wife Mr. Busse wedded Miss Caroline Pulaski, who was born in the part of the Province of Posen, Prussia, that was originally Polish territory, the date of her nativity having been December 14, 1858. She is a representative of a sterling old Polish family, and her father, Carl Pulaski, who was born in 1810, was taken by his parents out of Posen at the time of the great war of 1812, his father losing a large and valuable estate as a result of this conflict between Prussia and Poland, and having passed the remainder of his life in West Posen. Carl Pulaski died in that part of Prussia when past sixty years of age, and in 1887 his widow and daughter Caroline came to the United States, where the former passed the remainder of her life. Mr. and Mrs. Busse have no children.

JOHN A. GRAHAM. One of the best exhibits of Starke County farm enterprise is found in the fine estate of John A. Graham, in section 29 of Davis Township. Mr. Graham is a Pennsylvania man, but most of his career was spent in Illinois, and by hard work he got his start in the latter state and was already a man of some means and of broad and thorough experience as an Illinois farmer when he moved to Starke County.

Mr. Graham owns 240 acres in his home place and eighty acres in section 32. A great deal might be written in description of his farm, which is everywhere regarded as one of the best in its improvements and general value in the township. One of the conspicuous features is the large horse barn 60 by 64 feet; adjoining it is a barn for his cattle, 34 by 24 feet, and a special house has been erected for the accommodation of his hogs. He is a grower of fine grades of stock, keeps about thirty head of cattle, a large number of thoroughbred Chester White hogs and about twenty-seven head of high grade horses. In his fields he grows over a hundred acres of corn, forty acres of wheat, eighty acres of oats and some small crops. Diversified and intensive farming is his plan of operations, and very little of the soil's fertility is ever taken away from his farm, since he feeds practically all his grain and forage to his own stock. In keeping with these extensive improvements which represent the business side of his farm, Mr. Graham and family occupy a comfortable nine-room two-story residence, supplied with all the comforts and conveniences. Mr. Graham has occupied his present place and has been a resident of Starke County since 1906. While he invested in what was regarded as an improved farm, its possibilities have been greatly in-

creased under his management in the past eight years. The farm may be measured by the best standards of modern farm management, and little will be found wanting. He is both a practical and a systematic modern agriculturist in every sense of the word. One of the important improvements which he has effected since taking possession has been the inclosing of his fields with substantial woven wire fences. The land is excellently situated as to drainage, and the soil is what is known as black sandy loam, interlaid with clay. His experience as an Illinois farmer has enabled him to increase the crop yield by a large percentage.

Mr. Graham came to Starke County from Lee County, Illinois, where he lived for nine years, and in addition to owning eighty acres in Hamilton Township of that county operated altogether 500 acres, and conducted farming and stock raising on a large scale. Lee County is one of the most advanced farming districts of Northern Illinois. He had gone to Lee County from Livingston County, Illinois, where he had come to manhood and had begun his career as a farm worker.

John A. Graham was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1866, and represents the thrifty character and energy of Pennsylvania stock. He spent the first nineteen years of his life in his native state, received his education in the schools there, and then went west to Livingston County, Illinois. His grandfather, John Graham, was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch ancestry, and spent most of his career in Cumberland County, where his first wife, the grandmother of John A., died. After his second marriage he moved to Perry County, Pennsylvania, and both he and his wife died there. He spent all his active career as a carpenter, and was about sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. James Graham, father of John A., was born in Pennsylvania in 1835, the next to the youngest in a family of four sons and three daughters. Several of the sons gave active service to the Union during the Civil war, and James went through that struggle as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment of Cavalry. Among other campaigns in which he participated was the march of Sherman from Atlanta to the sea, and he saw a great deal of hard fighting in the South. One of his brothers, Rowe, was killed while in the army, and another brother, William, went all through the war but was wounded in the right leg. Before going into the army James Graham married Angeline Gross, who was born either in Cumberland or Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and was of an old Pennsylvania family. After returning from the war, James Graham resumed his trade as carpenter, and that was his regular business until about forty-five years of age, when he became a farmer, and was in active work until the last six years of his life. He died in 1908 at the age of sixty-seven. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and in politics a democrat. His widow passed away in 1872, leaving six children. The children in the family were: Ellen, married James Carbauch, who lives at Newburg, Pennsylvania, and there are two living children; David is a farmer near Newburg, Pennsylvania, and has several sons and daughters; Eva Agnes married William Allison, a

farmer near Newburg, and has a son and daughter; John A. is the next in order of birth; Edward is a machinist at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and has a wife and three children; Clara is the wife of Jacob Stauffer, near Newburg, and has one daughter.

John A. Graham was married at Pontiac, Illinois, to Mrs. Margaret (Duff) Bricker. Her first husband was John Bricker, who died leaving three children, mentioned as follows: Maud is the wife of Bert Reasoner, who owns and occupies thirty-three acres in section 23 of Davis Township, and they have a little daughter, Naomi, aged three years; Roy, who owns a fine farm of eighty acres in section 31 of Davis Township, married Hazel Showers, and their home is known as the Hapewell Oak Villa Farm; Orville, who is unmarried, lives at home and assists his father in the management of the farm. Mr. Graham and wife, by their marriage, have one daughter, Mabel M., who was born January 1, 1900, and is now attending the grade schools. Mr. Graham and his step-sons are all republicans and are among the leading citizens and most enterprising men of Davis Township. At the present writing Mr. Graham is republican nominee for the office of trustee in Davis Township. His estate is known as "The Box Elder Stock Farm."

JAMES O. ANDERSON. Since 1899 the farming and stockraising interests of Davis Township, Starke County, have had an energetic and enterprising representative in the person of James O. Anderson, whose finely-cultivated farm is located in sections 33 and 34. His is but another career which exemplifies the rewards to be gained through a life of industry and right living. He came to this country from a foreign land, handicapped by a lack of knowledge of our language, customs or methods, and with little to aid him in the way of capital or influential friends. From such an unpromising start he has steadily advanced in his labors, until he is now the acknowledged possessor of one of the fine farms of the community in which he resides, as well as a citizen who stands deservedly high in the confidence and esteem of those about him.

