

PHILIP SHADLE, an active and enterprising farmer of Chester Township, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Lebanon County, April 14, 1825. His parents, Philip and Mary (McGlade) Shadle, were natives of the same State, the father born in Center County, the mother having been brought from Ireland to Dauphin County by her parents when two years old. They were married in Dauphin County, and subsequently removed to Lebanon County, where they made their home for thirty-five years. They then removed to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1836, and one year later removed to Holmes County, Ohio, where they resided from the spring of 1838 until the fall of 1847. The father then traded his Ohio property for 110 acres of wild land in Wells County, Indiana, to which place he removed. Procuring a cabin to move in he went to hewing logs for a hewed log house, he being a carpenter by trade, this being the first house of the kind built in that section of the county.

Philip Shadle, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in Wayne and Holmes counties, Ohio, and was married in Wayne County, Ohio, August 7, 1845, to Miss Margaret Donnelly, a native of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Fannie (Singer) Donnelly, who were also natives of the State of Pennsylvania. They left their native State for Wayne County, Ohio, about 1835, and in 1850 removed to Holmes County, where they lived until their death. Mr. and Mrs. Shadle have had fifteen children born to them, of whom twelve yet survive: Mary Jane, wife of Winfield Venham; Zilla, wife of J. M. Venham, now living in Sacramento Valley, California; William; Newton; Lusetta, wife of John Godfrey; Reason A., Ellen, Samuel, John, Eli, Oscar and Ada. Those deceased are: Chambers, Lissa and Philip.

Mr. Shadle came to Wells County with his family the year following his father's settlement in the county, and located on a tract of fifty-five acres of the old homestead. The first year he made his home with his parents, and the following year put up an addition to the old house. His mother died in January, 1855, his father surviving until 1874. He followed carpentering the greater part of his life, our subject attending to the duties of the farm. Mr. Shadle has always been an industrious citizen, and since coming to the county has cleared much land, and is now the owner of 183 acres, of which 150 acres is cleared, and this, with the exception of about twenty-five acres, has been done by himself with the assistance of his sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Shadle are members of the United Presbyterian church at Warren. Mr. Shadle has always taken an active interest in the public affairs of his township or county, and has served his township efficiently as trustee in all six years, filling that position when considerable tact was required to bring the finances of the township to a proper condition. In politics he is a Republican, and for a number of years was chairman of the Republican committee in Chester Township. He is a prominent and influential man in Chester Township, and during his long residence in the county has gained the confidence and respect of all who know him.

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