

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

JOHN ASHER, farmer, was born in Blount County, East Tenn., July 21, 1822, and is one of the thirteen children of William and Mary (Davis) Asher, natives of Tennessee and North Carolina respectively, and of English descent. William Asher was a farmer who, with his family, moved to this county and located near Poland on Government land, which he afterward entered. Mr. Asher served for fifteen years as Justice of the Peace, and a like time as County Commissioner. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in 1848, aged fifty-one years. His wife died in March, 1865. John Asher passed his boyhood in Owen County, this State, during which he received but thirty days' schooling. When twenty-one years of age, he began farming on the home farm for himself; later removed to Terre Haute, and in 1851 located where he now lives. On coming here, he located on canal land. In 1845, he married Miss Lucinda Haltom, with a result of four children, two of whom are living—William T. and Isaac W.; the former is at home with his parents, the latter resides in Missouri. In 1876, Mr. Asher founded the town of Ashersville, and in the same year a shaft was sunk on his land for the purpose of mining coal, with excellent results; so that in spite of many reverses, he has also found many successes. Mr. Asher is an energetic man and a respected citizen.

JOHN BARD, gunsmith, is the youngest of the eight children of John and Margaret (Stuck) Bard, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. He was born June 27, 1821, in Columbiana County, Ohio, where he lived until he was ten years old, when he was removed to Richland County, where he learned blacksmithing, later gunsmithing in Ashland, Ohio, and still later the wheelwright trade in Olivesburg. August 19, 1841, he married Miss Mary K., daughter of William and Jane Smith, which union gave being to eight children, four of whom are living—Mary E., Henry D., Alfred F. and Laurana A. In 1842, he moved to this county and located on his present home, having exchanged his only horse for forty acres, on which he erected a cabin and prepared to improve. In 1850, he removed to Bowling Green, worked as a wheelwright and at other labor, then resumed farming. In February, 1864, he joined Company A, Eleventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was in the Potomac branch of the army, and served until the war was ended. His sons, Alfred F. and James W., were in the Twenty-first State Artillery; John W., of Company H, Eleventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, died at New Albany of fever; Henry D. served in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. James W. afterward served in the regular army three years, and later went to Mexico, where he was slain. Mr. Bard was five years Justice of the Peace; is a Master Mason, a member of the G. A. R., and of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Bard belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN BOLIN, farmer, was born in Owen County, Ind., April 14, 1832, and is one of the ten children of Charles and Martha J. (Hall)

Bolin, both natives of North Carolina. Charles Bolin was a farmer, and in 1825 emigrated to Owen County, entered land and lived until 1844, when he removed to this township, erected a cabin, and sought to found a home. He afterward located one mile south of Harmony, and there ended his life March 1, 1882, aged seventy-seven years. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Bolin died in 1862, aged sixty-seven years. John Bolin was thirteen years old when brought to this State, having been reared a farmer, at which he worked until his majority, and then engaged on the Vandalia Railroad at \$13 per month, from which salary he saved sufficient to buy forty acres, on which he located in 1842, which he improved, and to which he added eighty more. He also possesses seventy-four acres in Sugar Ridge Township, and 605 in Illinois, all acquired through his industry and care. May 9, 1852, he married Miss Mahala, a daughter of James and Jane Green, a union which gave being to five sons and five daughters—Martha J., Louisa, Esau L., Calvin, Edward F., Nancy, Laura B., Maud A., Allie, and John W. (deceased). In 1875, Mr. Bolin began merchandising at Hoosierville, which he discontinued after six years, to give his whole attention to the farm. He has seen all the growth of the country from the wild to the garden, and is truly a pioneer. Mr. Bolin is a member of the Knights of Honor, and Mrs. Bolin of the United Brethren Church.

JOHN BOYD, farmer, is a native of Muskingum County, Ohio; was born February 1, 1834, and is the eldest of the ten children of Philip Y. and Hannah Boyd. The family removed to and located in this township in 1851, where they purchased eighty acres, and made thereof a good home. Philip Boyd was at one time possessor of 360 acres, of which he gave to each son eighty and to each daughter forty acres. He was by trade a blacksmith; in politics a Whig, and later a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in March, 1863, being preceded by his wife in 1858. John Boyd came to this county with his parents when seventeen years old, and assisted his father on the farm. July 3, 1856, he married Miss Sarah E., daughter of John Pollom, which resulted with an issue of ten children, seven of whom are living—Esther A., Jemima C., Charles L., Rebecca M., Joanna, Sarah M. and John E. After marriage, Mr. Boyd resided for two years on the home farm, and then located where he now is. In 1867, he located in Topeka, Kan., but returned to his old home in 1868, and resumed farming, having now a comfortable home of sixty-five acres of improved land. Mr. Boyd taught school for some time in this township, and he and wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. ELIAS BOYD, farmer and stock-raiser, is the second son in the family of Philip Y. and Hannah (Danaher) Boyd, natives respectively of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and of Irish and German descent. He was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, January 24, 1836, and when fifteen years old came with his parents to this county, where he assisted in his labors on the farm, attended the common schools three months in each year, and obtaining sufficient education to teach a subscription school. December 17, 1854, he married Miss Isabel O., daughter of Thomas Riddell, which union gave being to seven children—Rozilla H., Theodore, Anna J., Maggie L., Mary B., Philip Thomas and Homer H. In 1857, he located in his present home, which he has improved and made comfortable; it comprises forty acres. Mrs. Boyd is a prominent