Mr. Anderson is a native of the Island of Bornholm, in the Baltic Sea, off the coast of Denmark, and was born March 9, 1870, his parents being Claude and Costina Anderson, both of whom were of Danish ancestry and spent their entire lives on the island mentioned. The father was a farmer by vocation and followed his occupation throughout the period of his life, working industriously and energetically and passing away at the age of seventy years, while the mother was sixty-eight years old at the time of her demise. Both were faithful members of the Danish Lutheran Church, and were widely respected and esteemed by those who knew them. Mr. Anderson was one of eight children, of whom a sister, Lizzie, is married and makes her home in Denmark, while another sister, Hansina, is married and lives in New Zealand. In the United States are the following: John, who is a large farmer in the State of Kansas, where he is the owner of approximately two thousand acres of land, is married and has a family; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Louis Ipson, a wealthy retired farmer and postmaster of Plevna, Kansas, and has a family of

nine children; Maria, who is the wife of Adrian Wright, a farmer of Manhattan, Kansas, and has a family of three sons and three daughters; Carrie, who is the wife of Christ Munson, a farmer near Cornell, Illinois, and has a family of six children; and James O., of this review.

James O. Anderson grew up on his father's little farm on his native island, and was there given his education in the public schools. His brother John had come to the United States and had established himself well, and had written back home such glowing reports of the opportunities to be found in the land across the waters, that the youthful James O. was fired with a determination to make this land his home and to there hew out his fortunes. Finally, he gained his parents' consent, and in 1887, when only seventeen years of age, he emigrated to America and went at once to Pontiac, Illinois, in the vicinity of which place he met his brother and secured work as a farm hand. His next few years were passed in learning the English language and the methods of agricultural work here, but as he advanced he gained confidence and self-reliance and soon became a renter of land. From that time forward his success has been assured. He continued to carry on operations in the vicinity of Pontiac for a number of years, but in 1899 came to Starke County, Indiana, having heard that this was becoming a very fertile and promising section of the country, and took up a tract of rented land. After four years of work here, in which he accomplished successful results, he decided that this was the locality in which he would settle permanently, and accordingly, about 1901, purchased his present farm.

Mr. Anderson's present property consists of 220 acres of well-located land, lying in sections 33 and 34, Davis Township, a part of the country which has steadfastly maintained the high standard for agricultural accomplishment in Starke County. The soil is a soft loam, admirably suited for the growing of almost any kind of crops, and Mr. Anderson has met with remarkable success in all the cereals and staple products, having about sixty acres in corn, from thirty to seventy acres in wheat, and about the same amount in oats. These crops average high, and meet with a ready sale in the markets. The land is well tilled and ditched, and is all under cultivation save several timber groves. Mr. Anderson has two sets of buildings, the home set being on section 33, and all are large, substantial and thoroughly equipped with the most modern conveniences and appliances. When he came to this farm, Mr. Anderson had but six head of horses and a few head of cattle; today he grows on an average of from thirty to forty head of high grade cattle, a large number of swine and from eight to ten horses. He has always been an adherent of modern methods in agricultural work, and his friendship to innovations has done much to advance their usefulness and general popularity.

While a resident of Pontiac, Illinois, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage with Miss Johanna Hendrickson, who was also born on the Island of Bornholm, Denmark, in 1875. There she was reared and educated until she was fifteen years of age, at which time she accompanied her parents, brothers and sisters to the United States, the family settling in Ford County, Illinois, where they now reside at the Village of Piper City. Her

parents, Nelson Hendrickson and wife, have been farming people all their lives, and still survive, being now about sixty years of age. They are members of the Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson there have been born two children, namely: Mabel, born June 5, 1898, in Davis Township, Starke County, who graduated from the graded school at the age of fourteen years, and is now living at home with her parents; and Clarence J., born September 19, 1899, who is a graduate of the graded schools, class of 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and their children are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a republican in politics, and while not an office seeker has at all times given his earnest support to those men and measures which he has felt would benefit his community in any way.

DEWITT C. WAMSLEY. A resident of Starke County for more than thirty years, Mr. Wamsley is the owner of a valuable farm of 120 acres, in sections 17 and 18, North Bend Township, the property lying near Bass Lake, one of the attractive little bodies of water that lend to the picturesque charms of the county. Mr. Wamsley has not only become well known as one of the progressive and successful agriculturists and stock-growers of the county and as an upright, loyal and public-spirited citizen, but he is also a practical exponent of and authority on scientific drainage, a matter of much importance in this section of the state. His reputation in this line has extended far beyond local limitations, as in former years, prior to his becoming somewhat afflicted with paralysis agitans, which renders it difficult to write, he was a frequent contributor to local papers, as well as leading Indiana newspapers and magazines, on the subjects of land reclamation, ditching, drainage, etc. In this domain of farm improvement no other citizen in Starke County has so wide and authoritative knowledge, as he has made a special study of the subject and has exemplified his ideas in practical work on his own farm.

Mr. Wamsley came to Starke County in 1880 and within the intervening years he has here owned five different farms, with an aggregate area of about six hundred and fifty acres. He has incidentally demonstrated on each of these farms his advanced ideas in the matter of proper drainage facilities, and his work has been of prodigious value to other farms of the county, both in its scientific excellence and in large compass. Mr. Wamsley is essentially a man of thought and action, and few have done more to further the agricultural and live-stock prestige of Starke County than has he. He has carefully investigated physical conditions and soil textures in the county and has utilized this knowledge in the promotion of his drainage improvements, as well as in his specially successful operations as an agriculturist and horticulturist. He has constructed on lands owned by him several miles of drains, principally of tile, and has installed as much as a mile of drain on a single tract of forty acres, his work along this line having offered both lesson and incentive. His enterprise has been shown also in the planting of trees, and a grove planted by him in North Bend Township in 1887 now has trees sufficiently large for utilization as commercial timber. As a leader in industrial

enterprise and as a genial, kindly and fair-minded citizen, Mr. Wamsley well merits specific recognition in this history of Starke County.

