

LAWSON LINHARD, farmer, Root Township, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, March 18, 1820. He came to this county with his parents and nine other children in the fall of 1839. The family settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Jay Rugg, which was then in its wild state. There were no improvements on the place, and the family camped out two weeks beside a large oak log while a cabin was being built. It was made of round logs and scotched down on the inside, a punchcon floor, clapboard roof and a mud fireplace. They lived in this house a few years, when the father built the house that is now standing on the place. After occupying it several years, the father sold, and bought the farm now owned by widow Dailey, where he died at the age of eighty years and two months. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1797, and died May 18, 1877. A portion of his youth was passed in his native county, and a portion in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he was married and where nine children were born to them. One child was born in Adams County. Our subject was the oldest child, and all are living except John. The other children are - Sarah, Peter, Catherine, Mary and Elizabeth (twins), Joseph, Ann and William. The mother was born in Maryland September 22, 1801, and died May 20, 1873, aged seventy- two years. Both parents are buried in Alpha cemetery.

Lawson was educated in the common schools of his father's district, and his occupation has always been farming. He remained at home until he was twenty-four year of age; then commenced to work for himself, working by the day, month or job, just as he could find the work to do, until he was married. His wife, whom he married May 3, 1847 was Miss Lois Brown, who was born in Medina County, Ohio, March 10, 1830, and when she was five years old her mother brought her to this county. Her father died in Medina County, and her mother is still living in Root Township with Mrs. Linhard. Her father, Josiah Brown, was born in Broome County, New York, and was aged about fifty-two years at the time of his death. The mother, Sarah (Warner) Brown, was born in Greene County, New York, May 9, 1811 where she was reared and married. Soon after her marriage, she and her husband emigrated to Medina County, Ohio, and were among the early settlers of that county. Mr. Brown opened a farm there. Mrs. Linhard's paternal grandparents were Josiah and Abigail (Porter) Brown. Her maternal grandfather, Abijah Warner, was born in Connecticut, and died in Root Township, this county. Mr. Linhard's parents were Job and Rebecca (Burl) Linhard. Mr. and Mrs. Linhard have seven children - John H., Samantha A., Mary E., Sanford P., Lawson C., Marcus N. and Artie E. Mr. Linhard votes the Republican ticket.

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