member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Boyd was for seven years a Class-leader, and for ten years an exhorter. In 1876, he was ordained a local minister, and has since supplied different charges with much satisfaction. He has also served in several township offices.

A. J. BULLOCK is a native of Randolph County, N. C.; was born May 10, 1838, and is the youngest of the six children of George W. and Mary (Davenport) Bullock, natives respectively of Georgia and North Carolina, and of Irish and English descent. George W. Bullock was married in North Carolina, and there farmed until 1838, when he came north, stopped in Kentucky for a time, and there died. In 1840, Mrs. Bullock rented land in Dick Johnson Township, and in 1848 was married to Peter Muncie, a pioneer. She now resides near Hoosiersville, aged seventy-four years, a member of the Christian Church. Our subject, A. J. Bullock, was but two years old when he was brought hither. He remained with his mother until he was twenty-one years old, when he began the way of life with a \$75 colt. In 1859, he purchased a portion of the Muncie farm, and has added thereto until he has a very excellent property, all the work of industry. July 15, 1860, he married Miss Mary J., daughter of Arthur Helton, a pioneer of this county. Seven children blessed this union—Gamaliel E. (deceased), Bradford A., Henry W., Leona A., Essie A., Elvrey L. and Mary E. Mrs. Bullock is a member of the Christian Church, and Mr. Bullock is an ordained minister of that body since February, 1878, having served as Elder for nine years.

JAMES T. CARRITHERS was born in Vigo County, Ind., April 12, 1827, and is the only living one of ten children born to Thomas and Sarah (Hill) Carrithers, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Thomas Carrithers, emigrated from Kentucky to this State in 1818, and located near where now is Terre Haute. He afterward removed to Sullivan County, and in 1831 to Perry Township, this county; farmed on rented land, and later entered a tract, built a cabin and remained until 1843, when he removed to Putman County, and engaged in the stock business. He was a Republican, a member of the Christian Church, and died September 15, 1868, aged eighty-five. Mrs. Carrithers died July 10, 1867, aged seventy-six years. James T. grew up on the farm, and after manhood rented land until he obtained the means to purchase 220 acres, on which he moved in 1856, erecting a frame house and making other improvements. In the fall of 1859, he exchanged his land for his present home of 280 acres and \$300, to which he moved in 1860. July 5, 1849, he married Miss Mahala, daughter of Nathan D. Walker, one of this county's pioneers. Their union was favored with eight children, of whom five are living—O. T., Mahala F., Margaret A., Nathan H. and Clara A. Mrs. Carrithers died May 17, 1881. In 1872, for better school advantages, Mr. Carrithers removed to Center Point, purchased a property and resided until 1880, when he returned to the farm, which is one of the best as well as one of the most desirable homes in the county. His lands aggregate 480 acres, one of his farms being worth \$50 per acre.

SAMUEL DANHAUER, farmer and stock-raiser, is the oldest son of Elias and Ann (Cummings) Danhauer, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Pennsylvania. Elias Danhauer emigrated to America when twenty-one years old, stopping five years on a farm near Philadelphia, during which time, in 1818, he married, and moved to Muskingum County, Ohio, made a home and reared a family. He was an upright man and

citizen, and closed his life in 1842, aged fifty years. He was a Whig, and, with his wife, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Samuel Danhauer was born January 4, 1819, in Muskingum County, Ohio; remained on the farm until of age, then worked for others until his father's decease, when he labored on the home place for a time before coming to this State, where he arrived with a span of horses, a wagon and \$15. One of these horses he exchanged for forty acres of land, built a cabin and proceeded to make a home, with all the experiences of a pioneer; but by hard labor he acquired 120 acres, with eighty in cultivation, good buildings, etc., besides owning 200 acres in Platte River Valley, which he gave to his children. March 28, 1843, he married Miss Catharine France, who died August 28, 1864, having borne nine children, of whom five are living—John E., David, Washington, Mary A. and Samuel. November 7, 1865, he again married, with a result of three children—Emery, Elza and Thaddeus. Mr. and Mrs. Danhauer belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their son John E. was a soldier in the last war.

