

On December 3, 1884, Mr. Schwenk was married in Woodford County, Illinois, to Miss Gertrude Fandel, who was born in that county, daughter of Nicholas and Eve (Alic) Fandel, natives of Germany, who were married in Woodford County. There they were engaged in agricultural pursuits for a long period, only retiring to Metamora when upwards of seventy years of age, and there Mr. Fandel still makes his home at the age of eighty-two years. He has been a prominent man in his community during his day, still takes an active interest in the success of the democratic party, and is a faithful member of the Catholic Church. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwenk: Rose, who is the wife of John Eckstein, a farmer of Davis Township, and has two sons and three daughters; Josephine, who is single and resides on the farm with her parents; Otmer and Rudolph, who reside at home and assist their father in the handling of the farm; Amelia and Hilda, well educated young women, who industriously assist their mother; Leo, who is fifteen years of age, and at the present time a pupil in the public schools; Peter and Veronica, twins, aged thirteen years, who are now attending the graded schools; Bertha, who is eight years old and also a public school pupil in the Davis Township district schools; and Freda, the baby, who is four years old.

Mr. Schwenk and his sons are all supporters of the policies of the republican party. Since coming to Starke County, however, Mr. Schwenk has not sought public preferment at the hands of his fellow citizens. Those enterprises and movements which have for their object the betterment of conditions in civic, educational or religious life have always had his earnest and enthusiastic support, and his ready adoption of new methods and inventions in his work has done much to raise the agricultural standard here. As a result he has formed many friendships among the men who have stood for betterment in all the walks of life. Mr. Schwenk and his family are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, belonging to Holy Cross Parish at Hamlet.

FRED R. MICKOW. One of the younger members of the agricultural community of Starke County who is achieving successful results in the carrying on of his vocation is Fred R. Mickow, the owner of a finely cultivated tract of 120 acres located in section 13, Davis Township. This is one-half of the homestead originally settled on by his father, and under the son's active and energetic management has been brought to a high state of development, now yielding him large crops and placing him among the substantial men of his part of the county. He was born at Plymouth, Indiana, December 10, 1884, and is a son of John C. and Anna (Wehers) Mickow.

John C. Mickow was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, of German parentage and French extraction, and was about sixteen years of age when brought to the United States. Here he was reared in a farming community and received ordinary educational advantages, and when the Civil war broke out enlisted for service in Company K, Forty-fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He had an excellent record as a

soldier, participating in numerous hard-fought engagements, and on several occasions narrowly escaped death, at one time being knocked down by a musket ball which struck and nearly penetrated his knapsack. On his return to the pursuits of peace he learned the trade of cooper, but the introduction of machinery in the manufacture of staves soon took away his means of livelihood, and he turned his attention to bridge-building. While thus engaged, and as a carpenter, Mr. Mickow went to Fort Wayne, where he met and married Miss Anna Wehers. She had been born in that city in 1851, and died at the family home, to which they had retired, at Hamlet, February 21, 1912. Mrs. Mickow was a daughter of Henry Wehers, who was born in Germany, and after the death of his first wife, at Hanover, during the early '40s, came to the United States and settled at Fort Wayne, Indiana, with his only son. That thriving city was at that time only a small hamlet, the citizens of which had just succeeded in driving the hostile Indians from the territory, and the chief of this tribe had been shot from an apple tree the day before Mr. Wehers' arrival. He was married there a second time, his wife being Miss Sophia Keiser, of German birth, and a member of a family prominent in the history of Fort Wayne. Rev. Henry Wehers, Jr., is now an aged minister of the Lutheran Church, and makes his home at Glen View, Illinois. Of the fourteen children born to John C. and Anna Mickow, seven grew to maturity, one of whom, Herman, died in 1913, leaving a widow and two children. Those living are as follows: Mrs. Mary Vieting, wife of Henry Vieting, a successful farmer of Davis Township, who has four children; George, a farmer of Davis Township, who married Emma Rossau, and has two sons and two daughters; Fred R., of this review; Theodore, who is single and makes his home at Knox, Indiana; Ida, who is the wife of Herbert Schoff, of Laporte, Indiana, and has a baby daughter; Martha, who is the wife of William Willie, a painter and lithographer of Chicago, and has a baby son.

Fred R. Mickow was two and one-half years of age when he accompanied his parents to Davis Township, the father taking up 240 acres of land in section 13. Here the youth grew to manhood, dividing his time between assisting his father and attending the district schools, and in 1906 took charge of his present tract, although he did not become its owner until November, 1912. On this property are to be found a large white house, erected in 1901; a commodious barn, 40 by 70 feet, built in 1896; a well-equipped granary; corn cribs with 2,000 bushels capacity, and other good structures. The land is well cultivated and thoroughly drained, and yields large crops of wheat and oats. Mr. Mickow has been an adherent of modern methods in his work, and his property shows the beneficial effects of good management and well-directed industry.

Mr. Mickow was married at Hamlet, Indiana, to Miss Cora M. Lotter, who was born in Adams County, Indiana, in July, 1884, and educated there. She is the youngest of nine living and three deceased children born to John P. and Catherine (Eichler) Lotter, natives of Germany, who were married in their native land and shortly thereafter came to the United

States and located on a farm in the vicinity of Middletown, Ohio, where they spent several years. Subsequently the family came to Adams County, Indiana, and there the father died in 1892, at the age of fifty-four years, following which his widow and children removed to Hamlet, where the mother passed away August 15, 1912, when nearly seventy-one years of age, having been born September 25, 1841. She was a devout member of the Lutheran Church.

Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Mickow: Burton, who was born October 2, 1909; and Hermena, born February 18, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Mickow are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a democrat in his political views, and in 1914 was a candidate by his party for member of the advisory board. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and has always been a friend of any movement that has promised to advance the standards of agriculture, education or citizenship.

HORACE J. CHILDS. Since his arrival in Starke County, in May, 1886, after a long and tedious journey overland by team, Horace J. Childs has been identified with the agricultural interests of Davis Township, where he is now the owner of a handsome property in section 23. His career has been one of signal usefulness, for, from the time of his advent here he has associated himself with movements for the advancement and development of the community's interests, and at various times has been called upon to represent his fellow citizens in positions of responsibility and trust, and at this time is superintendent of roads for the first district of the township, serving for the third time in this capacity.

Horace J. Childs, who is better known among his friends, perhaps, as "Tim" Childs, was born November 15, 1865, in Erie County, Ohio, and was five years of age when he was taken by his parents to Huron County, that state, he being there reared and educated. He was one of the eleven children (eight sons and three daughters, including two pair of twins) born to Horace J. and Elizabeth D. (Johnson) Childs. The father was born in the State of New York and the mother in Erie County, where they were married, and there began their housekeeping on a farm. In Erie County there were born to them: Frances; Ida; Sidney J., who is now county auditor of Starke County, Indiana, and his twin, Simeon S.; Mary A.; Horace J., and Herman. Ashley A., George and Benjamin were born in Huron County, where the family resided from 1870 until the fall of 1886, then coming to Davis Township, Starke County. The father here followed agricultural pursuits on his eighty-acre farm until his retirement, when he removed to his home at Hamlet Village, and there passed away in September, 1914, aged eighty-six years, eight months, one day. Mrs. Childs died in 1912, aged about eighty years. Both were good Christian people, winning the respect and regard of their neighbors and rearing their children to lives of honesty and industry. Mr. Childs was a republican, but took no active part in political affairs.

Horace J. Childs had not yet reached his majority when, seeking a field in which to make a home for himself and a position among substantial men, he set out from the parental homestead in Huron County, Ohio,

with his twin brother, Herman W., who is still surviving, is in business at Hamlet, and is married, with a son and a daughter. The journey to the unknown locality of Starke County was made with a team, and after some difficulty the brothers found the property which had been purchased by their father some two years before, a tract of eighty acres of land located in section 24, Davis Township, and now included within the corporate limits of the Village of Hamlet. Several months later their parents and the other children followed them here, and the land was all improved by them and later sold. Subsequently, in 1894, Horace J. Childs purchased sixty acres in section 22, this being all a wild marsh land, which has since been put under a high state of cultivation. An industrious and enterprising man, Mr. Childs has made improvements of the most modern and approved character, and his entire property gives eloquent evidence of the presence of able management. The residence is a substantial eight-room house, painted white, which is pleasantly located, comfortably furnished and with the latest comforts and conveniences; the barn is 32 by 16 feet in dimensions, with a lean-to; and there are also good cribs, a granary and several other outbuildings, all in the best of repair. Mr. Childs carries on general farming, growing an average of forty-five bushels of corn to an acre on twenty-five acres, and wheat and oats in proportion, and has also met with excellent success in the raising of stock, having a good herd of Holstein and Jersey cattle and selling their product in Chicago. He also grows mules and horses, is known as a good judge of livestock, and in business circles has gained and maintained an excellent reputation for honorable and straightforward dealing.

Mr. Childs was married in Davis Township, Starke County, to Miss Sarah E. Harness, who was born in Laporte County, Indiana, in April, 1863, and educated in that county, a daughter of James Harness. Mr. Harness was a native of New York, and as a young man went to Laporte County, Indiana, arriving before the departure of the Indians from that locality. There Mrs. Harness died in middle life, leaving twelve children, the youngest of whom was Mrs. Childs, who was thirty-three years of age when her father died in 1896, aged seventy-nine years. To Mr. and Mrs. Childs there have been born the following children: Ellsworth C., born December 4, 1893, a graduate of the graded and high schools, who since 1914 has been identified with the Pennsylvania Railroad as bill clerk at the Hamlet Station; Myrtle Letha, born October 23, 1897, a member of the graduating class of 1915, at the Hamlet High School; and C. Esther, born September 24, 1905, who is attending the graded schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Childs and their children are well known in this part of Starke County and have numerous friends, Mrs. Childs being particularly a favorite with the members of the Methodist Episcopal congregation, with which she has been associated for some years. A republican in his political views, Mr. Childs has taken some active part in politics, and is considered one of his party's strong and influential men in his township. He is now serving his third term as supervisor of roads, and has proven a very active and capable official.

HENRY C. SCHULTZ. The qualities of persistence, adaptability, common sense and good judgment that have prevailed in the energetic career of Henry C. Schultz, of Davis Township, have won him an enviable position among the substantial agriculturists of his part of Starke County. By birth, nurture and training, Mr. Schultz is a son of Indiana, and by inheritance, training and inclination is a farmer, and this combination has made his life a singularly successful and satisfactory one. He was born in the vicinity of his present home, in Davis Township, Starke County, Ind., August 26, 1866, and is a son of Christopher and Henrietta (Summerfeldt) Schultz.