Mr. Wamsley reverts with due satisfaction and pride to the fact that he is a native son of the Hoosier State and a scion of one of its sterling pioneer families. He was born on a farm in Walnut Township, Marshall County, this state, on the 12th of November, 1843, and was reared and educated in that county, where he continued to be actively identified with the great basic industry of agriculture until his removal to Starke County, save for the period that he represented his native state as a gallant soldier of the Union in the Civil war. In 1862, at the age of eighteen years, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Forty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Eddy, who was a resident of South Bend. At the head of Company D was Captain Wilson, and the first lieutenant of the company was Jasper Packard, a special friend of Mr. Wamsley. With his command Mr. Wamsley proceeded to the stage of polemic activities and the regiment reinforced the Federal troops at Fort Donelson, Tennessee, where, as history records, many engagements were fought. The Forty-eighth Indiana finally went to Iuka, Mississippi, where Mr. Wamsley endured a severe attack of typhoid fever and lay for two weeks under most depressing conditions, with practically no shelter save that afforded by oak trees. His strong constitution was not proof against this grave experience and he was finally brought to the North and placed in a hospital at Terre Haute, Indiana, where he remained several weeks, his physical disability finally gaining him a furlough and later an honorable discharge. He remained at home until the autumn of 1864, when his patriotic ardor prompted his reenlistment, as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he continued in service until the close of the war, his honorable discharge having been received in September, 1865.

After the termination of his second experience as a faithful and loyal soldier of the Union Mr. Wamsley returned to Marshall County, and there on November 12, 1865, was solemnized his marriage to a former schoolmate, Miss Eliza J. Sharp, daughter of Stephen and Caroline (Semon) Sharp. Mrs. Wamsley was born in Marion County, this state, on the 8th of January, 1845, and was but two years old at the time of her parents' removal to Marshall County, where her father obtained from the state a tract of land, from which he developed a productive farm, this land having been purchased by him at the nominal price of \$1.25 an acre. Mr. Sharp passed the remainder of his life in that county, where he died at the age of sixty-five years, his wife having passed away at the age of forty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Wamsley became the parents of five children, concerning whom the following brief data are entered: Emily, who became the wife of Sigel Shoemaker, is deceased and is survived by seven children. Etta C. is the wife of William H. Morris, former county surveyor of Starke County, and they now reside in North Dakota, having become the parents of eleven children, of whom eight are living. Orta C. is the wife of Merl O. Cobler, who is an expert carpenter but who is now an invalid, their children being three daughters and one son. Mr.

Cobler and his wife reside at Bass Lake, this county, and he formerly served as postmaster of that village. Othar C., who now resides in the celebrated Bitterroot Valley of Montana, is by profession a draftsman and he served four years as an expert mechanic and draftsman in the shops of the great Studebaker vehicle manufactory in the City of South Bend. After having been for a number of years a member of the Indiana National Guard he enlisted in the government service at the inception of the Spanish-American war, going to the front as first sergeant in Capt. Charles Windisch's company in the One Hundred and Fifty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Othar C. Wamsley wedded Miss Alma Feschner, and of their two children one is living, Geraldine. Owen U. is employed as an expert workman in the cutting department of the extensive rubber manufactory at Mishawaka, Indiana, has been very successful, is married and has one daughter, Irene.

Dewitt C. Wamsley and his wife are most zealous and influential members of the Church of the Firstborn, a new denomination of which Mr. Wamsley was one of the organizers and in the affairs of which he is a recognized leader. He holds the position of deacon and is also superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he accords stalwart allegiance to the republican party, and though he has not been imbued with ambition for office his civic loyalty prompted his service as a member of the board of township trustees of North Bend Township, an office of which he has been the valued incumbent for several years. His more pleasing memories and associations of the Civil war are vitalized through his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic.

MARTIN LAFEVER. Since the primary object of the history of any county is to preserve the names and careers of those citizens who have been longest identified with the community, there is special fitness in referring to the name of Martin LaFever, who has spent all his life in Starke County and whose parents were among the first settlers in Davis Township. Martin LaFever owns a well improved farm of eighty acres on section 34, and has for many years been one of the substantial citizens and general farmers.

He was born on this farm July 31, 1859, was reared in this community when it was still largely in the wilderness condition, and received his education by attending the local schools. He has all the comforts of rural life, has lived in his present residence for the past thirty-five years, and has a large red barn, 36 by 48 feet, with all facilities carefully arranged for profitable agriculture. He keeps good grades of live stock.

His parents were Samuel and Francis M. (Rigley) LaFever. Both of them were born and reared in Miami County, Ohio. His father learned the trade of blacksmith at Dayton, Ohio, but lived there only a few years. Soon after his marriage, in 1851, he brought his family to Miami County, Indiana. That was only one stage on his journey. Leaving Peru, he walked through the woods and across the prairies to Starke County, accompanied only by his faithful dog, and carrying his gun for hunting and for protection. He had traded some property for a land warrant cover-

