

DICK JOHNSON TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM T. ANDERSON was born in Owen County, Ind., October 5, 1840, and is the oldest of eight children of Vincen and Mary J. (Lyon) Anderson. The parents were both born in Kentucky. William's chances for an education in his boyhood were good, yet not so good as boys have to-day. In 1851, at the age of eleven years, William emigrated with his father to Iowa, he riding on horseback all the way. They lived there about eight years, when they came back to Owen County, where they lived three years, then moved to Washington Township, where our subject lived till the breaking-out of the rebellion, when, in 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Forty-third Indiana Infantry. He served three years and ten months in all, his company having "veteranized" in February, 1864. He took part in the battles of New Madrid, Island No. 10, Fort Pillow, Helena, Little Rock and Camden. He was home recruiting when his regiment was captured at Marks' Mills on April 20. He was at Little Rock, where he learned of the capture, when he took the remnant of the regiment and returned to Indianapolis. On November 4, 1864, he was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company A, and served in that capacity until he was mustered out June 22, 1865, when he returned home and engaged in farming on the home farm, where he resided until he was married, which event occurred September 22, 1866, to Miss Artie Shattuck, a native of Vigo County. They have had four children—Walter Mc., Guy E., Leslie, Otis S. Miss Shattuck before she was married taught six terms of school. After his marriage, Mr. Anderson moved to Dick Johnson Township, and located near where he is now living. In politics, he has always been and is a staunch Republican. His first Presidential vote was cast for Lincoln. He is a temperance man, belongs to the Grange, and has been a member of the Methodist Church all his life; is Trustee and Steward of his church. His wife is also a member. Mr. Anderson has a farm of 240 acres of land well improved, 140 acres of which are under a high state of cultivation.

SIMON ARCHER was born in 1807, near Marietta, Ohio, and was the only child of Simon and Margaret (Yeoho) Archer. His mother died when he was only two years of age, and when he was fourteen his father came with him to Clay County. Mr. Archer was married in 1843, to Millie E. Sloan. To this union were born ten children, seven of whom are living. At the time of his marriage, Mr. Archer had forty acres of wild wood land, and no other capital except energy. By diligence and economy, he has added to the original tract until he now owns 320 acres of fine coal and farm land. In the early development of the country, Mr. Archer had some adventures, having killed two bears in one day. He has also killed many deer. In politics, he is a Democrat. He is one of the leading citizens of the township.

GOTTLIEB BAUMGART was born near Berne, Switzerland, June 24, 1835, and is the only child of Louis and Annie (Zahn) Baumgart. In youth, he learned to read and write and a few other common branches. In 1847, he came to America with his step-father, his father being

dead, and his mother having married again. He first settled in Ohio; then went to Wisconsin. Then he was constantly changing, traveling all over the West, Southwest and South, and visiting all the principal cities. He went where his services were needed, being a bricklayer by trade. In 1860, he was at New Orleans, La., and after the fall of Fort Sumter he enlisted in the three months' service. After his time expired, he joined a company of engineers, then was transferred to Company G, Fourth Missouri Infantry, in the three years' service, and took part in the battles of Wilson's Creek, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, and in the Atlanta campaign, at Jonesboro., and in other minor engagements. He was never wounded or sick a day while a soldier. In 1863, he was promoted company commander. After the war, he resumed his trade, and in a short time became foreman on a public work. He now owns 100 acres of land in Dick Johnson Township. He bought it in a wild, uncultivated state, built a cabin, cleared his land, and now has a fine brick house, sixty acres of his land cleared, and in grass and grain. He was married, in 1866, to Matilda J. Robison. Five children have been born to them, the following three of whom are living, viz., Carrie O., Annie M. and Mary F. Mr. Baumgart was raised a Lutheran, and in politics he is a Republican.