Christopher Schultz was born in West Prussia, Germany, July 15, 1820, and came of a good German family. As a youth he adopted the vocation of shepherd, which his father had followed before him, and continued to be engaged in that calling as long as he remained in the Fatherland, having also some experience in a small way in farming. In the fall of 1849 Mr. Schultz established a home of his own when he was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Summerfeldt, who had been born near her husband's birthplace, January 18, 1820, and belonged to a family of small farmers. In Germany, two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schultz: William and Herman. A long-cherished ambition was realized when Mr. and Mrs. Schultz and their two children embarked on a sailing vessel from Hamburg, Germany, with America as their destination. Six weeks later they landed at Quebec, Canada, and then made their way to the United States, the first location of the family being at Blue Island, Illinois, where the father found employment on various farms. While living in that locality a daughter, Amelia, was born, but she died when still a child, in 1871. In 1861 the family went to Tolleston, Lake County, Indiana, where Mr. Schultz was employed by the Pittsburgh & Chicago Railroad for two years, and came with that line to Hamlet, Indiana. During all this time Mr. Schultz had carefully saved his earnings and with German thrift and economy had managed to accumulate some small sum of money, having ever in view the determination to become the owner of his own home and property. When he arrived at Hamlet he was at once struck by the possibilities which were offered here to the man of ambition and industry, and accordingly he purchased fifty acres, all wild land, near the station, this being a part of his son's present homestead.

On this property Christian Schultz began his life as a Starke County farmer, and here was the scene of his labors from that time forward and the field of his well-earned success. With the aid of his faithful and industrious wife and sturdy sons he cleared and improved his Davis Township tract, as well as a farm in Oregon Township, where Mrs. Schultz died February 14, 1897, and some time later Mr. Schultz went to live with his son, Henry C., and here passed away, March 28, 1914. He and Mrs. Schultz were members of the Lutheran Church and did much to build it up here, being "first" members. They were known as good neighbors and most estimable people, and won and retained the respect and esteem of all who knew them. Mr. Schultz was a republican,

and when, in the fall of 1860, at Crown Point, Indiana, he listened to the speech of Abraham Lincoln, he became more thoroughly converted to the republican belief, and continued as a supporter of that party up to the time of his death. While he was not particularly active as a politician, he was ever ready to perform his share of the duties of citizenship, and served most capably in the capacity of township trustee of Davis Township. He and his wife had one child born to them in Lake County, Indiana, Henrietta, who is the wife of Adolph C. Lambrecht, a farmer of Deer River, Minnesota. Henry C. is the only child to be born in Starke County. William, who died February 28, 1913, was married and left a widow and son, Benjamin, and two daughters, Minerva and Nellie. Herman, a stone mason, is married and lives at Denver, Colorado, and is the father of two sons and three daughters.

Henry C. Schultz, the youngest of his parents' children, has always been a resident of Davis Township. Here he was reared on the homestead place, being granted excellent educational advantages, and attending the district schools and the Valparaiso Normal School. When he entered upon his career he chose the vocation of educator, becoming teacher in the Jolly School, District No. 1, in the fall of 1886. In 1888 he secured forty acres of his present property and in 1894 added to it the other eighty acres, but for eighteen years continued his activities as teacher during the winter months, while his activities in an agricultural way were confined to the summers.

At the present time Mr. Schultz is freely recognized as one of the best farmers in his part of Starke County. Eighty acres of his property are included within the corporation of Hamlet, and the entire farm is one of the most valuable in this locality, both by reason of its productiveness and its improvements. He grows twenty-five acres of wheat, the yield being thirty bushels per acre; twenty acres of oats, with a yield of fifty bushels to the acre; and twenty-five acres of corn, which also has an excellent yield. Mr. Schultz' buildings include a modern, nine-room house, built in 1896; a large feed barn, 30 by 50 feet; a barn for horses and cattle, 16 by 30 feet; granary, 16 by 20 feet; machinery house, 10 by 30 feet, and numerous other buildings. These are kept in the best of repair and present an attractive appearance, the house being painted gray, while the other buildings are all red. Graded stock, grain and general produce yield him a comfortable income, and his surroundings are such as contribute to his most sensible and practical needs. He is highly respected in the community, and is one of the township's substantial and reliable native sons.

Mr. Schultz was married in Davis Township, to Miss Carrie Belle Patrick, who was born in Washington Township, Starke County, Indiana, December 20, 1871, and reared and educated at North Vernon, subsequently becoming a teacher in the district schools of Davis Township, when twenty-one years of age, and teaching for three years. She is a daughter of Solomon and Sarah J. (Shetterly) Patrick, born in Pennsylvania and married in Jennings County, Indiana, from whence they came with their first-born to Starke County prior to the Civil war and lo-

cated in Washington Township. When the struggle between the North and the South broke out, Mr. Patrick was farming in Washington Township, and it was not until the year 1864 that he enlisted as a private in an Indiana regiment of volunteers, with which he continued until the close of the war, less than one year later, seeing no very active service. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick died within three months of each other, in 1907, being aged, respectively, seventy-eight and seventy-six years. They were faithful members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Patrick was a republican in politics.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schultz there have been born two sons: Howard E., born June 24, 1902, now in the sixth grade at school; and Carl Gordon, born January 24, 1906, in second grade. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are Methodists. He is a republican and has served four years as township trustee of Davis Township, and has contributed to the educational interests of this locality as a member of the school board of the Town of Hamlet, having been particularly instrumental in securing the high school for that community.

JACOB F. HANSELMAN. Here is a name that has been identified with Starke County settlement for upwards of half a century. It has become honored and respected through long years of successive industry, business integrity and moral character. Few families of the county have been longer established, and none have borne their part in community affairs with greater credit to themselves and with more practical usefulness to the community than the Hanselmans. The late Jacob F. Hanselman was an early settler, a thrifty farmer, a man who developed a large acreage of land, and left a family to honor his memory and to continue the good work begun by him in the early days. Two of his sons, William and David Hanselman, are highly respected members of the community in Oregon Township, owning excellent farms in sections 31 and 32, and are known not only as growers of the usual grain crops, but every year produce large quantities of onions and potatoes and are in every way up to the mark of the Starke County successful farmer.

The late Jacob F. Hanselman was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, October 24, 1826. He was a son of John and Augusta (Giesler) Hanselman, who belonged to substantial German Lutheran stock. Besides Jacob F., two daughters, Rosanna and Emeline, were born in Germany, and in 1832 all of them set out for the United States, embarking on a sailing vessel which was thirty days on the ocean, with a somewhat rough voyage. They landed in New York, went to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where John Hanselman employed himself at different kinds of labor. While at Allentown two other children were born, Margaret and William. All these children are now deceased, and all were married and left families. From Pennsylvania the Hanselmans moved to Ohio and spent twenty-two or twenty-three years in those two states.

It was while a young man in Ohio that Jacob F. Hanselman married his first wife, who was Augusta Myers. He brought his wife out to Kosciusko County, Indiana, where she and her infant child both died.

John Hanselman and wife also came to Kosciusko County, where he died at the age of seventy-two and she at sixty-nine. They were quiet, reserved people, were of the Lutheran Church, and lived lives of usefulness. After the death of his wife and child Jacob F. Hanselman went back to Ohio and in Starke County married Mary Ann Flora. She was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1836. In 1865 Jacob F. Hanselman located in Cass County, Indiana, in 1867 moved to Kosciusko County, and in 1869 found a new home in Starke County. He settled on wild land in section 32 of Oregon Township, where he and his brother-in-law, William Hoffer, bought adjoining forties. The only improvement was a log cabin situated on the Hoffer forty acres, and Jacob Hanselman built his own house from timber which he cut down with his own hands. He went ahead with the improvement of the acreage, was assisted by his sons, and subsequently bought the Hoffer forty acres. He died on his first home, the original forty, February 2, 1900. His widow died at her home in Hamlet, March 26, 1915, and on April 10, 1915, would have been seventy-nine years of age. Multiplied years had left her somewhat enfeebled, and she is one of the women who have seen almost half a century pass over Starke County. The late Jacob F. Hanselman was a democrat, at one time served as supervisor of his township, and in religion was a member of no one church.

The children of Jacob F. Hanselman and wife were as follows: Noah, who is unmarried and lived with his mother at Hamlet; Catherine Ann is the wife of Alfred Meyers of Jackson Township, and their children are Jacob I., Ira, Henry, Llewellyn, Ora and Pearl; William, the next in order, is the subject of a special paragraph in this sketch; David is also mentioned below; Jacob, who was born in Ohio, May 13, 1865, died December 23, 1890, as a result of an accidental shooting while hunting on December 16th, and was unmarried; Florence, who was born in Cass County, Indiana, April 17, 1867, is the wife of Albert Singleton, of Hamlet, and their children are Ola, Leona, Charles, Dollie, Roddy and Doris; Rosa, who was born in Starke County, Indiana, April 22, 1869, is the wife of Freeman T. Stanton, a Marshall County farmer, and their children are Ada, Roy, Nora, Cuba, Vada, Tillis and Violet; Mary, who was born in Starke County, Indiana, November 22, 1871, is the wife of Leonidas Davis, of Hamlet, and they have a son Elzie; Charles, who was born in August, 1873, died fifteen months later; one child, Cora, died in infancy.

William Hanselman, who is one of the prominent farmer citizens of Oregon Township, was born in Stark County, Ohio, March 20, 1861. The first five of his parents' children were all born in Ohio. He was reared and educated in Starke County, Indiana, from the age of nine, and now lives on the forty acres formerly comprised in the Hoffer home, above mentioned. It is fine land, has excellent improvements, and Mr. Hanselman has recently constructed a six-room dwelling, with all the comforts and has other buildings on the farm, including a silo. William Hanselman married Sadie M. Steen. Their children are: William Shirley,

Werddie W., Forest A. and Harley E. Two of these children are in school.

David Hanselman was born in Stark County, Ohio, June 18, 1863, and was brought in early childhood to Indiana. Since 1901 his home has been in section 31 of Oregon Township, and from a wild, wooded condition he has brought his land into cultivation until it is now regarded as equal to any farm property in this section. His holdings comprise 120 acres, and among the improvements is a large nine-room house, with a barn 53 by 39 feet for stock and grain and crib room for 1,000 bushels of corn. His farm has all the qualities of land for the production of large crops of corn, wheat and oats, and he is one of the thrifty and progressive men of his township. David Hanselman was married in Starke County to Miss Clara Turner. She was born in Davis Township, Starke County, June 21, 1867, grew up in her home community and lived in Davis and Oregon townships until her marriage. Her parents were William and Hester Turner, both natives of England, who were among the pioneers of Starke County, having settled here about 1850, the year the county was organized. In 1856 they located in the wilderness of Davis Township, and there developed a home from pioneer conditions. William Turner enlisted in Company C of the Fifty-sixth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers and saw three years of active service as a private soldier in the Union army. After the war he lived quietly and industriously in Starke County, and both he and his wife died here. When the Pennsylvania Railroad was built through this section of Indiana he was employed in its construction during 1851. Politically he was a republican, and his church was the Presbyterian. David Hanselman and wife have a daughter, Edna, who was born June 14, 1894, graduated from the eighth grade of the public schools, and is now the wife of George Lerch, and they live with Mr. and Mrs. David Hanselman. They have a son, Marvin, who was born November 22, 1909.

The Hanselmans are all democrats in politics, and David Hanselman is a member of the Oregon Township Advisory Board of the county. In religious matters the family are Christians in principles and actions rather than in adherence to any one creed or profession. They believe in and practice the motto of love thy neighbor, in the brotherhood of man, and in this way they have always helped to forward the moral and civic life of the community.

CHARLES H. ROOSE. A representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Starke County, Mr. Roose is well upholding the prestige of the name which he bears and is known as one of the substantial farmers and loyal and public-spirited citizens of the county, his well improved homestead farm being situated in section 19, Oregon Township. His postoffice is Hamlet.