JAMES P. DEVORE, retired farmer, was born in Bedford County, Penn., September 3, 1815, and is one of the seventeen children of Philip and Charity Devore, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. Philip Devore was a farmer, who became wealthy in Bedford County, owning at one time 1,000 acres, and being universally esteemed. He died at the age of eighty-four, his wife preceding him. James P. Devore assisted his father on the farm, and attended the subscription schools about six weeks each year. At the age of twenty, he began life for himself with less than \$300. November 10, 1835, he married Miss Margaret, daughter of Samuel and Polly Tomlinson, to which union were born nine children—Mary M., Minerva, Philip, Lovinia, Margaret, Delilah, Melissa, Marcus A. and Laura A. In 1836, Mr. Devore removed to Richland County, Ohio, bought 160 acres of forest land, built a cabin and labored for a home, which he afterward exchanged for 240 acres, on which he moved in 1843, being now the oldest resident of his neighborhood. In 1876, he removed to Brazil, but still superintends the home farm. Mr. Devore has undergone the varied trials of the pioneer, and has noted the wonderful changes of years in this section. He served as Township Trustee a number of years, and built the first schoolhouse in his township. He and wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GUSTAV DIERDORFF, farmer and miner, is the fifth in a family of twelve born to Peter and Sibilla Dierdorff, both natives of Prussia, who emigrated to America previous to 1840, located in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, with but 10 cents in money, and whence, in 1864, they came to this township and ended their lives, the father dying November, 1876, aged seventy, the mother in March, 1869, aged sixty years; the former was a member of the German Reformed, and the latter of the Catholic Church. Our subject was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, April 12, 1845; was reared on the farm, and when of age commenced the struggle of life for himself; afterward dealt in lumber and staves for a number of years. September 19, 1869, he married Miss Margaret, daughter of Michael and Sibilla Siegelin. Five children followed this union—John M., Mary S., Emma J., George W. and Callie E. After marriage, Mr. Dierdorff lived for a time on the paternal farm. In the spring of 1879, he purchased the farm and home on which he now lives, comprising eighty acres, seventy-

five of which are cultivated. Mr. Dierdorff is a liberal and public-spirited citizen, and he and wife are members of the German Reformed Church.

JOHN ELMORE, farmer, was born in Virginia May 8, 1810, and is a son of James R. and Nancy (Daniel) Elmore, natives of Virginia, and of English and Irish descent respectively. He was reared to farming, and when sixteen years of age began working by the month. In 1835, he came with his parents to Ohio. After visiting Indiana, he purchased 135 acres in Muskingum County, Ohio, of which he made a good home. February 11, 1844, he wedded Mrs. Andalusia (Thompson) Adison, to which union were born six children—James R., Levi R., Jane, John T., George A. and Andalusia. Mrs. Elmore died August 23, 1869, aged fifty-five years, and Mr. Elmore next married, May 11, 1881, Mrs. Susan (Matthews) Long, a member of the Christian Church and mother of three children. In 1862, Mr. Elmore sold his farm and removed to and located in this county, purchased eighty acres of forest land, and built a cabin; of this farm fifty acres are now under good cultivation. Mr. Elmore is a well-preserved man of seventy-three years, and cast his first Presidential vote for John Adams, after which he voted with the Whig, and latterly with the Republican party. He has been a hard-working man, and is much esteemed as a citizen.

WILLIAM H. FISHER is the youngest of the six children of Daniel and Mary Fisher, both natives of New Jersey, and of German extraction. He was born August 14, 1837, in Clermont County, Ohio, where his father had previously located, who, in 1843, moved to this county, and located west of Center Point, where he remained until one year before his death, when he removed to Brazil, and there died in October, 1848. Mrs. Fisher is still living with her son John, near Bowling Green, aged eighty-three. The entire family is in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church. William H. Fisher was six years old when he was brought to this county. As soon as old enough he assisted on the home farm, and when twenty years of age began the struggle of life as a learner of the trade of a carpenter, at which he served three years, after which he commenced as a contractor, and has followed this at intervals ever since, having erected a majority of the houses of this neighborhood. September 13, 1860, he married Miss Ann B., eldest daughter of William and Mary Lowdermilk, and a native of this county. This union produced seven children—Allie M., William W., Willis W., Lawrence E., Daniel W., Lairanis and Hannibal. Mr. Fisher has a good farm of eighty acres, with fair improvements, making a comfortable home—the fruition of his hard labor. He and wife are members of the United Brethren Church.