ARNOLD D. CABBAGE was born in Campbell County, E. Tenn., May 21, 1821, and is the oldest of two children of Alexander F. and Orpha (Poe) Cabbage, both natives of Tennessee and of German origin. The family emigrated to Jennings County, Ind, in 1829, Arnold being then a lad eight years of age. In the autumn of 1830, they moved to Clay County, and settled in Dick Johnson, then Posey Township, in a pole cabin, on the farm where our subject now resides. Then the country was wild; game was abundant, and hominy and venison the chief food. He helped raise the first house, a pole cabin, in Brazil. That was a start for a city. His early education was extremely limited, he never having attended school but three months in his life; but by close application to study at home, he has acquired a good business education. He was managing the farm at the time his father died, on December 31, 1862, and still continued on the farm, which he owned, after his father's death, his mother residing with him. He has 160 acres of land, well improved, forty acres of which are in grass and grain, with a good frame dwelling house, which he has just completed, and substantial outbuildings. The farm is well watered and stocked, is beautifully and healthfully located, and in a respectable neighborhood. Mr. Cabbage was married to Levina Shull, a daughter of Isaac Shull, a native of Tennessee, who was a resident of Clay County. In politics, Mr. C. is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for President for James K. Polk. For forty years he has been a member of the Christian Church, of which he is Trustee. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity seven years.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL was born in Scotland in 1825, and is one of a family of eleven children of John and Mary (Magill) Campbell. William came to this country with his wife and two children in the year 1851. He was in Ohio a short time, then moved to Clay County, thence to Virginia, thence to Ohio again, then to Clay County again, where he engaged in the coal business. He assisted in sinking the first shaft out of which block coal was taken. He followed the coal business until about the year 1877, when he took charge of his

farm, and has since been looking after his farming interests. He has a beautiful home on a farm of 166 acres, well-improved and stocked. In his boyhood, before emigrating to this country, Mr. Campbell had the advantages of only three years' schooling, but by close application he has qualified himself for a first-class business man. When he opened his first coal mine, he could only sell four car loads a week, and accepted as pay for it pork, beans, coffee, sugar, etc. Now thousands of tons of coal are sold monthly for cash. Within three-fourths of a mile of Brazil there is the "Campbell shaft," named in honor of Mr. Campbell. The shaft is sunk on land formerly owned by him. He was married in 1847 to Marion Kennedy, a native of Scotland. Eleven children have been born to them—John, Thomas, George, Allen, William, Marion, Marian, Mary, Agnes, Jeannette and Willie. Mr. Campbell is now fifty-eight years of age. For seventeen years he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and for sixteen years an Odd Fellow. He has been a church member for thirty-five years.

JOSEPH D. CARTER was born in Frederick County, Va., on March 1, 1809, and is one of a family of thirteen children born to Joseph and Elizabeth (Pierce) Carter, both of whom were natives of Virginia, but of English lineage. Joseph D. moved with his parents to Ohio, where, in 1833, his father died. In the autumn of 1850, he moved to Indiana, and settled in Dick Johnson Township, Clay County. At that time there were no roads, no clearings, but all wilderness. Bear, deer and other game were plentiful. Where he now lives he built a cabin, 16x16, in the forest, when Brazil was a small village. He now has a fine house, a large and substantial barn, and owns about 800 acres of good land, about 300 acres of which are under cultivation, the most of it being in grass and grain. For twenty-five years he has been engaged in farming and running a saw mill. When he first started his mill, there were great quantities of timber of all kinds, but no sale for lumber; now timber is very scarce, and lumber in great and increasing demand. Mr. Carter, no doubt, is one of the largest land-owners in Dick Johnson Township. When he came into the township, the Vandalia Railroad had not even been thought of. Mr. Carter acquired his education through the medium of the common country schools taught in the early day in log cabins, called schoolhouses, with slab floors, greased paper windows, seats of slabs and round poles, and stick chimneys. Mr. Carter was a Democrat before he moved from Ohio into this State, but since his residence here has given his support to the Republican party. On June 13, 1832, he was married to Miss Ellen Fugate, the daughter of James Fugate, a citizen of Mason, Warren County, Ohio. To this union were born ten children—Lucius, Wallace, Gideon, Angeline, Adelia, Alvina, Cassius, Mary M., Alphonso, and an infant. Mr. Carter is public-spirited, generous and benevolent, and highly respected in the community in which he resides.