The Roose family was founded in Starke County in the middle '50s, and its members have been worthily identified with the civic and industrial development and progress of Oregon Township and the Village of Hamlet. John A. Roose, father of him whose name introduces this

article, was born in Stark County, Ohio, on the 21st of March, 1829, and died at his home in Starke County, Indiana, on the 17th of February, 1909, about one month prior to the eightieth anniversary of his birth. The lineage is traced back to stanch German origin, and the founder of the American branch was the grandfather of John A. Roose, this worthy progenitor having been reared and educated in Germany and having come to America after his marriage; he established his home in Pennsylvania, and in that state both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives. Their son Andrew, grandfather of Charles H. Roose, was born and reared in the old Keystone State and there was solemnized his marriage to Miss Margaret Daniels. He finally abandoned agricultural pursuits in Pennsylvania to number himself among the sturdy pioneers of Stark County, Ohio, where he reclaimed a good farm. He and his wife died in Marshall County, Indiana, each having passed the scriptural span of three score years and ten and both having been earnest members of the Christian Church. Mr. Roose was an old-time whig in politics, was a man of strong and noble character and was prominently concerned with the development of Stark County, Ohio.

John A. Roose, the second child and eldest son in a large family, was reared to manhood on the pioneer farm in Stark County, Ohio, and there was solemnized his marriage to Miss Rachel A. Vink, who likewise was born in Ohio and who was a daughter of Peter and Margaret Vink, who were of German stock and who were residents of Stark County, Ohio, at the time of their death. They were true pioneers, earnest, unassuming, God-fearing folk, devoted to home and children, and zealous members of the Christian Church. Peter Vink was a valiant soldier in the War of 1812.

After his marriage John A. Roose continued to be engaged in farming in his native county until about the year 1854, when he came with his family to Starke County, Indiana, and established his home on a pioneer farm of 160 acres, this being an integral part of the tract of 640 acres which his father had procured from the Government and on a considerable portion of which is situated the thriving Village of Hamlet. This village was named in honor of John Hamlet, who was an Englishman and a brother-in-law of John A. Roose. Mr. Roose induced Mr. Hamlet to assist in platting the townsite of the village, and the two were the most influential factors in the development and upbuilding of the town and the surrounding district of Oregon township. They gave the right of way for the construction of the first railway line through the township, this line being now a part of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad. Mr. Roose developed one of the fine farms of the county, made the best of improvements on the property, including the erection of the present attractive house of nine rooms, and he was known as one of the industrious and enterprising farmers of Starke County and as a citizen who was always ready to lend his cooperation in the furtherance of measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the community. He was a republican in politics, served as township trustee and held for twelve years the office of justice of the peace. Cir-

cumstances rendered it impossible for him to enter the service of the Union at the inception of the Civil war, but on the 16th of April, 1865, he enlisted in Company K, Fifty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, William L. Vestal having been colonel of the regiment and Edward Knight captain of Company K. The command was assigned to duty in the South and proved its fidelity and loyalty in no uncertain way, though it was not involved in many engagements, owing to the fact that its service at the time was in the closing months of the war. John A. Roose and his wife were originally members of the Christian Church, but after coming to Starke County they became prominently identified with the organization and upbuilding of a congregation of the Church of God, in which Mr. Roose served as deacon for many years. His devoted wife passed to the life eternal on the 21st of November, 1902, her birth having occurred March 8, 1830, and the names of both merit enduring place on the roster of the sterling and honored pioneers of Starke County, where they lived and labored to goodly ends.

Charles H. Roose was born and reared on the fine homestead farm which he now owns and occupies, and he has been identified with its operation from the time of his youth to the present, the while he has shown a distinctive spirit of thrift and progressiveness and has achieved success worthy of the name. He pays loyal allegiance to the republican party and both he and his wife are earnest members of the Church of God.

The 23d of January, 1864, was the date of the birth of Mr. Roose and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the public schools of his native county. As an agriculturist and stock-grower he has successfully carried forward the progressive industry instituted by his honored father, the while his character and achievement have given him inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem. His homestead farm, comprising 108 acres, gives every evidence of thrift and prosperity and is one of the many fine rural demesnes of Starke County. He was the second in order of birth in a family of three children; Margaret C. is the wife of James D. Harness, who is individually mentioned on other pages of this work, as is also William E., the youngest child, who likewise is one of the progressive farmers of Oregon Township.

In his native township was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Roose to Miss Emma J. Hall, who was born in Ohio, on the 5th of September, 1868, and who was three years of age at the time of her parents' removal to Starke County, the family home being established on a farm in Oregon Township, where she was reared and educated. Mrs. Roose is a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Coomer) Hall, who still reside on their old homestead farm, in this township, and who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 7th of May, 1914. They have four sons and three daughters, all of the sons being bachelors and all of the daughters being married. Mr. and Mrs. Roose became the parents of one daughter, Hazel, and the supreme loss and bereavement of their wedded life came when this gracious and devoted young woman was summoned to the life eternal on the 9th of September, 1911. She was born May 25, 1896. She had grown to young womanhood in Hamlet, Indiana, under the care of her

dotting parents, and had received the best of home training and had graduated in the common branches in the public schools and was ready for entrance to the Hamlet High School. Her teachers had testified to her excellence as a model pupil, in deportment and her studies. She possessed a noble character which would have shone with a luster when reaching full maturity. She left her loving parents and hosts of friends who had always known her for her many virtues. The funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal Church and were conducted by D. E. Vanvactor of Argos, Indiana, and Rev. H. H. Cannon. The Hamlet schools were closed Monday and all the business houses were closed during the funeral services. The funeral was the largest ever held in Hamlet, and the entire community expressed their heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved parents.

WILLIAM J. FARRAR. A home of prosperity and contentment is that of William J. Farrar in section 3 of Oregon Township. Mr. Farrar is classified as a general farmer, and has lived in his part of Starke County since 1907. His farm consists of fifty-five acres of the fine sandy loam and muck soil which people have come to recognize as good as gold in the production of crops. This land has produced under Mr. Farrar's management fifty bushels of corn to the acre, over five thousand bushels of onions on $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and he has raised 150 bushels of potatoes on each of three acres cultivated in that crop. He also grows oats and wheat, but his chief dependence is on the staple crops of corn and onions. Just recently Mr. Farrar has decided to introduce the growing of mint, and in 1915 will have a crop from his land. He is a farmer of thorough experience, has been a farmer in Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois, and is thoroughly practical and efficient in everything he undertakes. His farm has a comfortable house, barn, room in his cribs for 1,500 bushels of wheat, and in its improvements and cultivation the farm stands almost entirely as a monument to his own industry and management.

William J. Farrar comes of a substantial American family. He was born in Jackson County in Southern Ohio, September 7, 1867, and had most of his education in that state, from the public schools and academies. He came to his majority in Fillmore County, Nebraska, where he spent about ten years of his life, then went to Southwest Missouri, lived there four years, located in Livingston County, Illinois, and from there came to Starke County. In ancestry he is of English and Scotch origin. His grandfather, John Farrar, was born in Pennsylvania, was a carpenter and farmer and married a Pennsylvania girl named Anderson. They lived for some years in Southwestern Pennsylvania, in Washington County, where some of their children were born, including Peter Farrar, father of William J., the former's birth having occurred in 1838. From Washington County, Pennsylvania, John Farrar moved out to Jackson County, Ohio, and was one of the early settlers in that district of Ohio known as the Hanging Rock Iron Region. There he literally dug a home from the wilderness, and lived there until his death. His widow subsequently went out to Nebraska with other members of the family, and

died in that state at the age of eighty-two. The Farrars were stanch Presbyterian people and have been through all the generations.

Peter T. Farrar grew up in Jackson County, Ohio, and learned the trade of blacksmith and for several years conducted a smithy in that section. In 1887 he moved out to Fillmore County, Nebraska, and there engaged in farming until 1894 or 1895, went to Jasper County, Missouri, and settled on land near Carthage. Late in life he and his wife went west to Lawrenceburg in Los Angeles County, California, and there lived retired until his death on January 26, 1912. His widow, who was born December 15, 1846, now lives at Burbank, California. She is related to the family of Ex-President Hayes, and there is good family stock on both sides.

William J. Farrar was the oldest in a family of five sons and five daughters, and seven are still living, three daughters and four sons, four of whom are married, but William J. is the only one with a family. William J. Farrar was married in Fillmore County, Nebraska, March 1, 1894, to Miss Myrtle Cox. She was born in LaSalle County, Illinois, December 30, 1873, and when five years of age her parents, Samuel P. and Mary (Fry) Cox, loaded their possessions on wagons and with teams drove across the intervening states to the pioneer country of Nebraska. They located in a new and almost unsettled region on the Nebraska prairies, and theirs was one of the first frame houses in that section, where most of the homes were sod houses or dugouts. After a number of years of residence in Nebraska, the Cox family moved to Southwest Missouri, lived about five years near Carthage, then spent a year in Livingston County, Illinois, and in 1900 moved to North Bend Township in Starke County, Indiana, where Mr. and Mrs. Cox have since lived on a farm. Mr. Cox is now sixty-two and his wife sixty, and both are substantial citizens of Starke County. They are members of the Methodist Church and he is a democrat in politics.

Mrs. Farrar was well educated in Nebraska, and for several years taught school in that state prior to her marriage. She is one of ten children who are still living, seven of whom are married and have children. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar are the parents of four children: Ward H., born May 17, 1896, now in the third year of high school; Ewart W., born August 26, 1898, now in the second year of high school; Alida V., born in April, 1902, and in the seventh grade of the public schools; Oris T., born March 27, 1904, and attending the public schools in the fourth grade. Mr. and Mrs. Farrar are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Farrar is a democrat with strong leanings toward prohibition principles.

JESSE F. COFFIN. Progressiveness signally characterizes the attitude of this well known citizen of Oregon Township, both in connection with his individual industrial and business activities and his cooperation in enterprises projected for the general good of the community. Mr. Coffin is a native of Starke County and a member of a family whose name has been prominently and worthily identified with the history of this

section of the state for more than half a century. He is known as one of the ambitious and representative agriculturists and stock-growers of the county, his well improved farm being situated in section 20, Oregon Township; has been specially influential in raising the grades of live stock grown in this locality, and has been alert and progressive in the furtherance of drainage projects and other semi-public enterprises.

On the old family homestead farm, lying on the line between Center and Washington townships, this county, Mr. Coffin was born on the 14th of November, 1865, and it is not necessary to review in this connection the family history, as adequate record appears on other pages, in the sketch of the career of his uncle, George W. Coffin. Mr. Coffin was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and acquired his early education in the old Coffin schoolhouse, situated on his father's farm, and representing District No. 2, Washington Township. This pioneer building is still standing and is now used for residential purposes. Mr. Coffin continued to be identified with the work and management of the old home farm until 1886; when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres. He later deeded the property to his father, who held title to the same until the marriage of the son in 1889, when it was deeded back to the latter. Prior to his marriage Mr. Coffin had effectively reclaimed a portion of the farm to cultivation and had erected on the place a small house. The land was all wild when he purchased the property and no road or highway had been constructed to afford access to the embryonic farm. Largely through his insistent enterprise and well ordered endeavors the public improvements have been made in this locality, and he has developed his property into one of the fine farms of Oregon Township. The buildings are of substantial order and one of the attractive and valuable features of the homestead is the productive orchard, the trees of which were planted by Mr. Coffin within a comparatively short time after his purchase of the farm. In addition to this homestead he owns also a farm of eighty acres in section 29, Oregon Township, and he gives his personal supervision to both farms, the soil of which is of exceptional fertility. On the second farm Mr. Coffin raises fine crops of corn and onions, as well as potatoes, and he produces annually from six to eight carloads of onions, the while the soil gives large yields of corn. No land is better adapted for pasture and meadow than that owned by Mr. Coffin, and in connection with his successful operations as a stock-grower he utilizes much of his forage crops.