ing 160 acres in Davis Township, and after searching out and locating his land, he built a log cabin in the midst of the wilds in section 34. Having made these preparations for the reception of his little family, he returned to Peru, and by wagon and team he and his wife and their first small child came on as far as Knox, which at that time was hardly a settlement, since it boasted only one log cabin. From Knox, the couple, carrying the baby in arms, walked on, following the deer path through the woods until they reached the humble log cabin which was their first home in Starke County. This cabin was covered over with slabs and held down with weight poles, had a puncheon floor, and only the barest necessities of furniture. Samuel LaFever was the type of woodsman and frontiersman who could easily accommodate himself to the primitive conditions then existing in Starke County. While doing some work on his land and raising crops of corn in the clearings, he used his rifle to supply game for the larder. After the crop of corn was harvested and stored away, as it was needed for meal he carried a sack on his back to the mill at Koontz Lake, fifteen miles away, and in the same way transported the ground corn home. While living conditions were hard, with little money, and most of the necessities were home prepared, there was abundance of game and to the true pioneer the situation had many points of attraction. While his life was similar to that of most of the first settlers in Starke County, he was distinguished among his fellows for his ability as a hunter, and was regarded as one of the best rifle shots in all that vicinity. With his trusty gun he shot numberless wild deer, hogs and turkeys, and Martin LaFever still cherishes and keeps in the old home the rifle used by his father, which must now be fully seventy years old. In the course of years Samuel developed a good homestead, and spent his last days on the farm, passing away June 16, 1899, at the age of seventy-seven. His wife had died here October 21, 1896. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was a democrat. While Samuel LaFever was known everywhere as a hunter, and was a modest farmer, he was also prominent in public affairs in Starke County during the early days, and possessing the complete confidence of his fellow citizens was honored by them with two terms as county commissioner and also held the post of assessor of his township for some years. He had hosts of friends, and enjoyed their esteem and respect throughout his career. There were four sons: Lemuel, who died at the age of eight years: Daniel, who died in Davis Township about sixteen years ago, leaving two children, one of whom has since died; John, who is a farmer in LaPorte County and has one child.

Martin LaFever, the youngest of the family, was married in Center Township of Starke County to Maggie Hamby. She was born in Hocking County, O., June 18, 1861. In 1879, at the age of eighteen, she accompanied her widowed mother to Center Township in Starke County. Her father, Samuel Hamby, had died in Ohio when Mrs. LaFever was only sixteen months old. Her mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Hardesty, married for her second husband William Spiker, and both now live on a farm in Center Township, the mother aged seventy-two and

her husband seventy-four. They are members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Spiker is a republican. Mrs. LaFever has a sister, Elizabeth Ellen, whose first husband was Turpie Barns, who is survived by one daughter, and her present husband is Calvin Collins of LaPorte County.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. LaFever have been born three children: Fannie, who was born July 30, 1882, is the wife of Charles McCormick, a well known merchant at Hamlet, and their children are Leo, Wayne and Lura; Samuel L., who was born August 30, 1890, was educated in the grade schools at home, and when not employed in street car service lives at home; Porter William, born August 29, 1896, was educated in the district schools and is living at home with his parents. Mr. LaFever is a democrat in politics.

FRANCIS M. TRISSAL. Ranking above every other development in importance and value in Starke County has been the reclamation and improvement of the vast body of land in the Kankakee Valley. All who have shared in this work of development have claim upon the grateful memory of succeeding generations irrespective of what their direct rewards from the enterprise may be. Though not a resident of Starke County Francis M. Trissal has long been prominently known in the county, and both as a lawyer working in behalf of the movement in general and on the score of what he has done through his own means in reclamation work his name deserves some recognition in this publication.

Francis M. Trissal is a native of Ohio, but was reared in Indiana and received his education in its public schools. For many years he has practiced as a lawyer in Indiana courts but is a resident of Chicago. About twenty years ago Mr. Trissal became interested in Starke County lands, and while developing one of the finest bodies northwest of North Judson he also gave active interest to the promotion of the Kankakee River improvement. On account of his efforts in securing legislation and in other ways credit must be given to him in making that great work an accomplished fact.

Though giving much attention to his farming work and seemingly enjoying it more than the practice of his profession, his accomplishments as a lawyer are noteworthy and his appearance in the courts always attracts attention. His name appears in the Supreme Court Reports of Indiana in hundreds of cases, and a leading lawyer of the state recently remarked that "he has made more law in his cases than any other lawyer of the state." During the twenty-four years of his residence in Chicago Mr. Trissal has made the corporation law a specialty, and was general counsel for the Southern Indiana, the Illinois Southern, and the Southern Missouri Railway companies, and also for other corporations. His home is at 4744 Evans Avenue, Chicago.

BENJAMIN F. SARBBER. In Starke County, as in many other sections of the Middle West, the day of the big farm and the loose farming methods has almost passed. Farming is now both a practical and scien-

tific business, and many of the most successful are pursuing it according to the intensive methods, making one acre grow what the old-fashioned farmer produced on two or three acres. One of the prosperous smaller farms of the county is that of Benjamin F. Sarber, in section 33 of Washington Township. He is the owner of eighty acres, twenty of which are in timber and the rest cultivated in the production of the cereal crops, with about thirty-five acres in cow peas, with an average yield of fifteen bushels per acre, and other important crops are melons, potatoes and onions. Mr. Sarber has raised as high as six hundred bushels per acre. He also keeps good stock, cattle, horses, hogs and Shropshire sheep.

Benjamin F. Sarber represents an old American family, and was born in Kosciusko County, Indiana, April 15, 1866. He was reared and educated in that county, and came to Starke County with his mother, who bought the eighty acres he now owns. Later he became heir to one-half of this property, and subsequently bought the other forty acres from his brother. Mr. Sarber was a son of John Sarber, who was born in Virginia, of Virginian parentage, and settled in Kosciusko County, Indiana, with his first wife. There his wife died, leaving seven children, five of whom are living and are married. For his second wife he married Mrs. Mary Bedell, whose maiden name was Lash. She was born in Pennsylvania, spent part of her childhood in Ohio, and later moved to Indiana, when still young, growing up in Kosciusko County. Her father, Philip Lash, located in Kosciusko County when that territory was still the home of Indians and wild game was plentiful. The Town of Warsaw was then a small village, and Philip Lash had the distinction of building the first shop and serving the county as its first blacksmith. He spent his life as a blacksmith and did work for people all over Kosciusko County. He lived to be more than eighty-five years of age. By her first marriage to Henry Bedell, Mary Lash had five children, all of whom are now deceased, and all of whom were married except one. By her marriage to John Sarber there were three children; Joseph, who is now a farmer in Marshall County and has four children, two daughters and two sons; Rosa, who died after her marriage to Lincoln Goble.

