

Henry Stoner, farmer, section 17, Madison Township, was born in Preble County, Ohio, April 19, 1810. His early life was spent in that county, and he was married there October 9, 1830, to Miss Elizabeth Loy, who was born near Middletown, Montgomery County, Ohio July 8, 1811. She was reared and married in Preble County. Her father, Peter Loy, was born in Maryland and died in Madison Township, this county. Her mother, Catherine (Temple) Loy, was also born in Maryland. The parents were married in Montgomery County, Ohio, where they lived for some time, when they moved to Preble County, Ohio, near West Alexandria, where they lived until they came to this county in 1830. Their children were Michael, Elizabeth, Jacob, Adam, Samuel, John, Mary A., Margaret, Henry and Catharine. All came to this county except Mrs. Stoner, Jacob and Michael. Her mother died in this county at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Stoner's father, Benjamin Stoner was born in Maryland December 1, 1766 and died in Preble County, Ohio in January, 1821. His mother, Keziah (Morris) Stoner was born in Maryland in 1781. They were married in their native state and removed to Preble County in 1804, where they passed the remainder of their days. They were the parents of nine children: John, Lewis, Charlotte, Nancy, Henry, Betsy, Frederick, Mary J. and Barbara. All are deceased except Henry and Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoner had ten children – Mary Magdalene, born March 17, 1835, died April 24, 1860; David born July 9, 1836; Jacob, born October 9, 1838; Catherine, born November 23, 1840, died March 5, 1846; Lewis, born June 1, 1844; Francis H., born November 2, 1846; Amanda E., born November 17, 1848, and three unnamed died in infancy in Preble County.

Mr. Stoner was a great hunter and an excellent marksman. His ax and gun made him a good living the early days. He removed to this county in 1849, locating on the farm he now occupies and owns. He built a hewed-log cabin, which is still standing south of his present house and is occupied as a store-room. His milling was done at Richmond and Greenville, although there was a horse-mill near, that was owned and operated by Jesse Eblin, but the work was unsatisfactory. He came with sufficient means to pay for his land and that was all. He now has 156 acres of land on section 17 and also eighty-five acres of well improved land on section 7.

Mrs. Stoner's material grandparents, Michael and Margaret (Heffner) Temple, were born in Maryland and died near Middletown, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents, Adam and Barbara Loy, were also born in Maryland and both died in Preble County, Ohio.

Mr. Stoner's first tax after coming to this county was \$18. His taxes in 1886 were \$137.65.