Notwithstanding the supplemental family history appearing elsewhere in this work, it may not be ill advised to offer in this connection a few brief statements relative to the parents of Mr. Coffin. He is a son of Martin L. and Mary L. (McCumber) Coffin, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Fulton County, Indiana, their marriage having been solemnized in Starke County, this state, on the 19th of July, 1857. The young couple established their home on a pioneer farm of forty acres, in Center Township, and this land was reclaimed from the wilderness by Mr. Coffin, who fenced the property with rails which he personally manufactured from timber felled on the place. He eventually

added to the area of his landed estate and became one of the substantial and highly esteemed farmers of the county. He accumulated 340 acres of excellent land and all of this was reclaimed and improved by him. Martin L. Coffin gained precedence also as a successful grower of live stock, and was in earlier days one of the leading exponents of this line of industry in Starke County. He died on his old homestead on the 22d of May, 1888, at the age of fifty-five years, and his widow was past seventy years of age at the time of her death, in May, 1907, she having passed to the life eternal while visiting one of her daughters, in the City of Chicago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coffin were for many years members of the Christian Church, but they eventually united with the Church of God, of the faith of which they were thereafter devoted exponents until the time of their death. Of the seven children, all are living except Gracie, who became the wife of Robert E. Stitt and who left no children; Reuben resides at Knox, the county seat; Nathan is a resident of the village of Hamlet; Mattie has been twice married and has one daughter; Jesse F., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Elijah G. is a resident of the city of Chicago; and Theresa is the wife of George Harden, of Knox.

Jesse F. Coffin has been twice married. He first wedded Miss Mary Rebstock, daughter of Nathan Rebstock, of Center Township, and she was summoned to the life eternal in 1901, being survived by four children; Cecil O., who is a successful farmer of Davis Township, married Miss Beatrice Armstrong, and they have three children, Berwin, Neldo and Carson; Virgil E. is associated with his father in the work of the home farm; Gladys E. is the wife of Charles Singleton, of Snyder, Henry County, and they have one son; and Nevada died the year following the death of her mother, having been five years old and her death having resulted from a tragic accident, in which she was fatally burned. For his second wife Mr. Coffin wedded Miss Lucy Stickley, daughter of William and Margaret (Carlisle) Stickley, who at that time resided near Walkerton, St. Joseph County, and who now maintain their home in Laporte County, where Mr. Stickley is a prosperous farmer, being also a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Coffin became the parents of five children, of whom Mabel died at the age of eight months. The surviving children are: Eunice, Clifford, Martin L. and Irene.

Mr. Coffin has exerted large influence in public affairs of a local order and has been prominently identified with the ditching and draining of lands in Oregon Township. He has been one of the most progressive representatives of the live-stock industry in this county, and has been specially successful in the breeding of Percheron horses. He is the owner of the fine Percheron stallion "Conrad," a splendid black animal from registered imported sire, and he owns also two good jacks, of the Spanish and Monmouth standard breeds, from which he raises mules of the best order. Mr. Coffin is an insistent advocate of the policy of raising live stock of the best grades and has done much to promote the advancement of this industry in Starke County. In politics he pays unwavering allegiance to the republican party, and he served six years as justice of

the peace, seven years as township assessor, and as census enumerator in the national census of 1900.

HENRY W. VIETING. Prominent among the agriculturists of Davis Township who are carrying on farming operations after the most approved methods, is Henry Vieting, the owner of 145 acres of well-cultivated land located in section 12. While he has resided on his present property only since 1907, Mr. Vieting has been a resident of Davis Township and Starke County during the greater portion of his life, and has become well known to the people here as an energetic and industrious farmer and a progressive and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Vieting was born in Westphalia, Germany, near Herne, March 5, 1869, and was eight years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, Henry and Caroline (Heinnemann) Vieting, natives of the same locality, where the family has been known and respected for generations. In 1878, with their five children, the parents left Hamburg, Germany, on the steamer Wieland, for New York City, from which port the little party of emigrants made its way to Davis Township. The father took up a tract of wild land, marshy, wet and uncultivated, on which there was a little home, the second built in the township and at that time the only one north of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The father continued to cultivate and add to his land in section 12, buying until he had 460 acres, but after five years removed to the State of Arkansas, where he died on his farm when forty-two years of age. Soon thereafter the widow and children returned to Starke County, Indiana, and here Mrs. Vieting died March 5, 1902, at the age of sixty-one years. Both she and her husband were devout members of the Lutheran Church. He was a republican in politics, but his only connection with public affairs was that maintained by every good citizen. Of the children, five were born in Germany, and the others in the United States. They were as follows: Henry, of this review; William, who went west to Minnesota about 1894, and of whom the family has since lost all trace; Amalia, the wife of William Giffin, of Chehalis, Washington, who has five daughters; Hattie, the wife of Edward Jacobs, living on a farm at Hastings, Michigan, and has two daughters; Lena, the wife of Jesse Polson, of South Bend, Indiana, who has two sons and one daughter; Herman, a carpenter living at Bynum, Montana, married in Starke County, and has one son and two daughters, the youngest daughter having been born at Bynum; and Matilda, the wife of Edward Henry, of Williston, North Dakota, a farmer, and has four children.

Henry Vieting was a lad of eight years when the family located in Davis Township, and here he secured such educational advantages as were furnished by the district schools. He was married in this township to Miss Mary Mickow, who was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 17, 1876, and was eleven years of age when brought to Davis Township by her parents, John C. and Anna (Wehrs) Mickow, the father purchasing 240 acres of land on section 13. Mrs. Mickow died in 1911 at the age of sixty years at Hamlet, Indiana. She was born at Fort Wayne, Indiana, her father, a native of Germany, having been one of the earliest settlers

of that place, coming in 1840, when the last hostile Indians were driven from that locality, the chief of the band having been shot by the whites the day before Mr. Wehrs' arrival. John C. Mickow was an industrious and enterprising farmer, and cultivated and improved his land, on which he resided until 1914, when he was married a second time. His wife is a Fort Wayne lady, and he now makes his home in that city, being sixty-eight years of age. The members of this family are all connected with the Lutheran Church.

After his marriage, Mr. Vieting established a home of his own, and carried on successful operations on various tracts of land until 1907, when he came to his present property. This is a part of the old homestead, but its present fertile and well-cultivated condition would not indicate that at one time it had been a marshy and practically worthless property. His 145 acres have been developed to the highest state of productiveness, and show conclusively that Mr. Vieting is a skilled and energetic farmer, the land being well drained and tiled and equipped with improvements of the most modern character. He has an excellent set of farm buildings, including a comfortable home of seven rooms; a new barn, 32 by 40 feet, and painted white; a large granary, a commodious corn crib and a substantial tool and implement house, the greater number of these structures being of Mr. Vieting's own construction. He grows from forty to fifty acres of corn, with a good average per acre, and twenty-five to forty acres of wheat, with an average of thirty-five bushels per acre. In addition he has met with decided success in raising a good grade of live stock, and is recognized as a man of excellent judgment as to cattle, horses and hogs. His business associates and those who have had dealings with him consider him a man of the strictest integrity and have the utmost confidence in his ability and honesty.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vieting, namely: Walter, born in 1902, who is now attending the public schools as a pupil in the seventh grade; Dorothea, born in 1906, who is also attending school; Marguerite, born in 1904, a scholar in the fifth grade; Henry L., born in 1911; and the baby, Helen Marie, born January 12, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Vieting are members of the Lutheran Church and have been generous in their support of its movements. He has cooperated with other good and enterprising citizens in the promotion of movements for the general public welfare. A republican in politics, he is one of his party's stalwart workers in Davis Township, and at the fall elections of 1914 was a candidate for membership on the county council of Starke County.

DANIEL FOLTZ. Since assuming control as manager of the well-known Etter Farm, a tract of 280 acres lying in section 18, Oregon Township, Daniel Foltz has secured excellent financial results and has evidenced a broad knowledge of the vocations of farming and stock raising. Many years of practical experience contribute to his agricultural equipment, and his entire career has been devoted to the cultivation of the soil. While he carries on general operations, he has each year given

more and more attention to dairy farming, a special line in which he has forged rapidly to the forefront among his fellow landmen.

Mr. Foltz was born in Cass County, Indiana, September 30, 1863, and is a son of Daniel and Barbara (Huffman) Foltz, natives of Germany. They were married in the Fatherland, and immediately thereafter emigrated to the United States, settling in Cass County, Indiana, on a farm in Cass Township. In 1868, after the birth of five children, they made removal to Starke County, settling on a farm of 120 acres in Center Township, near Round Lake, which is now owned by William Foltz, one of the sons, who is married and has a large family. Daniel and Barbara Foltz were industrious, hard-working and God-fearing people, who did their entire duty by their neighbors and who reared their children along the paths of honesty and industry. They continued to live on their farm in Center Township until 1909, when they retired from active life and went to their home at Knox, where both passed away in 1912. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, in which they had been confirmed, but afterwards became members of the Free Methodist Church. In his political belief Mr. Foltz is a stalwart democrat.

Daniel Foltz was given his educational training in the public schools of Center Township, Starke County, to which locality he was taken by his parents when he was five years of age, and there he was reared to manhood and had his first experience in the line of farming. When he entered upon a career of his own he chose farming as his life work, and was engaged thereat in Center Township until 1910, when he came to Oregon Township and is the manager of the Etter Farm, which was originally settled more than thirty years ago by William Etter, who put up the present nine-room house, a large barn, 60 by 50 feet, for cattle, and an eighty-ton cement block silo. Mr. Foltz has since planned the erection of a modern self-feeding barn for cattle, accommodating forty head, and a large granary and corn crib with 2,000 bushels capacity. Until recently Mr. Foltz has given much attention to the raising of onions, but has given this up to some extent to turn his attention to operations and interests which he has found more profitable. He has 280 acres under cultivation, of which sixty-five acres are given to corn, with an average yield of fifty bushels to the acre; sixty-five acres to wheat, with an average of twenty-eight bushels; and forty-five acres to oats, with an average yield of fifty-five bushels per acre. The greater part of this, with the exception of the wheat, he feeds to his live stock, having seventy-five head of stock, including eighteen milch cows, twelve head of horses and forty Shropshire sheep. The greater part of his attention he has given to the dairy business of recent years, his product being shipped to the creameries at Plymouth, Indiana. He uses the most modern methods and machinery in his work, is a firm believer in rotation of crops, and gets the best results by an intelligent use of the matter at hand.