Benjamin F. Sarber, the youngest of the three children, was three years old when his father died. His mother died at the Starke County home April 12, 1898. She was then seventy-three years of age. She was a very religious woman, a thorough Bible student, and had been one of the leading members of the Christian Church in her community. She and her husband had done much to build up the church in Kosciusko County in their neighborhood. Mr. Sarber was a democrat in politics.

Benjamin F. Sarber was married in Starke County to Miss Alvira Inks, who was born in North Bend Township, of Starke County, and was reared and educated in the same section. Her parents were John W. and Mary A. (Firestone) Inks, also natives of Indiana, and after their marriage in Elkhart County settled in North Bend Township, of Starke County, buying a small farm, where her father is still living at

the age of about seventy-four, while his wife died in 1908 when about sixty-five years of age. They were members of the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarber are the parents of the following children: Roe T., born March 11, 1896, a graduate of the local grade schools and living at home; William Chester, born December 9, 1897, now attending the local high school; Wilbert Preston, born April 22, 1899, and attending school; Maybell M., born July 11, 1900, and in school; Harold, born August 17, 1902, and now in the fourth grade; Reuben E., born October 17, 1907; John F., born November 24, 1909; and Forrest A., born July 27, 1912. While Mr. and Mrs. Sarber are members of no church, they have always allied themselves with the people of moral principles and have been helpful and kindly neighbors. Mr. Sarber is a democrat, is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife for the past twelve years have been members of the Order of Gleaners.

JOHN R. ABNER, M. D. In one of the most responsible and exacting professions to which a man may direct his energies, Doctor Abner has achieved success that vouches for his excellent technical ability, his zealous application and his personal popularity. His achievements in his profession have given him place as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of Starke County, and he is engaged in active general practice in the Village of Hamlet. His extensive clientage extends throughout the territory tributary to this village, and he has spared himself no effort or hardship in ministering to his many patrons in the rural districts. The doctor was graduated in the Physio-Medical College at Marion, Indiana, as a member of the class of 1884, and very soon after thus gaining his degree of Doctor of Medicine he established his residence at Hamlet, which has since continued to be the stage of his earnest, self-abnegating and successful professional labors. He is a member of the Northern Indiana Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Society, and the Starke County Medical Society, and is known and honored as one of the loyal and progressive citizens of the thriving and attractive little City of Hamlet.

Dr. Abner was born at Urbana, judicial center and metropolis of Champaign County, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was February 22, 1858. There he was afforded the advantages of the public schools, and at Urbana also he began the study of medicine, under the effective preceptorship of Doctor Bassett, his advancement in his studies being such that he was enabled to do successful work as a practitioner before he had even entered the medical college. The merited financial success that has attended the efforts of Doctor Abner finds concrete evidence in his ownership, at various times, of several valuable farm properties, and at the present time he is the owner of excellent real estate in his home village. Though a democrat in politics and a representative of the minority party in Starke County, the doctor was elected a member of the board of trustees of Oregon Township and was retained in this office thirteen consecutive years. At the present time he is serving as a member of the Town Council of Hamlet, a position of which he has

been the incumbent for several years, his influence and practical cooperation having at all times been given in the furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to benefit the community. At Knox, the county seat, he is affiliated with Lodge No. 639, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which great fraternal order he has received also the capitular and chivalric degrees, in the latter connection his affiliation being with the Commandery of Knights Templars at Plymouth, Marshall County. He was formerly affiliated with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Walkerton, St. Joseph County, which he represented in the grand lodge of the state, as has he also the lodge at Hamlet, of which he is now a member. He has passed the various official chairs in the Modern Woodmen of America.

The maiden name of the first wife of Doctor Abner was Mary B. Allen and she was born and reared in Huntington County, this state. By the doctor's first marriage there were three children—Warren L., a resident of Spokane, Washington, owner of a fruit ranch and an employment agency, is married and has three children; Marion Burr, a resident of Hamlet, Indiana, is associated in the wholesale bakery business, is married and has one son; Laura M. is the wife of Charles Richie, a telegrapher with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Bourbon, Indiana, and they have one daughter. For his second wife, Doctor Abner wedded Miss Celestia Smith, of Plymouth, Marshall County, where she was born and reared and where she received excellent educational advantages. The two children of this union are Cleo P. and Meredith Lucille, both of whom are attending the public schools of Hamlet.

MELVIN HICKS FANCHER. There are no better farms in Starke County than can be found in the vicinity of Hamlet in Davis Township. It is a picture of comfortable prosperity, substantial homes, large barns, sleek stock and well tilled fields. When it is recalled that within the memory of men still in middle age this landscape alternated with woods and swamps, it is astonishing what a brief generation has accomplished.

One such farm that represents the best in productiveness and general improvement is the Fancher farm in section 20. The manager is Melvin H. Fancher, who operates the 480 acres comprising his father's homestead and is also the individual owner of eighty acres lying in section 18. All his own land has been brought into a high state of cultivation, while 400 of the homestead are improved. It is fine land, sandy loam, with clay and gravel base. Mr. Fancher has had charge of this farm for seven years, and in the meantime purchased the eighty acres in section 18. He has broken up a large acreage, and erected the handsome eight-room house which is his residence.