WALLACE CARTER was born in Warren County, Ohio, April 21, 1836, and is the second of ten children of Joseph and Ellen Carter. He emigrated with his father to Clay County, Ind., in October, 1851, and settled on land purchased of Isaac Butt. When they came the country was a wilderness, and very sparsely settled, there being only six acres of cleared land. Wild game was plentiful. In his youth his opportunities for acquiring an education were limited, but by dint of labor and observation and ambition, he has gained sufficient to transact most kind of

business. He was in the home guard service during 1862-63. He was married on August 21, 1871, to Lucy Hevron. Two children have been born to them—Lillian and Winifred. Politically, Mr. Carter was a Republican, but during the last two years he has been voting with and working for the National or Greenback party. By occupation he is a lumberman and farmer; followed lumbering for twelve years. He has a splendid farm of eighty acres, sixty-five of which are under cultivation, and in grass and grain. He has a fine house, a good barn, and a plenty of stock.

JOHN T. CLARK was born in Marion County, Ky., March 22, 1846, and is one of a family of six children of Elisha and Emily Jane (Durham) Clark, both natives of Kentucky, but of English origin. He emigrated with his parents to Clay County in 1870, settling first in Posey Township, on a farm of 111 acres. Here he lived with his parents until 1876, when he commenced farming on his own account, purchasing in 1880 a farm of eighty acres in Dick Johnson Township, on which place he is now living. He has a splendid farm, sixty acres of which are in grass and grain, with a very good house and barn and outbuildings, and a fine orchard. He has a plenty of stock, the farm is well watered, beautifully located, and is really a very desirable home. He had in his boyhood very good opportunities for acquiring an education. In 1876, he was married to Alvina Carter, daughter of Joseph D. Carter, an old and respected citizen of Dick Johnson Township. Mrs. Clark has borne her husband two children, viz., Mary Mildred, aged six; Effie Oresta, aged three. Until 1870, Mr. Clark was a Democrat in politics, but he now gives his support and influence to the National party. In 1868, he took a tour of the Western and Southern States, being absent one year. He traveled through Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, and returned thoroughly convinced that Clay County was as good a county as, or a better one than, any he had visited.

SQUIRE COMPTON was born in Butler County, Ohio, January 18, 1837, and is the oldest of five children of Nathan and Nancy S. (Hatt) Compton. His parents are of English-French lineage. At the age of eight months, he emigrated with his parents to Indiana, and settled in Dick Johnson Township, September 12, 1838, where he still lives. When his father came here the county was a wilderness, the howls of the wolf and the screeches of the catamount being familiar sounds. But everything has changed, and finely-improved farms, waving fields of grain, and beautiful homes have taken the place of the forest wilds. Mr. Compton has been in the shingle business nearly all his life, and claims to be perfectly familiar with every branch of manufacturing. He has a profitable trade in shingles, selling all he can manufacture. He has never had any school advantages, never having been to school six months in his life, but educated himself at home. Mr. Compton was in the army. He enlisted, in 1862, in Company I, Seventy-eighth Indiana Infantry, served ninety days, was taken prisoner, then paroled and sent home by way of Bowling Green, Ky., arriving home on August 4. On the 20th of September, 1864, he was drafted and placed in Company C, Twenty-fifth Indiana Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was discharged from the hospital, but was never wounded; was in Sherman's march from Atlanta to the sea; was sent home sick, and continued so for a year. After he recovered his health, he resumed shingle manufacturing, and has continued that business up to the present. Mr. Compton

was married, on January 16, 1859, to Lucy Baldwin, a daughter of P. P. Baldwin, a native of Kentucky. Five children have been born to them, viz.: Manley, Jane, G. W., Willard and Aaron, all of whom are living. In politics, he is a Democrat, and cast his first vote for Douglas for President. He has been for twelve years a member of the Christian Church. In 1882, Mr. Compton suffered the loss of his house by fire. The contents also were totally destroyed; no insurance.