Mr. Foltz was married in California Township, Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Ella Smith, who was born in Kosciusko County, Indiana, in 1868, but largely reared in Starke County. She has been a most faith-

ful helpmate to her husband, is a woman of much business ability, and has helped him to succeed in his dealings. She is a daughter of Anthony and Mary Eliza (Sutton) Smith, who commenced farming in Kosciusko County, but in 1882 came to Starke County, and here were engaged in agricultural pursuits until their retirement in 1906, when they retired to Pierceton, in Kosciusko County, and there Mrs. Smith died in 1909, aged sixty-two years, while Mr. Smith still makes his home in that village. They were members of the Christian Church, and in politics Mr. Smith is a republican.

To Mr. and Mrs. Foltz there have been born the following children: Ollie, educated in the Hamlet schools, is twenty-seven years of age, single, and his father's assistant on the home farm; Fred, who has just reached his majority, a graduate of the Hamlet High School and a teacher by vocation, married Marie Davis, of Davis Township, granddaughter of Joshua Davis, a pioneer settler of Davis Township, after whom it was named; Mabel, eighteen years of age and a member of the graduating class of 1915, Hamlet High School; Harry, sixteen years of age, who in 1914 became a freshman at the Hamlet High School; and Gertrude, who is nine years of age and in the fourth grade of the Hamlet schools. All the children are bright and intelligent, and all have been given good advantages to train themselves for the positions in life which they will fill.

Mr. and Mrs. Foltz are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hamlet, in which Mr. Foltz is serving as steward. He is a strong republican, but has not cared for public office, being content to remain in the capacity of a good citizen, willing to contribute to the enterprises which will advance his community educationally, morally or religiously.

GRANT McCUMBER. At this juncture it is permitted the publishers of this edition to enter a brief review of the career of one of the native sons of Starke County, who has had the ability and enterprise to achieve distinctive success in connection with agricultural and live stock industry in the county and to gain prestige as one of the substantial and progressive farmers and loyal and public-spirited citizens of Oregon Township, where he is the owner of a well improved farm of 120 acres in section 29. On this homestead place he gives his attention to the raising of the various cereals, with average yields of sixty bushels of corn to the acre, twenty bushels of wheat and forty bushels of oats. He has been specially successful also in the raising of onions and potatoes, and on six acres of land he grew in 1914 3,800 bushels of onions. His land is of excellent integrity of composition, combining rich sandy loam with a marl constituency, and insuring admirable productiveness each season, as he employs scientific methods and avails himself of the most approved modern facilities in the various departments of his farm enterprise. Mr. McCumber purchased this property in 1908 and has made many improvements on the place, including the erection of substantial farm buildings. His residence is a house of seven rooms and he has erected a barn 24 by 52 feet in dimensions, with a shed 16 by 24 feet. His

granaries have a capacity for the storage of 500 bushels of grain, and all buildings on the place have been erected since the property came into his possession. With discrimination in the selection of grades, Mr. McCumber raises good cattle, horses and swine, and makes this department of his business likewise profitable, so that he is consistently to be designated as one of the ambitious, thrifty and representative farmers of his native county, where his character and worthy achievement have given to him the confidence and high regard of the community.

Mr. McCumber was born in Center Township, this county, on the 14th of September, 1871, and he received his early education in the public schools of Washington Township, to which section of the county his parents removed when he was a child. Since attaining to years of maturity he has owned and operated several different farms, and his course has been marked by advancement in prosperity and independence. He continued a resident of Washington Township until he purchased his present farm, and he has well upheld the prestige of a name that has been long and prominently identified with the industrial activities of Starke County. He is a son of David McCumber, who was born in Ohio in 1834, a son of Nathan McCumber, who was a native of Pennsylvania and a pioneer of Ohio. In the late '40s or early '50s Nathan McCumber came with his family to Starke County and became one of the early settlers of Center Township. On Eagle Creek he erected a small grist mill, operated by water power, and in this pioneer mill he did grinding of grain for the settlers from miles around, the grists having been commonly brought to the mill on horseback, as the country was wild and sparsely settled. In Center Township Nathan McCumber and wife passed the remainder of their lives and both attained a venerable age, their names meriting enduring place on the roll of the sterling pioneers of Starke County. They reared a large family of children, and of the number it may be noted that Horrick, who is a carpenter by trade and vocation, is now a resident of the City of Chicago; Amanda is married and resides in Michigan; and Orilla is married and resides in Marshall County, Indiana, all having reared children and all being now well advanced in years.

David McCumber, father of him whose name introduces this article, was a boy at the time of the family removal from Ohio to Starke County, where he was reared and educated and where his early experiences were those gained in connection with his father's farm and mill in Center Township. In Washington Township he married Miss Caroline Coffin, a sister of George W. Coffin, of whom specific mention is made on other pages of this work. She was born in Ohio and celebrated her seventy-eighth birthday anniversary in 1914. She was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Starke County, where she has lived during the long intervening years, her home being now at Knox, the county seat, a place which she recalls as having been a mere hamlet in the forest during the early years of her residence in the county. David McCumber was long numbered among the industrious and substantial farmers of this county and was about seventy years of age at the time of his death. His political

allegiance was given to the republican party. Of the eleven children, Grant is the youngest, and concerning the other five who are still living the following brief data are given: Lydia is the widow of A. J. Schweitzer and has a large family of children; Alfred, who has been deaf and dumb from birth, is now in the state institution known as Long Cliff, at Logansport; William M. is a successful contractor and builder in the City of Chicago; Rosetta is the wife of Rev. James B. Robbenet, who is a clergyman of the Free Methodist Church, and they reside at Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana; and Elijah, who was formerly engaged in the work of the carpenter's trade in the City of Chicago, is now a dealer in stores, he and his family still maintaining their home in that city.

On the 2d of April, 1893, was solemnized the marriage of Grant McCumber to Miss Della T. Stanton, who was born in Washington Township, this county, on the 24th of April, 1874, and who is a daughter of Daniel H. Stanton, concerning whom specific record is given elsewhere in this volume. After his marriage Mr. McCumber had charge of the homestead farm of his widowed mother for four years, and for the ensuing five years he operated the homestead farm of his wife's father. During his independent career as a farmer he has erected three good houses and remodeled two, besides having built five barns. Progressiveness has attended all of his operations as a farmer and stock-grower and in his native county he has found ample scope for productive and successful enterprise as a representative of the great basic industries with which he has been identified from his youth to the present time. He is a liberal and public-spirited citizen, is a republican in his political adherency and both he and his wife are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Hamlet. Of the three children Gladys died at the age of four years and Pleasant at the age of two years, the one surviving being Lerah Fay, who was born July 16, 1901, and who will graduate in the township school in 1915 and afterwards will enter the high school.

WILLIAM P. SCHWENK. Some of the most progressive of Starke County's farmers came from the West rather than from the East, which is the usual movement in the progress of migration. There is no question that one of the finest improved and equipped farms in Davis Township is that owned by William P. Schwenk. It is located in section 34. Mr. Schwenk was born and reared in Illinois, was a farmer in Iowa and Nebraska and a few years ago came to Starke County, with all the progressiveness and enterprise of the western man, and his ability is well measured by his fine property. His land comprises 160 acres, divided into two farms of eighty acres each. All the land is in cultivation except ten acres of native timber. His home is a large two-story thirteen-room house, painted white, with a basement under all, and that is only one of the group of fine buildings found on his farm. One of his barns is 40 by 28 feet, a hay barn is nearly as large, while his shed for the cattle is 80 feet long. He grows all kinds of grain and also finds much profit

in the raising of potatoes, and in 1914 his crop on six acres yielded about thirteen hundred bushels. His land is choice, black sandy loam, and will raise almost any crop known to Northern Indiana. He feeds his crops chiefly to his own stock, and keeps a good mixed grade of cattle and hogs and other varieties.

It was in 1910 that Mr. Schwenk bought this land and moved here from Palo Alto County, Iowa. He had been a farmer in that section of Iowa for three years. Mr. Schwenk was born in Woodford County, Illinois, June 29, 1866. He was reared on the home farm and spent most of his time there until twenty-two. At the age of nineteen he had apprenticed himself to learn the blacksmith's trade, and worked at it for three years and was employed at wages for one year. At the age of twenty-two Mr. Schwenk went out to Dundee County, Nebraska, farmed there for three years, but the droughty conditions in that state compelled him to abandon his enterprise and he then returned to Illinois and became a partner of his brother, Leo T., in the blacksmith business. As partners they operated a shop for nine years, and then for six years Mr. Schwenk was in business on his own account. His location was in Metamora, Illinois, in Woodford County, where he had learned his trade. From Woodford County he went West again to Palo Alto County, Iowa, and bought 320 acres of partly improved land. For several years his energies were devoted to improving this place and making a living at the same time by growing several crops, and when he sold it was at a large advance over the cost. With the proceeds of his earlier years Mr. Schwenk came to Starke County and bought the land comprised in his present homestead from Henry Kech.

William P. Schwenk is a son of Mathias, who was born in Germany, and came to America at the age of fourteen, locating in St. Louis, where he learned and followed the trade of shoemaker. At the age of twenty-two he moved to Woodford County, Illinois, and established a shoe shop and bought a home in the Village of Germantown. It was in Germantown that he met and married Mary Kerker, who was born in Cincinnati of German parents. She was an infant when her father, George Kerker, and wife moved to Illinois and were among the early pioneers of Woodford County. George Kerker improved a tract of wild land there, and lived on the homestead until his death when quite old. Mathias Schwenk followed his trade as shoemaker in Woodford County until his death in July, 1872, at the age of thirty-eight. Although confirmed in the Lutheran faith, he died a devout Catholic. Surviving him were five sons and two daughters: John, who died at the age of eighteen; Leo T., a prosperous farmer in Davies Township of Starke County, and father of a family of ten; Mary, wife of Conrad Faulkner, who lives in Nebraska, and they have a son and daughter; William P.; Mathias, a farmer in Grundy County, Nebraska, and father of three sons; Caroline, who first married William Labe, by whom she had four children, and her second husband is John Hites, and they now live on a farm in Illinois; George, a farmer in Dundee County, Nebraska, who has four sons and daughters. Mrs. Mathias Schwenk died in 1908 at the age of sixty-eight years. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

William P. Schwenk was married at Metamora, Illinois, February 14, 1895, to Miss Barbara Schrepfer. She was born in Woodford County at Germantown, August 2, 1871, and was reared and educated in that village. Her parents were Casper and Catherine (Durst) Schrepfer, both of whom were born in one of the Cantons of Switzerland, the father on August 11, 1842, and the mother October 4, 1840. They were married in Switzerland, and later emigrated to the United States, locating at Peoria, Illinois, in February, 1866, and finally settling in Germantown. There Mrs. Schrepfer died in February, 1909, while her husband is still living, with home in Metamora. Both were reared and remained faithful members of the German Reformed Church, while Mr. Schrepfer is a republican.