ARTHUR HELTON, stock-raiser and farmer, is a native of this township and State, born January 27, 1839. He passed his boyhood on the parental farm, and was reared to agriculture with such educational facilities as the common schools of that time afforded. He remained at home until manhood, when he located on Section 16, for the purpose of farming. In 1870, he removed to Effingham County, Ill., and after the death of his wife, returned hither, and in 1880 took up his residence on the home farm. In 1865, Mr. Helton enlisted for twelve months' service in Company F, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he performed garrison duty until the war ended, in 1865, when he was discharged. Mr. Helton has been twice married, first in September, 1863, to Miss Rachael A. Whittington, of this county, who died in 1871, leaving four

children. He next married, December 27, 1875, Miss Margaret Cox, also of this county. Mr. Helton has three children living—Elias W., Isaac N. and Mattie L. Mr. Helton is a local minister of the United Brethren Church.

MARTIN VAN B. HELTON, farmer and stock-raiser, is a son of Arthur and Margaret (Muncy) Helton, natives of Tennessee and Virginia respectively. Arthur Helton was a farmer, who removed to Illinois in 1834, and the following year to Vigo County, Ind., where he followed teaming, having before entered land in this township, where he and family experienced all the trials of a pioneer's existence, such as making their own clothing and shoes, and other hardships. By industry and perseverance, however, they succeeded in getting a good home of 340 acres. Mr. Helton was an expert hunter, a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and died in April, 1880. His venerable wife yet lives on the home farm, aged eighty-five years. Martin was born March 7, 1840, and remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years old, when he began for himself as a huckster, and later as a butcher. September 15, 1863, he wedded Miss Mary Cox, of this county, but born in Henry County, Ky., February 4, 1844, and to this marriage succeeded two daughters—Laura and Lilly. In 1864, Mr. Martin Van B. Helton became a member of Company E, Fifty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, served in the Army of the Cumberland, and was discharged June, 1865. After difficulties and failures, he has finally succeeded in acquiring fifty acres of land, now worth \$50 per acre. Mrs. Helton is a member of the United Brethren Church.

CALVIN LOWDERMILK, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in this township February 14, 1839, and is the eldest son of Stephen and Sarah (Bolin) Lowdermilk, natives respectively of South and North Carolina. The father of Stephen Lowdermilk was a large slave-holder. On account of his anti-slavery convictions, Stephen was disinherited by his parents, and began life unaided. At the age of twenty-one years, he married Mary Graves, who died while coming to this State in 1837, leaving ten young children. The family located in Section 29, built a cabin and lived mainly on game, which was then very abundant. Mr. Lowdermilk went on foot to Vincennes to enter his first forty acres, having entered afterward 150 in all. Here he married his second wife, Sarah Bolin. He was an active Methodist, his cabin having been used for church services. He was a man of sound discretion, and for twenty-three years Justice of the Peace, without having a single judgment reversed. He was also importantly connected with the organization of the county and township, and died in September, 1872, aged seventy-eight. Calvin Lowdermilk was reared to the plow, and obtained little education, having been put to work when nine years old. In August, 1862, he enrolled in Company I, Eighty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was in the battles of Thompson's Station, Lookout Mountain, Dallas, the Atlanta campaign and Sherman's seaward march. He received but one slight wound, and was discharged June 13, 1865. After his return, he married, August 16, 1866, Miss Mary Sturdivant, with an issue of three children—Josephine, Lucy B. and Dennis O. Mr. Lowdermilk occupied his present place in 1879, and has a good farm of eighty acres.

NICHOLAS LOWERY, retired farmer, was born in Bedford County, Penn., May 29, 1817, and is the eldest son of William and Elizabeth (Myers) Lowery, respectively of Scotch and German descent. Nicholas

Lowery was reared on a farm and received such education only as he paid for from the wages of 20 cents per day. When nineteen years old, he engaged in boating on the Potomac River, between Cumberland and Harper's Ferry. October 1, 1838, he wedded Miss Sarah Oswalt, of Bedford County, Penn., born July 18, 1813, which marriage was honored by ten children, three of whom only are living—Elizabeth, May and Sylvanus L. Two sons, Daniel and George W., became soldiers in 1861; the former died in Andersonville stockade, having served nearly three years; the latter died in camp near Corinth. After the death of his wife in 1867, Mr. Lowery married, March 21, 1869, Mrs. Susanna (Palen) Stough, of Clay County. In 1844, Mr. Lowery moved with his family to this township, purchased 100 acres, and in 1845 entered forty, of which combined number he has seventy-five under good cultivation, thus affording a valuable property, and a comfortable home, all the result of his unaided labor. He has served as Township Trustee, Supervisor of Roads and Constable. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Lowery of the New Light denomination.