SAMUEL B. ELWELL was born in New Jersey on December 10, 1806, of parents, Samuel and Rachel (Shepherd) Elwell. He emigrated to Ohio in the year 1831, lived there thirteen years, then moved to Dick Johnson Township, Clay County, and settled four and a half miles northwest of Brazil. He received his education in country, or district schools. He has lived in this county thirty-nine years. He has seen the wilderness changed to a fine, fertile, farming country. Then the land was wet, there were no roads, and on every hand the hardy pioneer encountered hardships, trials and seeming impossibilities. On January 6, 1831, Mr. Elwell was married to Martha String, a native of New Jersey, and a daughter of Peter String. She has borne her husband ten children, viz.: David H., Samuel, Martha J., Peter, William, Amos, Elizabeth, Stacy, Hannah and Marietta. The children are all married, all have good farms and happy homes. Mr. Elwell has a good farm of eighty acres, well improved. In politics, he has been a staunch, live Republican all his life. His first vote for President was cast for John Q. Adams.

J. M. HALBERT was born in Nelson County, Ky., January 24, 1813, of parents, John and Elizabeth (Marks) Halbert, both natives of Virginia, but of English-Irish lineage. They emigrated to Parke County, Ind., in 1831, our subject being then eighteen years of age. He lived with his parents one year, then went back to Kentucky, where he was married. He moved from that State to Indiana, with his family, in October, 1836, and settled where he now resides, in Prattsville, Clay County, Ind. When he came here there were no roads, no cleared land, and no schoolhouses. The nearest mill was at Bridgeton, Parke County. He entered some land, and at once commenced to make for himself a home. He then owned 340 acres of wild land, 150 acres of which are now cleared and under cultivation, with a good frame house, 18x36, out-buildings, and the best barn in the county. His early educational advantages were limited. The first school which his own children attended was a subscription school taught by Miss Brinton, in a log shanty, with no floor, no window, save a log cut out to admit the light, the hole covered with greased paper to keep out the wind, and clapboard roof. This was the schoolhouse of ye olden time. On January 3, 1833, Mr. Halbert was married to Catharine Wishart, who has borne her husband eight children, four girls and four boys, viz.: John H., Barbara E., James M., Jonathan C., George W., Sarah Elizabeth, Nancy J. and Mary C. Politically, Mr. Halbert was raised a Democrat, but now votes for the man, no matter what party he may belong to. Of the Christian Church he has been a member for over thirty years. Though over seventy years of age, Mr. Halbert is a hale, hearty old gentleman, and attends to business, overseeing his own interests. He has been Postmaster for thirteen years; was County Commissioner for three years, having been elected in 1862. Mr. Halbert's first home in Clay County was a cabin, 18x20, with one room, puncheon floor, clapboard door, bedsteads made of poles and forks, and a stick chimney.

JACOB HOFFMAN was born in Northumberland County, Penn., in 1804, and is the eighth, and the only one living, of nine children of John and Barbara (Harpster) Hoffman. Jacob with his father emigrated and settled first near Circleville, Ohio, then a hamlet of only three houses. From there they moved to the mouth of the Little Miami, where they lived one year; thence to Vigo County, Ind., near the forks of Eel River, and thence to Cloverland; from there to where our subject now lives, and has resided for over fifty years. Their house was then built of hewn logs, clapboard roof, puncheon floor and stick chimney. The farm was literally a howling wilderness. The howls of the wolf and the screams of the panther were familiar sounds; but the scene has changed. The cabin has given place to a fine dwelling; corn and wheat fields are where once grazed the deer; the red man has departed, and civilized man has taken his place. Mr. Hoffman is now seventy-nine, and his good wife eighty-two years of age. They have over ninety grandchildren, and twenty-five great-grandchildren. He has given to each of his children a good farm, but the home farm still contains 415 acres. He has been Overseer of the Poor, and also Road Supervisor. He was married, January 6, 1825, to Mary Croy. The union was blessed with twelve children, all grown, married, and have children of their own. The names are as follows: Jefferson, Mathias, George, John H., Francis M., Jacob, Valentine, Mary J., Katharina, Barbara A., Hannah and Elizabeth. He has been a member of the Christian Union Church for forty-eight years. Politically, he is a Republican. He was originally a Whig, and cast his first Presidential vote for Harrison.