Mr. Schwenk and wife have had the following children: William, who was born July 27, 1896, was accidentally drowned while bathing in Bass Lake, July 2, 1910; Casper, who died at the age of seven years and four months; Julia R., born September 17, 1902, now attending the fifth grade of the local schools. The death of the two sons was a heavy loss to Mr. and Mrs. Schwenk. The Metamora Herald recorded the tragedy by which the son William was taken away as follows: "Within 100 feet of the shore, in sight of distracted relatives and friends, Willie Schwenk, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Schwenk, met death by drowning in Bass Lake, Starke County. In spite of the heroic attempt made by J. R. Wagner, who dashed into the water with his clothes on, the boy's life was lost. Willie was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Schwenk and was born in Metamora, Illinois. He would have been fifteen years old July 27, 1911. A manly boy of herculean build, he was the joy of his parents and the admiration of all who knew him. His sudden taking away has been a sad blow to his many young friends here and a source of the deepest sympathy to the parents from their friends. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Metamora, Illinois, Rev. Father Athanasius offering requiem high mass and preached the funeral sermon." Concerning the death of Casper Schwenk, the following quotation is taken from the Metamora Herald: "Like the beautiful flower that blooms for a short time and when at its greatest radiance droops and dies, little Casper Schwenk passed from the loving care of his parents and from the companionship of his playmates Friday, November 22, 1907. With an angelic smile upon his features, the little fellow gave up his young life in the afternoon as peacefully as though passing into slumber. Little Casper was the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Schwenk. He was born at Metamora, Illinois, June 25, 1900, and was seven years, four months and twenty-seven days old. No one could but notice the little fellow with his cherubic face and soulful eyes, that gave him an expression emblematic of innocence and purity. The funeral was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on a Monday morn at 10 o'clock. The body rested in a beautiful plush couch casket adorned with flowers. Twenty of the little boy's schoolmates served as altar boys. Four cousins acted as pallbearers. Misses Emma and Pauline Giehl sang an appropriate hymn. The interment occurred in St. Mary's Cemetery west of Metamora."

Mrs. Schwenk is a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Schwenk is a republican. Though his home has been in Starke County only a few years, he has identified himself with the prosperous and progressive people of Davis Township, has made the record of a successful man, and by his example as a farmer and his influence as a citizen is helping to advance the standards of living and industry in this part of the county.

GEORGE ROGERS. Numbered among the progressive and public-spirited citizens of the thriving little City of Knox, judicial center of Starke County, Mr. Rogers has inviolable place in the confidence and esteem of the community, as is shown by the fact that he was the efficient and valued incumbent of the office of trustee of Center Township, a position which he has held from 1908 until the expiration of his term, December 31, 1914. In addition to other executive functions he had the supervision of the township public schools, all of which are consolidated in a central school near Knox, with the exception of one regular district school. In the central school there are eight grades and also special departments devoted to the teaching of agricultural and domestic science, these departments having proved a most practical and valuable adjunct to the regular academic work of the school. Mr. Rogers has served also as a member of the board of trustees of Knox, and it was largely through his influence that the first street pavement was laid in this attractive little city, besides which he was the insistent advocate of other important municipal improvements that have been of distinctive value to the community.

Mr. Rogers was born at Richmond, the judicial center of Wayne County, Indiana, on the 6th of November, 1861, and while he was a boy his parents removed to a farm in Marshall County, where he was reared to adult age and was afforded the advantages of the public schools. As a youth he accompanied his parents on their removal to Walkerton, a town in St. Joseph County, where he worked in a flouring mill, for which his father had traded his Marshall County farm. At the age of twenty-four years he initiated his independent business career, as operator of a portable sawmill in that county. There he finally became the owner of a well-equipped stationary plant in Walkerton, that county, which he operated successfully for several years. In 1891 Mr. Rogers came to Starke County and established his home at Knox, where he became associated with Robert Hollyday in the operation of a sawmill. Later he went to the State of Mississippi and engaged in the manufacturing of lumber on the delta of the Mississippi River under the name of the Hoosier Lumber Company of Isola, Mississippi. He continued the operation of the mill nine years, in association with Mr. Hollyday, and in the meanwhile they procured 700 acres of land in that section and developed the same into one of the best cotton-producing plantations in Mississippi, the land being unexcelled by none in the world in connection with this line of industry. Mr. Rogers still has large interests in cotton raising in the South, but he has maintained his home and business headquarters in Knox from the time of his mar-



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE ROGERS, KNOX, INDIANA

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riage, his business in Starke County being principally that of manufacturing of lumber at his stationary sawmill, with capacity of 7,000 feet per diem, he having bought out the Hollyday interest in 1906.

As a stalwart in the camp of the democratic party, Mr. Rogers has been specially influential in its councils and work in Starke County, where he served for some time as chairman of the democratic county committee. He is affiliated with Knox Lodge No. 296, Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed the various official chairs; with the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America; and with Lodge No. 500 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the City of Valparaiso.

In St. Joseph County, this state, on December 23, 1889, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Rogers to Miss Laura D. Stull, who was born in that county on the 18th of August, 1859, and who was there reared and educated. After several years of impaired health Mrs. Rogers was summoned to the life eternal on the 2d of April, 1914, her only child having died at the time of birth. Her mother is deceased, but she is survived by four brothers and three sisters and her father, John Stull, a farmer who resides on the old homestead, Marshall County, Indiana.

Mr. Rogers is a son of Daniel D. and Rachel (Harris) Rogers and is the older of the two surviving children, his brother Walter being a retired miller of St. Joseph County. Daniel D. Rogers was born in the State of New York and his wife in Ohio, their marriage having been solemnized in Wayne County, Indiana. Mr. Rogers was a skilled mechanic and was employed as a car builder for a number of years, after which he was engaged in the operation of a flour mill. He was the owner of a mill at Walkerton, St. Joseph County, at the time of his death, both he and his wife having died more than a quarter of a century ago. Mr. Rogers was a democrat in his political allegiance and his wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also a member of the order of Masons at Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana.

CHARLES O. WESTBROOK. In Charles O. Westbrook, one of the large tenant farmers and stock growers of Oregon Township, is found a sample of that material which has brought Starke County to the forefront as a center of agricultural activity and importance. Endowed with more than average ability and backed by shrewd business judgment and determination, he has worked his way to the managership of 580 acres of land, and on every hand may be found evidences of his ability and of his efforts to attain to the best thus far discovered in agricultural science.

Mr. Westbrook is a native of Sweden, born August 18, 1863, in Wastena, and on his father's side comes of German ancestry, the name being Leven, and on his mother's side of pure Swedish stock. The parents spent their entire lives in Sweden and there passed away when well advanced in years. In his native land Charles O. Westbrook was given the advantages offered by the public schools, but was not satisfied with the opportunities which existed in his native land, and it was his

desire from early boyhood to come to the United States, the country of which he had heard such glowing reports. Accordingly, when seventeen years of age, he left the shelter of the parental roof and made his way to the City of London, England, from whence he took passage to the United States, finally making port at New York City. From that metropolis he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he secured employment in a livery barn and there was made familiar with American business customs, methods and language. Later he removed to the City of Paxton, Illinois, where he remained until 1893, in that year taking a trip back to visit his native home. He spent only a few weeks there, however, when he came back to the United States and once more took up his residence at Paxton, Illinois. He was thirty years of age at the time of his marriage at Paxton to Miss Ellen Anderson, who had been born in the same neighborhood as her husband, March 29, 1872, and was then twenty-two years of age. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook, three having died in infancy, while the survivor is Nellie, who was born December 27, 1900, graduated from the graded schools in 1913, and is now attending a Swedish school at Danielson, Indiana.

Mr. Westbrook came to his present location in January, 1894, and for the following nine years was occupied as a renter. At the end of that period his wife's health failed and for five years they retired from active life on the farm, but when she regained her health they returned to the property where they have since resided. Mr. Westbrook has achieved remarkable results in the development of this land, which at the time of his arrival was a marshy wilderness, but which is now one of the most highly developed tracts in this part of the county. The greater part of the land is located in section 6, Oregon Township, but 100 acres lie in Davis Township, just adjoining. Mr. Westbrook has 200 acres devoted to corn, averaging fifty bushels to the acre; 100 acres of wheat, averaging thirty bushels per acre; and 160 acres of oats, with an average slightly less.

Mr. Westbrook grows and feeds a number of cattle, shipping to various markets, and his product in this line is in constant demand and brings excellent prices. He also does a profitable business in buying and selling milch cows. The buildings are of the most substantial and modern character, and include a corn crib with 8,000 bushels capacity; a barn, 100 by 50 feet, with the most modern equipment; a granary holding 4,000 bushels of grain; and a modern residence of six rooms, equipped with the latest conveniences and comforts. The buildings present a good appearance, the residence being white and all the other buildings red.

Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook and their daughter are all members of the Swedish Lutheran Church, in which they have been confirmed. Mr. Westbrook is a republican. He is well informed on questions of the day, takes a lively interest in the affairs of the community, and in all respects is an honorable and creditable representative of the men to whose enterprise, ability and character is due the present prosperity of the county.

LAWRENCE LOTTER. Among the ambitious, energetic and progressive young men who are able exponents of the agricultural and live-stock industries in Starke County, a place of distinct precedence may consistently be accredited to Mr. Lotter, whose well improved farmstead is situated in section 23, Davis Township.

Mr. Lotter was born in Adams County, Indiana, on the 6th of June, 1880, but has been a resident of Starke County since the spring of 1890, his education having been received in the public schools of these two counties and his close association with agricultural pursuits having been maintained from his boyhood to the present time. He is a son of Peter and Catherine (Eckler) Lotter, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, where their marriage was solemnized and where the first two children were born. One of the children died in infancy and the other died on shipboard while the parents were voyaging to America, the remains being consigned to a watery grave. The bereaved parents arrived in the port of New York City in the year 1865, and thence made their way to Mercer County, Ohio, where were born to them four or more children. Finally removal was made to Adams County, Indiana, where the father established a home on a small farm of forty-eight acres, and where he was able only to make a precarious living for his numerous family, though he was a man of industry and sterling character. He died at the age of fifty-five years, and in 1890 his widow came with her children to Starke County and established a home in the village of Hamlet, where she earnestly and bravely kept her family together until two of the children had attained to maturity and married, and where she continued her devoted care for the other children until her death, on the 14th of August, 1912. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, as was also her husband, and was an unassuming, noble woman, whose life was one of signal unselfishness and marked by unceasing solicitude for her children, all of whom revere her memory. Gentle, considerate and self-abnegating, she won the affectionate regard of all who came within the compass of her gracious influence, and she was instant in kindly thoughts and kindly deeds. Of the surviving children five are married and well established in homes of their own, John, Andrew, Alice, Minnie, and Cora. Alice is the wife of William Sprague, of Kankakee, Illinois; Minnie is the wife of John C. Ferch, of whom individual mention is made on other pages of this edition; and Cora is the wife of Frederick Mickow, likewise represented in this publication. Of the unmarried children it may be stated that Miss Barbara is the efficient presiding genius of the home of her bachelor brothers, George, Lawrence and Conrad, the first mentioned being a blacksmith by trade and vocation and the family home being in the village of Hamlet. Lawrence and Conrad Lotter operate 240 acres of the fine Ferch farm, in Davis Township, and they give their attention to diversified agriculture and stock-growing, in which lines of industry their success has been on a parity with their energy, enterprise and progressiveness. They devote about one hundred acres annually to the propagation of corn, which averages sixty bushels to the acre, wheat yielding an average of twenty-five

bushels, and oats forty bushels to the acre. In the season of 1914 they produced on the farm fully 1,000 bushels of onions. The farm is one of the fine landed estates of Starke County and its improvements are of the best modern type, including a silo of eighty tons capacity. Indefatigable industry, careful management and integrity of purpose have characterized the careers of these two enterprising young brothers and they command secure place in the confidence and esteem of the community. All of the family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the three bachelor brothers are all found aligned as staunch supporters of the cause of the democratic party. Lawrence Lotter is the owner of the fine imported Belgian breeding stallion "Louis DeWalling," a splendid bay weighing 2,200 pounds, and he and his brother are also successful breeders of high grade swine.