JESSE MAURER, gardener, is a native of Huntingdon County, Penn., was born May 23, 1816, and is the eldest of the five children of Jacob and Mary (Allbaugh) Maurer, natives of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. Jacob Maurer was a cabinet-maker, and during the war of 1812 was a substitute for his brother Daniel, as a soldier, after which he moved to Stark County, Ohio, and in 1825 lost his wife; he then returned to his home in Pennsylvania, and married Barbara Manly. Jesse was reared as a farmer, remained at home until of age, and in 1838 removed to Richland County, Ohio, where he assisted an uncle in his nursery during summer, and taught a school during winter; he also purchased forty acres of land, and engaged in the nursery business and farming for himself until 1850, when he sold the same and came to this county, where he purchased forty acres, and later forty more. This property is solely the result of his own labor and economy. December 1, 1841, he married Miss Margaret Ferree, of Cumberland County, Penn., born July 13, 1818. This union gave issue to four sons and two daughters, of whom the sons only survive—William F., Daniel S., John W. and James L. Mr. Maurer is a member of the Masonic fraternity, a worthy man and respected citizen.

DAVID MOORE, retired farmer, was born in Henry County, Ky., November 2, 1816, and is the seventh son of William and Elizabeth (Roberts) Moore, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and North Carolina, and of Irish descent. David was reared a farmer at home and was wholly deprived of schooling. In the fall of 1835, he removed with his father to this State, and both settled in what is now Van Buren Township, which was then a wilderness, and our subject became an expert hunter, having killed four deer in one day. October 18, 1842, he married Miss Nancy Clark, of Kentucky, who died in 1846, leaving one son—William C. In 1851, Mr. Moore married Miss Marinda, daughter of William McIntosh, of Clay County, to which union were born five children, three of whom are living—Samuel, Margaret A. and Mary C. In the second election in this township, he was elected Trustee, and served thirteen years. In addition to superintending the farm, he managed a shingle machine, and later a saw mill. He was also Superintendent of the first Sabbath school held in this township, and was a prominent helper of the United Brethren Church cause. Mr. Moore was Captain of a military company in 1846, and is now a well-regarded citizen.

WILLIAM PAYNE, stock-raiser and farmer, is a native of Spencer County, Ky.; was born March 14, 1823, and is the eldest son of Robert H. Payne. When eight years of age, his parents emigrated to Putnam County, Ind., and later settled in this county. William remained home with his parents, having been taught farming, until twenty-three years old, when he began the march of life alone by returning to his native State and farming there. January 17, 1850, he married Miss Armilda Downs, of Bullitt County, Ky., which union was graced by one daughter—Rhoda (now Mrs. A. M. Short). After his marriage, Mr. Payne returned to this State and located where he now lives; purchased forty acres and entered forty; then built a cabin and set about to establish a home. By slow degrees and after many toils and hardships, he succeeded in reaching his ambition, the whole of which has been attained by persistent and well-directed diligence. Mrs. Payne is a member of the Baptist Church.

BENNET PAYNE, stock-raiser and farmer, was born in Shelby County, Ky., June 7, 1825, and is the son of Robert H. and Sarah (Whitecotten) Payne, natives of Virginia and Tennessee, and of English descent. Robert H. Payne moved to Putnam County, Ind., in 1831, and entered land where the village of Harmony now is. He afterward entered other land, and built a water-power saw and grist mill, which he operated for five years. He was a man of sound judgment and widely known, having served as Justice of the Peace of the township. He died in 1875, aged seventy-five years, a prominent member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church and a Republican. Bennet was but five years old when he was brought to this State, and was afterward reared a farmer. He also learned the trade of a cooper from his father, and at this he labored during the winter for eight years. In February, 1849, he wedded Miss Ellen, daughter of William McCullough, to which marriage was granted nine children, of whom are living E. G., Albert, Sarah G., Scott, Nancy, Walter and Rachel. In 1852, he purchased his present home, which he improved and which he occupied in 1854. Mr. Payne has experienced the trials and observed the changes of the pioneers, and has a good home of eighty acres. His first Presidential vote was given for Mr. Clay in 1848. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

JOB RIDDELL, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in New Jersey March 4, 1839, and is the eldest son of Thomas and Margaret A. (Chambers) Riddell, natives respectively of Scotland and New Jersey. Thomas Riddell came to this country with an uncle when twelve years of age, and lived in New York, where he afterward married. After the death of his wife, he returned to Scotland, but came again to America, located in New Jersey and remarried. In 1839, he came to this county, where he followed teaching for some years, and entered land in this township. His second wife dying, he married a third time, and entered the land on which our subject now resides. In 1854, he was elected County Recorder; he died September 16, 1860, aged fifty five years. He was a Presbyterian and a Democrat. His wife now lives on the old farm, aged fifty-seven, a member of the New-Light Church. Job Riddell was reared on the farm, with but slender means for education, but this he improved by diligence, and has now a fair education. After his father's death he was appointed to fill the unexpired term as Recorder, after which he engaged in farming on rented land. November 22, 1860, he married Miss Jemima, daughter of John and Nancy Palm, a union followed by

