

Asahel Chandler was born in Warren County, Ohio, September 26, 1820, the third son of Aaron and Hannah (Ward) Chandler. His father was born in Delaware, a son of David and Martha (Pierce) Chandler, and the mother of our subject was a native of New Jersey, of English ancestry and a daughter of Isaac Ward, who settled in Warren County, Ohio in 1814. David Chandler was a native of the State of Delaware, whose ancestors came from Wiltshire, England in 1687; he settled in Red Stone, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and when the father of our subject was about fifteen years of age, he moved with his family to Warren County, Ohio, where Aaron grew to manhood, and married Hannah Ward, by whom he had twelve children, of whom nine reached maturity. His wife died in 1838, aged forty-two years, and he subsequently married Maria Ward, a sister of his first wife, and to them was born four children. Mr. Chandler died in 1875 at the advanced aged of eighty-one years. He was an active and consistent member of the Society of Friends, as were also his wives. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but later in life affiliated with the Republican Party.

Asahel Chandler, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits. His educational advantages were limited to the primitive log cabin subscription schools of that early day, but by close application to his studies, during his leisure hours, he obtained a good, practical education, and at the age of twenty years he began teaching school teaching for five terms, when he engaged in coopering, working at that trade at the saddle and harness maker's trade, which he followed successfully for a period of twenty years. During this time he also dealt in real estate to some extent. In 1863, he began clerking in a dry goods store at Waynesville, being thus engaged five years, when he engaged in the same business on his own account, which he followed until 1873. In the spring of 1878, he came with his family to Jay County, Indiana, locating one mile north of Pennville on the Jonathan Hiatt farm, residing there five years. He then came to Pennville, where he has since lived retired from active business life, enjoying the fruits of his years of toil. Mr. Chandler was married October 31, 1866, to Miss Calista Hiatt, who was born in Penn Township, Jay County, February 24, 1837, a daughter of Jonathan and Ruth Hiatt, who were natives of North Carolina, and among the pioneers of Jay County. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler - Wilber Hiatt, born August 9, 1867 and Edgar A., born September 12, 1869 and died August 16, 1870.

Mr. Chandler has held many offices of trust and responsibility in his native county. He is a self-made man, having by his own industry and unwavering energy acquired a large property, which he is using in surrounding himself and family with all the necessary comforts of life, and every worthy enterprise which he deems of public benefit has his encouragement and support. In his political views he is a Republican. He is a member of the Society of Friends. Mrs. Chandler and her son are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.