WILBUR W. DYE. Starke County claims Mr. Dye as one of its energetic, progressive and successful young business men and popular citizens, and he has gained precedence through his excellent management of the extensive lumber business conducted by him, with plant and headquarters in the Town of Hamlet. This enterprise was established in 1900 by William H. Bollman, and Mr. W. W. Dye and his cousins, George and Ed Dye, gained the ownership and control of the business in 1903, the partnership alliance continuing until 1907, since which time Mr. Dye has been the sole proprietor. He has brought to bear most progressive and well directed policies in the developing and control of this business, his yards are at all times found supplied with the best assortment of lumber and other kinds of building material, and the business includes the handling of heavy and shelf hardware, the manufacturing and handling of cement building blocks, and the handling of lime, plaster, cement, etc. The enterprise is one of the most substantial and important of its kind in Starke County and its upbuilding indicates the ability and sterling character of the owner, whose fair and honorable dealings have made his trade constantly cumulative. He is the owner also of the business conducted under the title of the Dye Lumber Company, at Schneider, Lake County, and is president and owner of a half interest in the Bellshaw Lumber Company, in Lake County, the last mentioned company having been organized in 1913. Mr. Dye has become one of the leading retail lumber merchants of this section of Indiana, is thoroughly familiar with all details of this line of enterprise, is a reliable, straightforward and ambitious business man and has the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Dye first came to Indiana in order to acquire experience in the lumber business under the direction of his cousin, who was identified with this line of enterprise at Goodland, Newton County, and after there remaining nine months Wilbur W. Dye engaged in business at Hamlet, as already noted in this context, where he proved himself well fortified in detailed knowledge and broad conceptions of productive business policies, this being proved conclusively by the marked success that has attended his efforts.

Wilbur W. Dye is a scion of one of the old and distinguished families of Virginia and one of his ancestors went forth from the historic Old Dominion commonwealth to render gallant service as a patriot soldier in the war of the Revolution. In the patrician old regime in the South prior to the Civil war the paternal grandfather of Mr. Dye was an extensive slaveholder, but at the inception of the agitation against the institution of slavery he voluntarily freed all of his slaves, and to the older ones he gave the houses in which they lived. When the war was precipitated he was thus able consistently to maintain a neutral standpoint.

At Piedmont, Mineral County, West Virginia, Wilbur W. Dye was born on the 26th of February, 1882, and his early educational discipline was acquired principally under the direction of a private tutor. His initial business experience was gained in the wholesale grocery establishment conducted by his father at Piedmont, and concerning his independent career as a successful business man adequate mention has already been made in preceding paragraphs. Mr. Dye is a son of Thornton Cass Dye and Susie Eudora (Davis) Dye, both of whom were born and reared in West Virginia, where their marriage was solemnized and where they maintained their home at Piedmont. There the father was first engaged in the retail merchandise business, and later he became proprietor of several general stores, at different places in West Virginia. He finally disposed of these interests and in 1900 he became president and manager of the Piedmont Grocery Company, and he still has the general management of the substantial wholesale business conducted by this corporation. He is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Mineral County, West Virginia, is a staunch advocate of the cause of the democratic party, is prominently affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he is a Knight Templar and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of which his wife likewise was a devoted adherent, her death having occurred at Piedmont. Of the children of this union the eldest is Herbert A., who is a successful lumber merchant at Leesburg, Kosciusko County, Indiana, he and his wife being the parents of four children, Herbert, Ella, Margaret, and Thornton C. Wilbur W., of this review, was the next in order of birth. T. Charles, like his elder brothers, was educated under the preceptorship of private tutors and has been prominently identified with business activities in Indiana. He was formerly engaged in the lumber business at North Judson, Starke County, and after selling this business he established his residence at Hamlet, this county, where he has given his attention to the closing out of a bankrupt stock of merchandise. He married Miss Hazel Bybee, and they have one son, Thornton Charles, Jr. Robert Cass Dye, the third son, remains at the paternal home and is in delicate health. David Voss, the youngest of the children, is employed as an inspector in one of the great automobile factories in the City of Detroit, Michigan. He is married and has one daughter, Loretta.

In a generic way Wilbur W. Dye aligns himself as a staunch sup-

porter of the principles of the democratic party, but in local affairs he gives his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, irrespective of partisan lines. In the time-honored Masonic fraternity he has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as a representative of which he holds membership in the consistory at Fort Wayne, as well as the temple of the Mystic Shrine in that city. At Valparaiso he is a member of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has represented his lodge in the grand lodge of the State of Indiana, and at the time of this writing he is serving as councilman of the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church and they are popular in the social activities of their home community.

At Goodland, Newton County, Indiana, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dye to Miss Veda Constable, who was there born and reared and who is a daughter of Benjamin A. and Belle (Johnson) Constable, who still reside at Goodland, where Mr. Constable is a substantial retired farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Dye have two children: Edna Eudora, born in 1905; and Elizabeth Irene, born in 1907.

HUGH KREUTER. Though he proved himself an able and successful representative of the legal profession and is a member of the bar of Starke County, formerly engaged in active practice at Knox, Mr. Kreuter has in recent years found it expedient to indulge his distinct predilection for merchandising and has retired from the work of his profession to supervise his interests as a member of the prominent hardware firm of Horner & Kreuter of Knox. His associate is John W. Horner, likewise one of the alert and popular business men of the younger generation in this county, and individually mentioned on other pages of this history, where further details can be found concerning the business.

Hugh Kreuter was born in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, December 29, 1871, a son of Hugh E. and Emma (Rose) Kreuter. His father was born in the City of Vienna, Austria, in 1843, and the mother at Dubuque, Iowa, in 1853, her parents, natives of Switzerland, having been numbered among the sterling pioneers of the Hawkeye State. In his native land Hugh E. Kreuter was reared and educated and learned the trade of brewer. In 1866 he emigrated to the United States, establishing his residence at Reading, Pennsylvania, and was for a time foreman in a brewery there. Finally he went to Iowa, became identified with the same line of enterprise at Dubuque, where he was married to Emma Rose, his wife having been reared and educated in that city. Soon after that event Mr. Kreuter and his young wife moved to St. Louis, where he was connected with a large brewery, later following the same line of occupation at Clinton, Iowa, and New Albany, Indiana. Finding the brewing business was undermining his health he engaged in merchandising at Memphis, Tennessee, and later in the jewelry business in Little Rock, Arkansas. He finally located in the City of Dallas, Texas, where he operated an omnibus and general transfer line for several

years. It was in 1883 that he brought his family to Starke County, Indiana, and bought eighty acres, adding to his holdings from time to time until he owned a ranch of 1,400 acres along the Kankakee Valley. He became one of the vigorous, substantial and representative agriculturists of this county. His attention was devoted to the supervision of his farm for about twenty years, and then, having sold his property at a profit, representing the extensive improvements he had introduced, he invested his capital in Chicago property, and in April, 1913, bought and established his home on a fine fruit ranch near Medford, Jackson County, Oregon. There he and his good wife still reside in the best of health and in the enjoyment of the rewards of former years of earnest endeavor. They are people of excellent mind and heart, have enjoyed the high regard of those with whom they have come in contact in the various communities in which they have lived. Of the two children Hugh is the elder, and the daughter, Miss Josephine, lives with her parents.

Hugh Kreuter acquired his early education in the schools of the various localities in which his parents resided during his boyhood days, and was eleven years old when he came to Starke County. He reached manhood on the old homestead farm and attended the public schools until seventeen, when he took a preparatory course in the Valparaiso Normal School, and in 1892 graduated from Bayless College at Dubuque, Iowa. In 1896 he became associated with William J. Willhelm, opening a grocery and meat market at Knox, but about four years later sold his interest to Capt. Charles Windish, of whom individual mention is made in this history. Mr. Kreuter then made a radical change in his course by taking up the study of law. From the law department of Valparaiso University he was graduated as a member of the class of 1902 with the degree LL. B. Forthwith admitted to the bar of Indiana, he engaged in practice at Knox in the office with Rev. William A. Foster, who is not only a lawyer but also a clergyman of the Christian Church. Mr. Kreuter developed a substantial law and insurance business, and representing the Reserve Loan Insurance Company, did the underwriting of more than half a million dollars of insurance in Starke County. In 1902, the year that marked his admission to the bar, Mr. Kreuter was appointed by petition candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney of the Forty-fourth Judicial Circuit, and later lacked only one vote of being chosen prosecutor for the district comprising Starke and Pulaski counties in a popular election. He has been an unwavering advocate of the principles and policies of the republican party.

The practice of the law and the insurance business absorbed his time and energies until 1908. In that year he formed a partnership with John W. Horner, and they have since been associated in conducting a large and prosperous business in the handling of hardware, stoves, ranges, farming implements and machinery, wagons, carriages, etc. The firm has been aggressive and vigorous in its policies, has offered reliable and effective service, and now has a business that extends into all parts of the county. In the fall of 1913 Mr. Kreuter was elected to the office

of town councilman, and in the November elections of 1914 was elected to the position of clerk of the Starke Circuit Court, to the duties of which he is now giving his capable attention.

In 1896, in Starke County, Mr. Kreuter married Miss Methel McKee. Mrs. Kreuter was born in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Robert B. and Eliza J. (Haldeman) McKee, who came to Starke County when she was seven years of age. Her father spent the closing years of his life at Knox, but died near Painesville, Ohio, in 1908, where his wife owns farms. Mrs. McKee lives in Knox. Mrs. Kreuter, an only child, was educated under the careful preceptorship of her devoted mother, a woman of superior intellectual talent and at one time principal of a leading female seminary in the City of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Kreuter is an accomplished violinist, a prominent worker in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School and Church, and also an active member of the firm of Horner & Kreuter, keeping the books of the firm, conducting practically all the correspondence, and buying certain lines of stock for the store and frequently canvasses for business in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Kreuter have two children: Robert, who was born August 12, 1897, and is a student in the Knox High School, recently won a prize of \$10 in gold for the contribution, among many competitors, for the best article on the subject, "Why Knox Should Have a Library;" and Kletha, who was born July 30, 1903.

MARTIN SCHULTZ. While Starke County has a full representation of American families, there has been no national element more importantly concerned with its development than the German people. One of the best representatives of this class in the county is Martin Schultz. It is a recognized fact that wherever the German has gone in the rural districts of this country, he has introduced thrift, industry, and capable citizenship, and has been an ideal worker for the development of a wilderness into broad and fertile farms. The most important development in Starke County has been the transformation of a vast waste district of marsh and lowland into drained and cultivated fields, and Martin Schultz has been one of the men who deserve pioneer honors for a share in this work.