six children—Lea L., Nancy B., John E. and Sarah E. (twins), Charles (deceased) and William D. In the second draft of 1864, he was called to the war service and assigned to Company E, Fifty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served in the Nashville campaign, and was honorably discharged June, 1865. After the war, he resumed farming, and in 1871 purchased twenty acres of the old farm, now one of the best of homes. He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ROBERT M. ROSE, farmer and Justice of the Peace, is a son of William and Sarah Rose, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Indiana. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a Revolutionary soldier under Gen. La Fayette, and took part in the battles of Yorktown and Brandywine. William Rose was one of the minute-men called out during the war of 1812. His parents moved to Indiana in 1816, soon after which event he married and located on land in Union County, where he succeeded in acquiring 320 acres, which he improved. He was in politics a Whig, and died in 1865, aged sixty-nine years, a Christian gentleman. Robert M. Rose was born in Union County, Ind., May 5, 1824. His mother died when he was eleven years old. He was then sent to Butler County, Ohio, where he lived with James Stout until twenty-two years of age, when he essayed to make his way alone. In 1848, he farmed on rented land, and in 1852 came hither to take charge of land given to him by his father. December 30, 1849, he married Miss Mary, daughter of William and Margaret Smith, by which union they had six children, three of whom survive—William S., Robert Mc and Arretta L. In 1853, Mr. Rose engaged in clearing the land of his father, and resided thereon until 1865, when he sold the same and purchased where he now lives, embracing eighty acres of land. Mr. Rose has been a noted squirrel hunter, and is an upright and charitable gentleman. He served one term as Township Trustee and nine years as Justice of the Peace.

CHRISTIAN RUMMEL, blacksmith and farmer, was born in Bedford County, Penn., January 16, 1827, and is one of eight children born to George and Barbara (Dellenbaugh) Rummel, also natives of Pennsylvania, the former of French and German, and the latter of German descent. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier of the Revolution under Gen. Wayne. George Rummel was a blacksmith; emigrated to Richland County, Ohio, in 1836, and in 1844 removed to Clay County, Ind., locating in this township, where he purchased forty and entered eighty acres; he was the first blacksmith in the township, and combined the same with farming, which he continued until his death, August 14, 1851, aged fifty-four years, followed by his wife in 1866. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Christian came to this county when seventeen years of age, with a fair education and his father's trade. November 13, 1850, he wedded Miss America, daughter of Abraham F. Baughman, to which marriage descended a family of eight—Melissa, Winchester, Aurelia, Anna L. (deceased), Christian F., Mary E., Lydia M. and Ida B. After he became twenty-one years old, Mr. Rummel began business for himself as a blacksmith; he was also engaged in farming and teaching. In 1860, he purchased his home of twenty acres, and in 1864 enlisted in Company H, Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, served until July 31, 1865, and was then discharged. Mr. Rummel is an Odd Fellow, and he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A. R. SALLADAY, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Fayette County, Penn., April 15, 1828, and is the eldest son of John and Hannah (Roberts) Salladay, both natives of Pennsylvania. When our subject was six years of age, his parents moved to Guernsey County, Ohio, where he passed his boyhood days, and attended school every winter after his twelfth year. At the age of twenty-one, he began for himself by working for \$100 per year. October 27, 1850, he married Miss Martha J. Barry, of Morgan County, Ohio, daughter of James and Hannah (Fogel) Barry. By this union they became parents of eight children, of whom six are living—Homer, Orlando F., Hannah J., W. Morton, Mary E. and John M. Mrs. Salladay died December 8, 1881, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as is now Mr. Salladay. In the fall of 1854, Mr. Salladay removed to this county, erected a log cabin and began farming; this he sold, and in 1866 he purchased his present home of 130 acres, the original number being 280, which difference he has divided among his sons, all of which has been acquired by his industry and thrift. Mr. Salladay is a leading cattle raiser of the township, and a generally respected citizen.

GEORGE SIEGELIN, stock-raiser and farmer, is the eldest child of Michael and Sibilla (Fleier) Siegelin, natives of Bavaria, who, in 1852, emigrated to America, came to this county, and located on Section 23, where they purchased forty acres, erected a cabin, and settled to clearing and improving their land, on which they are now living in enjoyment of life. Mr. Siegelin is sixty-eight and Mrs. Siegelin sixty-five years of age, both members of the German Reformed Church. George Siegelin was born February 21, 1842, attended school in Germany four years, and afterward here for a short time. At the age of nineteen, he began working as a farm hand. In September, 1864, he was drafted and enrolled in Company E, Fifty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry; served in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, and was discharged in June, 1865. In the fall of 1865, he purchased his present home of eighty acres, but meanwhile working by the month. April 19, 1868, he married Miss Mary, daughter of George and Lina Haag, by which union they became the parents of four children—George E., John L., Charles G. and Flora S. After marriage, Mr. Siegelin occupied his land and gave attention to making a home. He has now a farm of 160 acres, 100 of which are improved and valued at \$50 per acre, a result gained wholly by his own industry and care. He and wife are members of the Lutheran Evangelical Church.