One special distinction that belongs to Mr. Fancher is that he did the first commercial onion growing in this county. His venture was made in 1904. The second year he planted sixteen acres in that crop, and his total yield was 13,000 bushels. On one measured acre, probably the best, he grew 1,305 bushels of screened onions. That set a mark

for yield per acre that has never been surpassed in this county. He has kept up his work along this line until two years ago, and onion growing in the meantime has become one of the big crops of Starke County. In latter years corn has been a profitable crop with him. A hard worker and thrifty business man, he neglects no opportunity to make farming both pleasant and profitable, and takes much pride in his fine stock.

Melvin H. Fancher has had his home in this county and township since 1886. He was born in Berrien County, Michigan, November 16, 1864, and was reared there on a farm and had his education from local schools. Arriving at his majority, the desire for travel and adventure asserted itself, and he spent four years west of the Mississippi, visiting all the states and territories and also northern Mexico. At the time the plains were vast unfenced areas, covered with cattle and buffaloes, and he had many varied and romantic experiences in roughing it during the days that have now passed forever. On his return he joined his parents at their home in Starke County, and has since applied himself industriously to the business of farming and home making.

His father, Jonathan W. Fancher, was born near Syracuse, New York, October 7, 1836. When a child he lost his mother and then went to live with an uncle, and learned the trade of tight-barrel cooper. At the age of sixteen he found his way to Niles, Michigan, and later found work at his trade in Buchanan, in the same state, which was his home until his removal to Starke County in 1884. While in Buchanan he married Margaret Roe. She was born near South Bend in 1842, and the last fourteen years of her life were passed as an invalid, until her death in 1907. In spite of her affliction she was a good wife and mother to her family, and was an active member of the Christian Church. Jonathan Fancher now spends most of his time in California, where he has some business interests, chiefly in the manufacture of various kinds of cement products. After moving to Starke County about thirty years ago he bought and improved the large farm now operated by his son.

Melvin H. Fancher was married in Davis Township to Miss Leora Pease. She was born in Illinois in 1871, came with her parents when a small girl to Starke County, and died here in 1898 without children. After her death Mr. Fancher was married in Chicago to Miss Minerva J. Fleming. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Johnston Myers, the distinguished Baptist minister of that city. Mrs. Fancher was born in Adams County, Illinois, September 15, 1869, grew up near Quincy and finished her education in that city. She is a woman of exceptional culture. Her home was in Chicago for several years before her marriage. She is the mother of four daughters: Edna, aged thirteen and in the eighth grade of school; Grace, aged eleven and in the sixth grade; Leora, aged six; and Julia, aged four. They also have an adopted daughter Ruth, whom they have fostered since she was two years old, and she finished the grade school course in 1911 and spent one year in high school. Mr. Fancher is a democrat.

ALBERT W. CARLSON. Among the men who have helped forward that remarkable economic transformation by which the waste and water-soaked lands of Starke County were reclaimed and converted into productive fields and a smiling landscape of happy homes, a place of practical usefulness belongs to Albert W. Carlson. Mr. Carlson spent a number of years in the Illinois reclaimed farming districts, and came to Starke County well fortified with his experience, and possessing a confidence in the possibilities such as many people have not had until the years have proved all theories correct.

Mr. Carlson now has one of the fine farms in the Kankakee Valley in section 10 of Davis Township. Of the 160 acres under his ownership, he uses about sixty for corn and about an equal amount for wheat and oats, and his per-acre yield is an astonishing demonstration of the fertility and value of land that a few short years since produced only reeds and swamp grass. His home is comfortable and commodious, near by a large barn, and his cribs each season's end are filled to the capacity of 2,500 bushels.

It was in 1900 that Mr. Carlson purchased this farm. His own management and hard work have been chiefly responsible for its drainage and improvement. He was a factor in putting through the Sharon dredged ditch, and then laid a large amount of tile lateral so that nearly every acre is now high and dry for the plow. Fifteen years ago the greater part of this land was under water except in the driest months of the year. Mr. Carlson lives three miles from Hamlet at the corner of the Carlson and the Knox and Laporte roads. The former road is named in his honor, since he put through the petition which resulted in its construction.

Mr. Carlson came to Starke County from Lee County, Illinois, where he had lived five years in the Winnebago swamp district, reclaimed a number of years ago by methods similar to those since instituted in Starke County. It was there that he got acquainted with the possibilities of swamp land farming, so that he entered into his undertaking in the Kankakee Valley with supreme confidence in the ultimate results and benefits.

While Mr. Carlson is of Scandinavian birth and stock, he impresses one as of the German type. He has all the hard practical sense and progressive industry of his people. He was born in Smoland, Sweden, March 1, 1867, and grew up and was educated there. His father, whose name is Carl Fredrickson, has spent all his life in Smoland, a farmer by occupation, and is now sixty-eight, and a member of the Lutheran faith. He married Augusta Johnson, who was born in the same province and who died there in 1910 aged sixty-six. Albert was the second of eight children, and following the Swedish custom of names added a "son" to his father's christian title, becoming Carlson, but his children will adhere to the American practice and all be Carlsons. Several other children also came to America. Henry lived for ten years in this country, then returned to the Old Country and is living there with his wife. Harry came to this country, and a few years ago located

in Starke County, being a farmer in Davis Township, and unmarried. Freda, the wife of William Harrison, lives at Rockford, Illinois. Signa is the wife of Axel Johnson and resides in Chicago. Elemana is unmarried and keeps house for her bachelor brother in Davis Township. Pekin is a resident of Chicago. Martin is a resident of Smoland, Sweden, on the home estate of his parents.