BENJAMIN V. RECTOR was born in Perry Township, Clay County, Ind., April 22, 1839, and is the oldest of seven children of George and Elizabeth (Van Cleve) Rector. His father was an early settler of this county, having purchased his land from the Government. Benjamin has lived here for forty years. Thirty-five years ago, he saw water standing over what is now fine farms. He has seen deer and killed them; he has caught fish where corn and wheat are now grown. His chances for an early education were poor, though he attended school every winter during his boyhood. His father once proposed to send him to school at Greencastle, Ind., but he refused the offer, not wishing to place any additional burden upon his father's shoulders. He followed farming up to within two years of the breaking-out of the rebellion. These two years he spent in Washington Township in the boot and shoe business. In the spring of 1861, he returned to Clay County and raised a crop of corn. Then there was a call for 300,000 men for the war. In August he enlisted, and was mustered into the service September 5, in Company C, Thirty-first Indiana Infantry. He took part in the battles of Fort Donelson, Stone River and the siege of Corinth. From Stone River they went into winter quarters at Cripple Creek; from there to Louisville by way of Nashville; then back to Louisville; thence to Crab Orchard; back to Nashville; and thence again to Stone River, taking part in the second battle fought there; thence to Tullahoma; then to Bridgeport, Huntsville, Chattanooga, Chickamauga; then back to Chattanooga, where they were besieged for forty days; returned to Bridgeport, at which place the company "veteranized," and went to Indiana on a veteran furlough. After the expiration of the furlough, they returned to the command, went to Buzzard's Roost, and saw Sherman's army when he reviewed it preparatory to his engaging in the 100-day fight to Atlanta; returned on

back track to and keeping Hood from Nashville; thence back over the same ground to Chattanooga, Knoxville and Atlanta. They were in North Carolina when the sad news of the assassination of President Lincoln reached them. They fought their last battle with Hood on December 16 and 17, 1865. From Nashville they went to New Orleans; thence to Indianola, Tex.; thence to Green Lake; thence to Gaudaloupe River, returning from there to Victoria, Tex., where they received orders to be mustered out, by reason of their services being no longer required. From there they returned home, and were in New Orleans, La., on New Year's Day, 1866, arriving home on January 8, 1866. At the close of the war, he engaged in farming. Mr. Rector was married on April 19, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Shattuck, a native of Clay County, and daughter of B. F. Shattuck, an old settler of Clay County. Miss Shattuck was a school teacher, having taught several terms during the war. She has borne her husband eight children, viz.: Pearl, Lucien, Minnie, Ray, Ralph, Rosser, Maggie, Zenana. In politics, he is a stanch Republican. His first vote for President was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the G. A. R. and of the Grange. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for over twenty years, and is Steward of his church at the present time. Mr. Rector has a good farm of 274 acres, 160 acres of which are in grass and grain; a fine house, a commodious barn, and a plenty of stock; a complete supply of farming implements of the most improved patterns, and a herd of graded cattle. His swine are of the Berkshire and Poland-China breeds. The male progenitors of his present lots were imported from Canada.

SANFORD W. SAMPSON was born in Virginia in 1819, in what was then Orange County, and is one of nine children of John and Clarissa (Jollett) Sampson. He emigrated about forty years ago to Wayne County, Ind., and settled six miles south of Centerville, and lived there twelve years. Then he moved to Clay County and settled in Dick Johnson Township, north of Brazil, on land purchased of his father-in-law. He has only a common school education. He has 294½ acres of good land, 93 acres of which belong to his wife. The home farm contains 201½ acres, with a good house and barn, and an adequate supply of stock, farming implements of the most improved patterns, self-binders, riding-plows, etc. By trade he is a blacksmith, plasterer and carpenter, being a natural mechanic. He brought the first grain separator here that was ever brought to Clay County, and has run a threshing machine for nineteen years. He paid \$3,500 for his farm, \$400 in cash, the balance on time, and has labored hard day and night to make the payments, which he has succeeded in doing, and, besides his farm, owns two houses and lots in Brazil. Mr. Sampson has been twice married. His first marriage was on February 21, 1856, to Mary Jane Acres, a native of Clay County. Ten children have been born to them, viz.; Jacob M., Peachy P., William R., Sanford C., George F., Roxie V., Mary J., John H., Amanda M., Alexander A. He was again married, in 1876, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Patterson) Harmeling, a native of Vigo County. In politics, Mr. Sampson has been a liberal Democrat all his life. About the time he had his farm paid for, his house was destroyed by fire. The one in which he is now living he built fifteen years ago. Mr. Sampson has a fine mule team, also a Hambletonian horse. The horse is a bright bay, sixteen hands high, five years old. When two years old he weighed 1,150 pounds.