AARON S. SIMONSON, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, December 19, 1819, and is the only son of Jacob and Massa (Sutton) Simonson, natives respectively of New York and New Jersey. Jacob Simonson was a weaver and farmer, and about 1812 married, moved westward, and located on the Miami, where he lost his wife. He soon after remarried, moved to Northern Ohio, and later, after leaving his home to visit his children, he was never again heard from. His father, Abraham Simonson, was a Revolutionary soldier and early settler of Ohio. Aaron S. Simonson was left motherless when three years of age, taken to Franklin County, Ind., and there remained until twenty years of age, when he began for himself as a school teacher, and was engaged for eight years teaching and studying. October 8, 1840, he married Miss Rebecca Morris, of Butler County, Ohio, a union favored with ten children, five of whom are living—Isaac M., Ida M., Nancy A., Ben-

jamin F. and Morton L. In September, 1848, Mr. Simonson moved to his present locality, having purchased 520 acres, and here he built a cabin and began to make a home, at which he labored during the summers and taught during the winters. He has now a good home with improvements, and 120 acres under cultivation. In 1864, he was drafted for the war service, and assigned to Company G, Fifty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, of the corps of Gen. Thomas. He participated in all the battles of that section, and was discharged in June, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Simonson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES SINER, farmer, was born in Hendricks County, Ind., May 24, 1836, and is one of the six children of William and Nancy (Hartman) Siner, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, and of English and German descent, respectively. William Siner moved to Hendricks County in 1832, worked as a farmer, entered land, married and remained until 1837, when he sold and took up land in Putnam County. He bought the first cast plow introduced in that county; also owned the first wind mill, which he erected himself. He left 320 acres at his death—his wife surviving him, aged sixty-eight years; he was a Whig, and later a Republican, also a member of the Campbellite Church. James Siner was reared a farmer, without the opportunities of schooling, and remained at home until his majority. October 9, 1856, he married Miss Jennie, daughter of Henry Johnson, by which union descended seven children—James M., Francis M., William A. (deceased), Sarah, Nancy E., Thomas J. and John A. L. In 1862, Mr. Siner enlisted in Company D, Ninety-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was a part of the Army of the Cumberland. He took part in the battles of Jackson, Resaca, Lookout Mountain and the siege of Atlanta, during which his brother Alfred was killed. He also accompanied the army to the ocean, was in the grand review at Washington, and was discharged in 1865. In 1868, he occupied his present farm of 120 acres, 115 of which are improved. He is a Freemason, and he and wife are members of the New-Light Church.

JOHN E. SLACK, farmer, is a son of William and Margery (Lowdermilk) Slack, both natives of North Carolina, and of German and English extraction. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was a Revolutionary soldier. William Slack was a farmer, managed the home farm after his father's death until 1831, when he emigrated to this State and township, and taught a school on Eel River. January, 1833, he married, entered land, and built the first hewn-log house on Birch Creek. He also raised tobacco and made cigars; has been the father of six sons and four daughters, and is the oldest resident of this township. His son, Ira B., was killed at the battle of Resaca during the last war. John E. Slack was born October 10, 1842, was brought up on a farm, and acquired but little education. He afterward worked at carpentering until September, 1864, at which time he was drafted into Company G, Fifty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, assigned to the Cumberland Army. He was present at the battles of Franklin and Nashville, was in many skirmishes, and was discharged June, 1865. After returning he resumed farming, having now a good farm of sixty acres, and with many improvements. November 25, 1866, he married Miss Lovina, daughter of Michael McCullough, of Putnam County, and to this union have followed seven children—Effie, Haalon D., Michael

E., William R., James H., Clarence E. and Edna. Mr. Slack is a Freemason, and he and wife belong to the Christian Church.

RENEY STURDEVANT, one of the pioneers of Clay County, Ind., was born in Virginia July 18, 1818, and was a son of John and Mary Sturdevant, both natives of Virginia, and of German extraction. In his infancy, his parents moved to North Carolina, where they lived until 1826, when they came to the territory of Indiana, and settled in what is now Clay County, but after a time removing to Iowa, where the father died, and the mother still lives at the age of ninety years. The subject of this sketch has been identified with the growth and interests of the county since his childhood, having come here when it was a wilderness, with few white settlers, and before the removal of the Indians. He has followed farming and trading all his life, and for four years has kept a store and market in Hoosierville, where he resides. He was married, October 1, 1838, to Martha Payne. Eleven children were born to this union, nine of whom are living, all prosperous farmers. In politics, Mr. Sturdevant has always been a Democrat. He has filled the office of Trustee of the township two terms satisfactorily. He is respected by all, and although his own education was entirely neglected, he has given his children good opportunities.