Mr. Carlson married his wife from Livingston County, Illinois, where she was living with her grandfather, John Nelson Guthrie, an old settler and prominent citizen who was then superintendent of the county infirmary, their marriage being celebrated in February, 1891. Mrs. Carlson, whose maiden name was Florence Halstead, was born in Illinois, October 18, 1871, and was reared and educated in Livingston County. When she was five years old her father, William Halstead, died, and her mother, Martha J. (Guthrie) Halstead, a native of Fountain County, Indiana, has for a number of years made her home with the Carlson family and is now sixty-three years of age. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Carlson was the only child of her parents. There are two Carlson children: M. Naomi, aged twenty-two, was educated in Illinois and in Starke County, and is the wife of Homer E. Short, a farmer near Round Lake, California Township, and they have a son Billie Carlson; Ralph, aged twenty-one is well educated and the capable assistant of his father. Mr. Carlson is a republican, and at one time candidate for county commissioner. The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carlson is known as "The Elm Dale Stock Farm."

J. C. FRANK WILDE. Success consists in a steady betterment of one's material conditions and an increase of one's ability to render service to others. Measured by this standard, one of the exceptionally successful couples of Center Township is J. C. Frank Wilde and his estimable wife, proprietors of a fine farm of eighty acres in sections 24 and 30. Mr. Wilde has lived in Starke County for twenty years, and his career has been one of steady growth to independence, until he is now justly considered one of the most substantial men in his township. On his farm are eight acres of good native timber, while practically all the rest is under a state of cultivation and thorough improvement. Mr. Wilde is a successful grower of crops of corn and other staples, and keeps stock to consume all the products of the fields. He has good farm buildings and a comfortable home. Mr. Wilde took possession of this farm in 1893, and practically all its improvements are due to his and his wife's careful management. When they bought the place it was much run down, and his work has been the means of adding many dollars to the value of each acre.

J. C. Frank Wilde was born in the Province of Pomerania, Prussia, Germany, January 6, 1867. He acquired most of his early education in the common schools of that county, and when nearly fourteen years of age came to the United States with his parents, John and Hannah (Rhody) Wilde. Both his parents were natives of Pomerania, and belonged to old families of that province. His father was a miller by

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trade, and had worked along that line until coming to the United States. He brought his family, comprising his wife, two sons and four daughters, and they all left Hamburg on the steamer Lessing, and landed in New York City, May 10, 1880. The destination of the family was South Chicago, Illinois, and there the father was employed until his death, on June 30, 1895, at which time he was fifty-four years of age. His widow is still living in South Chicago, and celebrated her seventy-seventh birthday on December 22, 1914. She is still vigorous and possesses all her faculties. All the family have been members of the Lutheran Church. The children are all living and are all married and have families.

J. C. Frank Wilde after coming to South Chicago completed his education in English schools and learned the trade of car carpenter, at which he was employed in the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Shops until he gave up his trade and city life to become one of the prosperous farmer citizens of Starke County. This change is one that he has not yet had cause to regret, and he now owns a good farm, and has been able to provide liberally for the needs of his family.

Mr. Wilde was married in South Chicago to Miss Anna M. Waldmann. She was born at Hōbart, in Lake County, Indiana, November 6, 1872, and was educated at Ainsworth and in South Chicago, and she has nobly performed her part in rearing and educating their children. Her parents were Charles and Louise (Hardwig) Waldmann, also natives of Pomerania, Prussia. Her parents were married in that country, and two children were born there, one of whom died at the age of three years, and the other, Minnie, was six years of age when they embarked on a vessel at Hamburg, on the ship Rising Star, and after three weeks of hardship and suffering on the ocean landed in New York City. The conditions aboard this vessel during the voyage were almost unspeakable, the poor emigrants were crowded together in vile quarters, and to add to the other miseries attending the trip provisions were at half ration, and the passengers reached this country half starved and in an exhausted condition. One member of the family was an aunt of Mrs. Wilde. They came to Chicago, and her father, who had been a stonemason and general laborer in the old country, bought land near Hobart, Indiana, but in 1880 returned to South Chicago, and lived there and accumulated considerable property. This he subsequently traded for 160 acres of land in Center Township of Starke County, and eighty acres of this is now owned by Mr. Wilde. Mrs. Wilde's father died on the farm February 7, 1898. He was born October 31, 1832, was a member of the Lutheran Church and a republican. His widow now makes her home with Mrs. Wilde, and was seventy-seven years of age on October 2, 1914, and has been a member of the Lutheran Church all her life, a God-fearing woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilde have five living children: George L., born May 15, 1891, an invalid; Fred C. W., born August 20, 1893, educated in the grade schools and living at home; Carrie J., born April 7, 1898, and a member of the high school, class of 1916; Clarence William, born

July 2, 1902; Hattie L., born September 20, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Wilde are members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he is a republican. Their long residence in Starke County has been marked by industry, honesty and integrity, and they are universally respected in the Township of Center.

GEORGE P. POTTER. One of the enterprising agriculturists of Davis Township, where he has resided for nearly ten years, George P. Potter, does not belong to that class who have had fortune and property thrust upon them by inheritance and, perhaps, increased it by careful management. His generous competence, his large property in Davis Township and his high and substantial standing as a citizen have been acquired by individual force of character, by energy, industry, perseverance and intelligent effort, founded upon the strictest integrity.

Mr. Potter was born at Amboy, Lee County, Illinois, June 25, 1873, and is a son of Henry C. and Hannah (Palmer) Potter. Henry C. Potter was born in Illinois, in 1835, and there grew to manhood and was educated and married in Lee County. He then went with his little family to Southern Iowa, in 1879, and later to the northwest part of that state, and in 1888 made removal to Cumberland County, Tennessee, where he purchased a farm. There he still resides, although he has long since retired from active participation in agricultural work, being nearly eighty years of age, blind and very feeble. The mother, who was born in New York state in 1837, also survives, and is still in good health and in possession of her faculties in a remarkable degree for one of her age. They have been lifelong members of the Congregational Church. Three children were born to Henry C. and Hannah Potter: George P., of this review; Edith, who is the wife of Lew Nowland, a farmer; and Ethel, who is the wife of Daniel Wheeler, a lumberman of Cumberland County, Tennessee.