DEMPSEY^r SEYBOLD, farmer and stock-raiser, was born September 8, 1828, in Parke County, Ind., and is one of the twelve children of Dempsey and Elizabeth (Kerr) Seybold, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German and Irish descent. The elder Seybold removed to Kentucky in his youth, but made a visit to this State in 1816, and two years later removed with his family to Parke County, entered 160 acres and erected a cabin; he also soon after opened a trading post and a general store. He was an industrious man, a Whig in politics, a soldier of the war of 1812, and at his death was serving as Probate Judge. He died June, 1835, aged forty-four years, a victim of cholera. His wife afterward resided with her children, and died in 1867, having occupied the farm of 400 acres until 1856. Our subject was reared on the home farm, of which he took charge when fourteen years old. When he reached his majority he rented the farm with his brother, on a portion of which he afterward lived until 1860, and in 1870 located where he now resides, which farm he bought in 1864; this embraces 140 acres, 100 of which are well improved. June 1, 1850, he married Miss Margaret Martin, of Parke County, who died August 17, 1863, leaving four out of seven children—Charles W., William S., Dempsey and Margaret. In 1864, he married his present wife, Miss Nancy F. Martin, a sister of his deceased spouse; she died in 1866, leaving one daughter—Louie. He next married Mrs. Mary Hansel, by which union were born two children. In 1857, Mr. Seybold was elected Township Trustee for one term, and again in 1863, serving six years. He has settled some twenty estates, some of them being quite complicated, and has enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. He was a member of the State Board of Agriculture during the years 1879-80, being the only member of that board ever chosen from Clay County, Ind. In 1880, he was nominated by the Republican party for the Legislature, but was defeated by sixty-two votes. He is a member of the Masons and the Knights of Honor. He and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

LEVI G. S. STEWART was born in Orange County, Ind., October 21, 1821, and is the oldest one of nine children of John and Sarah (Sample) Stewart. In the winter of 1823-24, his father moved from Orange to Putnam County, Ind., thence to Montgomery County in 1828, thence to Clay County in 1837, and settled near Bee Ridge Church, now Dick Johnson Township. He purchased a farm in the green, but began at once to reclaim it and make it tillable. Selling this he bought a farm in Section 26. Here he died in 1841, at the age of fifty-four years. Here his mother also died, at the age of seventy-five years. Our subject, fourteen years after the death of his father, took charge of the farm, and has been farming and gardening ever since. In the winter of 1871-72, he attended singing school at Brazil, taught by Prof. Wilcox, and made seventy-five round trips to and from his home, making 375 miles travel. This is an incident to show what can be accomplished when one is determined. He is a member and officer of the Bee Ridge Christian Church, and has been for over forty years. His family are all church members. At the age of twenty-one years, he was married to Elizabeth Yocom, of Kentucky. They have had six children born to them—John R., Nancy J., Rachel E., Sarah R., Mary E. and Josephine. In politics, Mr. Stewart is a conservative Democrat, and cast his first vote for James K. Polk. He was born in Indiana, and has never been out of the State; never drank intoxicating liquors in a saloon; has never belonged to a

secret society; is a man of pleasing address, and has a fund of general knowledge.