JAMES L. UNDERWOOD, stock-raiser and farmer, is a native of Marion County, Ohio; was born November 25, 1838, and is the eldest of the family of Elihu and Elizabeth (Linder) Underwood, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. Elihu Underwood is a farmer, and removed in his boyhood to Ohio with his parents, where he married. In 1855, he came to this county, located near Middlebury, and purchased eighty acres, which after ten years he sold and purchased 120 acres in this township where he now resides. James L. Underwood was brought to this county by his parents when fifteen years of age, and remained at home until he was thirty years old. January 7, 1868, he married Miss Jahaza, a daughter of Solomon Humphrers, a pioneer. This union was happy in the birth of nine children, four living, viz., William W., George W., Elihu E. and McClain. Mr. Underwood, soon after his marriage, located in his present home consisting of forty acres of well-improved land. He was elected Township Trustee in 1882, and has proved a most efficient officer. He is a public-spirited, honorable gentleman, and generally esteemed.

ANDREW J. WOOLF is the eldest son of John and Mary (Stangle) Woolf, natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. John Woolf when a boy located in Ohio, and in 1833 removed to Fayette County, Ind., where he married, and in 1848 removed to this county; he afterward purchased 480 acres of land near Ashersville, where he has since resided. He is now seventy-two and his wife seventy years of age; the former is a Democrat and the latter belongs to the Lutheran Church. Andrew J. Woolf was born in Fayette County, Ind., September 3, 1841, and was eight years old when brought to this county. He assisted his father in clearing his land, and remained at home until 1866, at which period he purchased an interest in a steam saw mill, southwest of Staunton; this he sold after a time, and resumed farming on a part of the paternal farm. In 1869, he located on his present place, which he has largely improved. April 5, 1868, he married Miss Lizzie B., daughter of Jacob and Catherine Leidlinger, and has been blessed with seven children—Philip, Jesse, Thirza, Emma, Jackson, Bertie and Roy. Mr. Woolf, in connection with

his brothers John and William D., engaged in the steam saw mill business, at Ashersville, which afterward came into his hands, and which he yet operates in addition to his farm of 240 acres. Mr. Woolf has held several minor township offices, and is a public-spirited citizen.

AMOS H. WRIGHT, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Washington Township, this county, March 26, 1880, and is the youngest son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Deal) Wright, natives respectively of South Carolina and Pennsylvania. Elijah Wright emigrated to Indiana in early manhood, located in Harrison County, and married; but in 1827 removed to Clay County, entered 180 acres, and erected a cabin. In 1835, he sold this land and opened a farm on Clay Prairie, where Mrs. Wright died, leaving six children. He subsequently married again, moved to Missouri, and died in 1856, aged fifty-five years. Amos H. Wright, being left motherless at five years of age, was reared by his step-grandfather, Amos W. Hedge, who came hither in 1835. Our subject endured many hardships, having been without shoes until his seventh year. He began for himself when twenty years of age, with a few cattle and hogs. February 8, 1852, he married Miss Ailey Jane, daughter of Daniel and Polly Fisher, as a result of which there are living the following children—Daniel and William (twins), Amos H., Theodore, Emory, Ota and Mary M. After marriage, Mr. Wright rented his step-grandfather's farm, and in 1870 purchased the old homestead. He has now, in all, 331 acres, of which 200 are cultivated. He has lived in this township nearly fifty years, and has noted the many changes of that period. In the early days he was an expert hunter. While a resident of Missouri, he assisted in killing five bears and one panther, and has known a day's hunt to result in killing thirty-six deer. He has been a large wheat-grower of this county, having grown from 300 to 700 bushels per year. Mrs. Wright belongs to the United Brethren Church.

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JOHN ANDERSON was born in Monroe County, Ind., July 8, 1820, and is the fifth of eleven children of Isaac and Barbara (Dyer) Anderson, the former a native of Maryland and of English, the latter a native of Delaware, and of Irish, descent. They came to this county in April, 1821, and located in this township, of which neighborhood they were pioneers, and where Isaac Anderson died. The country was then a wilderness, in the depth of which John was reared; obtained but very little education, and was reared to manhood at the labor of a farmer. October 4, 1846, he married Sarah Cagle, a native of North Carolina, and daughter of John and Sarah (Lathem) Cagle, to which union were born six children--Levi (deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), James, Ezekiel (deceased), Isaac B. and Ellen. Mr. Anderson is one of the pioneers of this county, and follows the trade of a carpenter and wagon-maker. He has seen the growth of this region, the disappearance of the log cabins, and the substitution of modern dwellings. Mr. Anderson is a much-esteemed citizen.