

ROBERT KLINE, farmer, resides on section 14, Root Township, where he owns 120 acres of land. He was born February 20, 1836, in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and in the fall of 1838 was brought to this county by his parents, who settled upon the farm now owned and occupied by himself. His father resides with him. No improvements had been made upon the place. A log cabin had been erected, in the usual primitive style, puncheon floors and doors, clapboard roof; etc. In this cabin the father lived about two years, when he built a hewed log house, which is still standing and is used as a summer kitchen. The Piqua road and the Wayne trail were all the roads in the neighborhood. Robert was only two and a half years old when brought to this county, and here he has been reared to manhood, and here he was married. His father, Jacob Kline, was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1809, and when he was eleven years of age his parents removed to Wayne Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood. In 1833 he went to Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where he married Barbara Robinson, who was born in that county in 1807. Mrs. Kline died in Adams County, this State, June 30, 1873, and is buried in Alpha cemetery. She was a noble Christian woman, and in her death the community suffered a great loss. Her kind and affectionate disposition won for her the love and esteem of all who were so fortunate as to make her acquaintance. There were seven children in the father's family, five of whom are living. Two daughters died in childhood. The father is living on the old homestead. He says the first winter he came here he could not lose sight of his cabin without getting lost. The second year he killed a good many deer and wild game. The family were never without corn bread, but they had no wheat bread until the second year, when he raised six acres of wheat. The father entered 120 acres of land from the Government, but he had only money enough to pay for eighty acres; Joseph Lewis, an old neighbor, lent him money to pay for the additional forty. Although the Piqua Road was the only road in the county at that time, it was so cut up by ruts as to be almost impassable. Mr. Kline, Sr., helped to cut most of the roads in the vicinity. The family endured all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, and have witnessed all the changes that have taken place in this now prosperous country. The children were - Catherine, who died at an early age; Robert, John, William, George, Jonas and Sarah, twins; Sarah died when but a few weeks old. March 9, 1856, Robert was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Mumma, who was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, October 4, 1835, and came to this county with her parents, John and Catherine (Snyder) Mumma, after she reached maturity. Her father was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and died in Adams County in 1878, at the age of sixty-eight years, eight months and nine days. He is buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery. The mother still survives, at the age of seventy-six years, and lives with her son, Solomon Mumma. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have two children. The eldest died at a very early age. Sarah Ellen, born June 10, 1859, is now the wife of Franklin Brokaw, and has one child - Vesta Albert, born December 26, 1884. They are living with Mr. Kline. Mr. Kline's grandfather, Jonas Kline, was born in Pennsylvania, and was nearly one hundred years old at his death. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His grandmother Kline weighed over 300 pounds, and died at the age of one hundred years.