SAMUEL M. STEWART was born in Putnam County, Ind., April 19, 1824, and was the third of nine children of John and Sarah (Sample) Stewart. He came to Clay County in 1831, when he was seven years old, and has lived in this county ever since, with the exception of three years. When he came here the county was very sparsely settled. His opportunities for an education in his youth were only such as were given by country schools of earlier days. When he came to this county it was a wilderness, nothing to be seen but woods, wild animals, and the log cabin in which he resided. But now he has given each of his children a fine farm. Mr. Stewart was married, on March 24, 1850, to Mary Elizabeth Lee; nine children, six of whom are living, have been born to them—John W., Benjamin A., G. M., Sarah E., Rebecca S., Emma J., Mary E., Annie, Melissa. Mr. Stewart is an old-time Democrat, in politics, still advocating and supporting the principles of the party. He has been a Justice of the Peace three times, and in 1878 was elected Coroner. He has also been Deputy Tax Collector, and made the largest collection of taxes that has ever been made in the county during one term. He has been a consistent member of the Christian or Campbellite Church for forty-one years.

JOSEPH STOUGH was born in Westmoreland, Penn., in 1807, and was the seventh of fourteen children of John and Mary (Bear) Stough. He emigrated to Ohio in 1851, thence to Clay County, Ind., in 1856, and settled one mile west of Brazil on a farm he purchased from one Dr. Ursher, where he has lived for twenty-six years. When he took possession of the farm it was in a wild state, but he has cleared it up and improved it, having a nice residence, a commodious barn and a plenty of stock. On the farm there is "Stough's Cottage Hill Cemetery," which contains or covers eleven acres. In his boyhood, Mr. Stough attended a few short terms of German subscription schools, but at the age of twenty-one he went one month to an English school and learned in that time to read and write. His parents were Pennsylvania Germans. Mr. Stough is an old-time Democrat, his first vote for President being cast for "Old Hickory." He is also a member of the Lutheran Church. In 1832, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Frick, a native of Pennsylvania. To this union there were born eight children, four boys and four girls, viz., boys—John, Jacob, Joseph and Henry; girls—Lavina, Mary, Elizabeth and Florinda. Mr. Stough is a genial old gentleman and much respected in his community.

JOHN R. WEBSTER was born in Franklin County, Va., September 23, 1817, and is the oldest of nine children of Reuben and Mary (Miller) Webster. The father was of English, the mother of German extraction. Our subject emigrated with his father to Indiana when he was four years old, settling first in Parke County, on the Raccoon River, where they lived twenty years. When they came here, the wild country was swarming with troublesome, thieving Indians. Men were sent from Fort Harrison to protect the white settlers while they were constructing their cabins; and while some labored, others would hunt game on which to subsist. All around was a veritable wilderness. The howl of the wolf and the screech of the panther were familiar sounds. Their clothing was made of buckskin and linen, the father having learned the art of tanning and dressing deer-skins from the Indians. Their reward for toil and

hardships was sure to follow, and in 1827 [they built the second brick house ever seen on the Raccoon River, in Parke County. Only five acres were cleared on the farm, and the father the first year put this in tobacco, and bought his grain. Our subject settled in Clay County in 1840, having lived on his present farm for thirty-three years. In truth, Mr. Webster has cleared up his farm, constructed a good six-room frame house, barns and outbuildings, planted four orchards and has now 160 acres of good land, well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has also given his boys each a good start in life. In his youth, he had poor opportunities for acquiring an education. In good weather he had to work, but in bad weather went to school in the primitive log school-house. When he had come to manhood, he had educated himself sufficiently to be competent to teach. He has followed farming all his life. In 1840, he was married to Susan M. Kerr, a native of Parke County, Ind., and daughter of James Kerr. To this union seven children were born—Reuben R., James, Samuel P., Mary J., Susan N., Rhoda C. and Clara. Politically, he is a Greenbacker; was first an Old-Line Whig, then a Democrat. For forty years he has been a member of the Christian Church. He was a Deacon in the church for thirty years, and in 1873 was appointed Elder. He was Trustee of Dick Johnson Township two terms. He has never sought office, but has frequently been asked to run for office in both his county and township.