George P. Potter was six years of age at the time he accompanied his parents to Iowa, and there he received his education in the public schools. When he was fifteen he went with the family on their journey to Cumberland County, Tennessee, where he completed his education and received his real introduction to business life on his father's farm, and in 1895 left the parental roof and came to Hamlet, Indiana. He was possessed of but little capital, but had a surplus amount of energy and ambition, and with these to work on established himself in a draying business. Through persistence and good management he made this a paying enterprise, and when he disposed of it, in 1905, found himself the possessor of sufficient funds to come to Davis Township and become the owner of a farm. In July of that year he bought his present property, in section 25, a tract which he has since placed under a high state of cultivation, and on which he has made many improvements. His buildings include a commodious barn, recently built by him for the shelter of his grain and stock, 40x48 feet in dimensions and with a 48-ton silo. His other buildings are substantial in character and attractive in appearance and are kept in the best of repair. Mr. Potter

has been somewhat interested in the raising of graded cattle, and at the present time has a herd of fifteen Holsteins, in addition to which he has five horses and a number of swine. He devotes twenty acres to good corn, and a like amount of wheat and oats, and his product meets with a ready sale and generous profits. Mr. Potter's seven-room house is pleasantly situated, of modern character, and fitted with the latest comforts and conveniences.

On January 11, 1899, Mr. Potter was married at Hamlet, Indiana, to Miss Anna Cole, who was born at Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 1, 1874, and was two years of age when brought to Starke County, Indiana, by her parents, Garnet and Harriet (Dyle) Cole. They became farming people here and spent the greater part of their lives near Hamlet, in which village Mr. Cole died July 21, 1908, having been eighty years of age on May 6th of that year, while Mrs. Cole died September 28, 1905. They were members of the Dutch Reformed Church, in which they were confirmed as children, both being natives of Amsterdam, Holland, and members of good old Dutch families. They were married in Holland, and there one son, Dennis, was born in 1865. In the following year they came to the United States, and here were born another son and five daughters, of whom the younger of each, one son and one daughter, are yet single. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Potter, namely: Carson C., born December 25, 1899, graduated from the graded schools in 1913 and is now a student in the high school; Harris B., born July 23, 1901, now in the seventh grade; and Margaret, born December 27, 1905, now in the fourth grade, while June H., the baby, was born August 3, 1912.

Mr. Potter is a republican, but has taken no very active participation in political affairs.

LEO T. SCHWENK. On the farm of Leo T. Schwenk, located in section 23, Davis Township, there are to be found greater hay, grain and feed capacity, as well as a larger amount of stalling, feeding and storage for stock, than on any other farm in Starke County, large or small. Mr. Schwenk has been a resident of Starke County only since 1910, but has established himself firmly in the confidence and good will of the people here, and has shown himself a valuable addition to the citizenship of Davis Township, being a man of progress and energy in all things. He came here from Woodford County, Illinois, where he had conducted a large smithy in the locality known as Germantown, kept two forges and did a large and successful business, both in repair work and in the manufacture of truck wagons.

Mr. Schwenk was born February 28, 1862, in Germantown, Woodford County, Illinois, and is a son of Mathias Schwenk, who was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States with his parents as a lad of eleven years. The family settled in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, where Mathias Schwenk learned the trade of shoemaker, and as such removed to Germantown, Illinois. There he was married to Mary Kerker, and they continued to make their home there for many years. In 1873

the father met his death when he was run over by a reaper drawn by frightened horses which he was attempting to stop. He was terribly injured by this accident, which resulted fatally eight days later. This was a very unfortunate thing for his community, as he was a man who had been a leader in all of life's activities. A republican in his political views, he served in various local positions of importance, and contributed greatly to the advancement and development of his county. Mr. Schwenk was reared a Lutheran, but later joined the Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Schwenk, who survived him some years and died at Metamora, was also a member. They were the parents of a large number of children, of whom the majority are still living and married.

The education of Leo T. Schwenk was secured in the public schools of Woodford County, Illinois, while his introduction to business occurred on his father's farm, on which he worked until reaching the age of nineteen years. At that time he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he learned the trade of blacksmith, and upon his return home, one year later, established himself in business as before related. A man of industry and energetic habits, he made his business a paying one, and when he disposed thereof had one of the leading establishments of its kind in the county. While a resident of that locality he was prominent and active in local and county politics, being called upon frequently to serve in offices of trust and responsibility. He was particularly active as supervisor of roads, a capacity in which he acted for approximately ten years, and was also a member of the bridge building committee for five years, his name being found on the bridges over all the main streams in that part of Illinois.

Mr. Schwenk came to Starke County to settle permanently in 1910, although he had purchased his property two years before that time. He now has 270 acres in section 23, Davis Township, and a part of the old Jameson Ranch, near Hamlet, one of the best improved and best drained estates in the county. On this farm are to be found a large stock and feed barn, 130 by 40 feet, presenting an attractive appearance with its coat of red and white trimmings; corn cribs with a capacity of 5,000 bushels, one being 15 by 32 feet and the other nearly as large; bins for the storage of 3,000 bushels of small grain; tool houses and out-buildings of a modern and substantial character; and a new eleven-room house, with full basement, painted a yellowish drab, with white trimmings. These buildings lend distinction to the property, which is justly considered one of the best in the county. Mr. Schwenk raises a large acreage of corn, yielding more than fifty bushels per acre; sixty acres of wheat and sixty acres of oats, and also about two thousand bushels of onions and large crops of potatoes, having secured 600 bushels of the tubers from four acres of land. He feeds the larger part of the crops he raises, and his land is well stocked with well fed and contented cattle, hogs and horses. As a business man Mr. Schwenk has made his name a respected one in commercial circles, as a farmer he has achieved excellent success, and as a good judge of livestock his judgment is in demand and he is frequently consulted for advice by his neighboring agriculturists.