JAMES A. WINN was born in Orange County, N. Y., on April 9, 1835, and is the eldest of three children of Charles and Phoebe (Roe) Winn. He emigrated with his father to Ohio in 1851. There they lived three years, when they moved to Clay County, Ind., in the autumn of 1854, and settled in Dick Johnson Township, on the farm where he now resides. His father died October 5, 1862. The country was new and unimproved when Mr. Winn came to the county, and he has killed deer in what is now Dick Johnson Township. In boyhood, he received a common school education. On September 24, 1863, he was married to Angeline Carter, daughter of Joseph D. and Ellen Carter, an old and much respected couple, long residents of Clay County. Three children have been born to this union, viz., Ellen R., born October 29, 1866; Joseph C., December 19, 1868; Zora L., December 12, 1875. Mr. Winn is a Greenbacker in politics; is a member of the Grange. He has a good farm of 160 acres, 100 of which are under cultivation, with good farm buildings and a plenty of stock.

ELDER FRANCIS B. YOCOM was born in Montgomery County, Ky., December 6, 1807, and is the sixth and the only one living of twelve children of William and Sarah (Stewart) Yocom, the father emigrating to Clay County, Ind., in 1833, and settling near Williamstown, on land purchased of the Government. Our subject has been a resident of the county nearly all his life. He has represented his county three times in the Legislature; was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention which amended the constitution, in 1850, and was Deputy Sheriff for twenty-seven years in his county, his brother being Sheriff. For over fifty years he has been an active member of the Christian Church, he entering the ministry in 1829. He belonged to the Western Indiana Conference. Fifty of the best years of his life have been spent in the cause of Christianity. Politically, he has been a life-long Democrat, his first vote having been cast for Andrew Jackson. He only received a common school education, but by hard study made himself competent as a teacher, and

taught three terms before he came to the county. Mr. Yocom has been twice married. His first marriage was to Rhoda Webster, daughter of Daniel Webster, an old and respected citizen of Clay County. To this union were born five children, viz., Daniel W., Reuben J., William T., Sarah J. and Rhoda A. His wife died May 8, 1847. In 1848, he married Mrs. (Adams) Garrigus. Four children were born to this union, viz., Mary, Rachel, Francis and Armilda A., only the last one of whom is living. These are the most important events in the life of one of the most prominent men in Clay County.

LEWIS TOWNSHIP.

JOHN R. BLEDSOE, Trustee of this township, is the sixth son of Isaac and Margaret (McBroom) Bledsoe, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, and of English and Irish descent respectively. He was born in Greene County, Ind., October 11, 1842, whence he removed with his parents to Ogle County, Ill., in 1848, where he remained two years, then returned to Indiana, where he abided until his eighteenth year, when he began the blacksmithing trade, which he now conducts. With but limited advantages in youth, he has studied and observed, until he has now a fair education, having already taught a writing school. In 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was made a Corporal and served until July, 1865, having been engaged in the campaign of Gen. Sherman, from Resaca to Atlanta. July 20, 1864, at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, he received a gunshot wound through the arm, which disabled him for a time. He was next in Gen. Hooker's division, and has been for seven days without laying aside his gun. April 23, 1868, he married Isora, daughter of James T. and Elizabeth (Tucker) Foreman, to which marriage succeeded two children—Rachel L. and Dilla. Mrs. Bledsoe died February 5, 1875, and September 28, 1880, he married Sarah Trinkle. In 1874, Mr. Bledsoe was elected Justice of the Peace in Vigo County, and in 1882 Trustee of this township. He is possessor of sixty-three well-improved acres, with good dwelling, barn, etc. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and W. M. of Lodge No. 29, also a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and an earnest Democrat.

REV. DR. ABSALOM BRILEY was the eldest son of James and Melinda (Newkirk) Briley, the former a native of South Carolina and of English descent, the latter of Kentucky, and of German lineage. He was born February 21, 1823, being the first white child born in what is now Lewis Township, Clay County, Ind. He was reared upon a farm, and at the neighboring schools acquired the rudiments of an education, to which he has added by extensive reading, and is now a learned and intellectual man. As a practicing physician, he stands at the head of the profession in Lewis Township. The Doctor is also a regularly ordained Elder in the church of the United Brethren in Christ, and his sermons are noted for their purity of diction and power of eloquence, and his opinions on all subjects of local or general interest receive the consideration to which their merit entitles them. As a farmer, he owns and