Martin Schultz was born in Posen, one of the eastern provinces of the German Empire, on May 28, 1856. He was reared not more than eight English miles from the City of Kalmar. He grew up on a farm, and before coming to America he served the regular three years required of every German citizen of able body in the standing army, and his father before him was likewise a German soldier. In 1881, with his sister Amelia, Martin Schultz emigrated to America, sailing from Bremen to New York on the steamer Rhine. After landing they came directly to Michigan City, Indiana, where Martin Schultz was for twelve years employed in the car factory operated by Haskell & Barker. In 1882 his parents, Martin, Sr., and Rosina (Stelter) Schultz, with the rest of their children, Gustave, Louis, Julius, Bertha, Emma and Augusta, also followed to this country, and located in Michigan City. Six years

later the parents moved to Starke County, locating on forty acres of land in section 31 of Washington Township, and there they spent the rest of their days. The father died in 1899 and the mother in 1902, and both are buried in St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery near their old home. They were among the organizers and workers in that church, and were good Christian people, hard workers and excellent neighbors. Martin Schultz, Sr., after becoming an American citizen voted the republican ticket.

In 1889 Martin Schultz, Jr., left Michigan City and also found a home in Starke County. Later his brothers and sisters followed, and all but one are still living in this county. They are: Mrs. Bertha Paegel, Gustave, Julius, Louis, and Amelia, wife of John Schmidt, who lives in Michigan City. The eldest of the children, Martin Schultz, on coming to Starke County, bought 130 acres in section 32 of Washington Township. That land was practically valueless at that time; it is covered by timber growth, and much of this was under water a large part of the year. He was confronted by the heavy task of clearing, draining and restoring the fertility of the soil, and in subsequent years his work has been wisely bestowed in ditching, clearing and otherwise improving the land until it is now worth many times what he paid for it. Seventy-five acres are well improved, there is a comfortable farm residence and other farm buildings, and the land now produces abundant crops of corn, wheat, oats, cow peas, potatoes and other crops.

Martin Schultz was first married in Michigan City in 1883 to Miss Augusta Standorf. She was born in Posen, Germany, in 1867, and in the fall of 1881 came to the United States, locating at Michigan City. She died at her home in Washington Township in January, 1902, leaving six children. The oldest, Gustaf, is a resident of Hammond, Indiana, and married Carrie Meneke. Amiel, also a resident of Hammond, married Mary Richt, and has a son Israel. William is unmarried and works on his father's farm. Emma is the wife of William Beterstadt at Hammond, and they have a son William, Jr. Lillie is the wife of Ralph Milbert. Lena is the wife of Ernest Pearce of South Chicago, and they have a son Ernest, Jr.

In 1905 Mr. Schultz was married in Starke County to Mrs. Augusta (Wilde) Weymer, widow of Lawrence Weymer, who at his death left two children, William and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz have a son, Paul E., born December 2, 1907. Mrs. Schultz was born in Pomern, Germany, November 22, 1870, a daughter of George and Johanna (Rhode) Wilde, who were natives of the Province of Pomern. Her father was a bricklayer, and after his family of two sons and four daughters had been born in Germany, emigrated about 1875 to the United States, locating in South Chicago, where he followed his trade until his death in 1899, when past sixty-five years of age. His widow is still living in South Chicago, and was seventy-seven years of age on December 18, 1914. The Wilde family were Lutherans, and he was a republican. Their children are all living and married and all have children of their own. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz and family are members

of St. John's Lutheran Church in Washington Township, and Mr. Schultz for the last four years has been an official in the church. In politics he is a republican.

SAMUEL KOONTZ. Elsewhere in this history will be found some descriptive facts concerning Koontz Lake and settlement, one of the oldest centers of settlement and industry in Starke County, and now one of the most noted lake resorts in this section of Indiana. Koontz Lake is a beautiful series of lakes, with its banks fringed with the native forest trees and covered with luxuriant grass, making it most desirable as a summer resort. At the present time many cottages stand around the shores of this body of water, inhabited during the summer months by people both from Starke County and elsewhere. No history of Starke County could be written without many references to the Koontz family, which was among the pioneers, and in the following paragraphs will be found many items which are strictly a part of the essential history of this county. Samuel Koontz, the present proprietor of the Koontz Lake and Koontz Mills in Oregon Township, is one of the most interesting and prominent men of the county. Seventy years of age, he is still active and industrious, and all his life has been a model of temperate and vigorous manhood. He has never used alcoholic beverages, not even tea or coffee, and his father was a man of the same type. He has been a resident of this section of Starke County sixty-eight years, having come here with his parents from Ohio when an infant.

Samuel Koontz was born in Marion County, Ohio, September 20, 1844, third among eight children, two sons and six daughters, of Samuel and Mary (Sult) Koontz. The family came originally from Germany, where the name was spelled Kuntz, the original emigrant having been the great-grandfather of the present Samuel Koontz. Samuel Koontz, Sr., was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, in 1814, and died at Koontz Lake in Starke County in August, 1898, at the age of eighty-four. He was reared in Pennsylvania, educated in the German language, and learned the trade of tanner. In 1830 he moved with his parents to Marion County, Ohio, making the journey with wagons, and there setting up in business as a tanner. He was married in Marion County to Mary Sult, also a native of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Koontz, Sr., first came to Starke County in 1846, making the journey alone on horseback, and entering 160 acres in section 11 of Oregon Township, situated at the head of Koontz Lake. None of these geographical names were at that time established, since Starke County was not organized until 1850, Oregon Township was still designated by the Government survey of township and range, and it was the Koontz settlement which gave the name to the beautiful expanse of water known as Koontz Lake. In that locality Samuel Koontz built a log cabin, one of the first in that part of the county, and there were few families anywhere in that locality. Starke County was then a widreness of dense forest, and overflowed marshland alternated with the sand ridges, and it was many years before the era of drainage by which thousands of

acres in this part of Indiana have been transformed into fertile and valuable farms. The woods abounded in wild game, the lakes and streams were full of fish, and there were many Pottawatomie Indians who still roamed about the woods and camped on the shores of such lakes as the one just described. In 1847 Samuel Koontz, Sr., brought his family out to Starke County, having in the meantime purchased and received his title to his claim at Koontz Lake. That old deed is still a prized possession among his children. Mr. Koontz brought from Ohio twenty-four head of sheep, which were the first in the county, and in order to protect them from the wolves it was necessary to keep them close in a stable, and finally they were butchered in order to keep them from being devoured by the wolves. Mr. Koontz once shot a panther near the house, and for a number of years it was possible to kill deer, wild turkeys and even bear in this part of Indiana. Koontz Lake has always been a favorite fishing ground, but sixty years or more ago the settlers would catch bass and pike weighing from twenty-five to thirty pounds.

After coming to Starke County Samuel Koontz, Sr., built the first tannery in the county, and also erected the first sawmill, located on the banks of Koontz Lake. These were important institutions in the new community, and settlers came for miles with their wagons to procure lumber for houses and barns. In 1850 he established the Koontz grist mill, that being the same year that Starke County was organized, and these three different mills constituted the manufacturing center and the most important industrial point in the entire county for several years.

It is an item of special interest in Starke County history that the first trial in the newly organized courts of the county was the case of the State of Indiana v. Koontz. It was the outgrowth of Mr. Koontz's enterprise in damming up the outlet of his lake for the operation of his sawmill. After twelve men had been sent to survey and investigate the conditions, Mr. Koontz not only won his contention of rights, but was granted a charter from the state, giving him the privilege of maintaining a dam and granting to him and his heirs exclusive sale and ownership of the lake and surrounding land so long as the mill should be conducted on a business basis. Having thus established his legal rights, Mr. Koontz deepened the mill race and erected the well known water mill, which has been turning its wheels and grinding grain and other products for sixty years or more. This institution has been continued and extended by Samuel Koontz, Jr., who in later years, with the development of the country, has improved Koontz Lake as a summer resort, laying out and filling lots and building cottages, ice houses and other facilities around the shore, and also maintains a modern cement block house which is the headquarters and the summer hotel for many visitors to this section.

Samuel Koontz, Sr., was a whig in politics, having voted for Henry Clay, and he participated in one of the first elections held in Starke County. At that time there was no courthouse, and the balloting was done in the midst of the woods where the present Town of Knox stands. The ballots were put in a box measuring about six by five by eight

inches, and as the tickets were short and the voters few, the box was hardly full at the close of voting. Ever since Starke County gained a government of its own, the senior and junior Koontz have been prominent factors in its political and public affairs. Mr. Koontz, Sr., became a member of the republican party on its organization, and supported its first presidential candidate, General Fremont. He was an abolitionist with regard to the slavery question, and during the Civil war proved a valuable friend to the wives and widows of the soldiers who were at the front, donating liberally of flour and other provisions, and at one time gave \$500 to make up a carload of provisions and other supplies sent to the boys in the South. He was a strong man physically, mentally and morally, was firm in his convictions, and was known and honored for his integrity of character. In stature he stood five feet eleven, with broad shoulders, and possessed almost phenomenal strength. There was no better known citizen in Starke County than this venerable pioneer. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but afterwards joined the Methodist Church, and practiced that religion throughout the rest of his life. His body now rests in the Walkerton Cemetery. His wife died in Starke County in 1857.

Samuel Koontz, Jr., is one of the few men still living in Starke County who have a recollection of the entire period which has passed since the county was given a separate organization. He was six or seven years old when the county was organized, and has an exceptional memory of early conditions, and has always been keenly observing of the life that goes on about him. His father was not only a parent but a friend and companion to the boy, and the latter learned his best lessons of life from the senior Koontz and took pride in doing things as his father did them, which meant doing them in the most effective and vigorous manner. As years added to his responsibility he became the successor to his father in the management of the large affairs of farm and mill, and until the elder's death there existed unusual ties of affection and cooperation between them. He found plenty of work on the farm, which still presented many of the conditions of the wilderness during his boyhood, and his education came from a country school, conducted in a building 14 by 20 feet, with puncheon floor, slab seats and all the old-time facilities of the pioneer schoolroom, including the old goose quill pen. The first school he attended was conducted on the subscription plan, being supported by the families who had children attending. At that he went to school only two or three months each year. By the time he was sixteen Mr. Koontz was a full grown man, and then began learning the trade of miller, and two years later took charge of the Koontz mill, of which for many years he has been proprietor. It is one of the few mills in this part of Indiana operated by water power, but Mr. Koontz installed improved and up-to-date milling machinery a number of years ago. He owns over four hundred acres of land in Starke County, most of it around Koontz Lake, town property in Walkerton, and has a number of other interests in the county.

His father was a strong temperance man, and the son has rigidly adhered to the same principles, and is also a member of the Methodist Church. He has served three terms as trustee of Oregon Township, an office which was held by his father a number of years ago. The son was old enough to vote at the second election of Abraham Lincoln, and recalls that he and his father raised a great pole, 119 feet high, as a feature of the Lincoln campaign during the war. Mr. Koontz has often been a delegate to republican conventions of county and state, and in 1888 was a strong candidate for the office of county treasurer, but was defeated by the normal democratic majority. He has always been a firm friend of education, has supported both as a private citizen and in an official capacity the public schools of his county, and is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Oregon Township. He has held all the chairs in the Odd Fellows lodge, is a member of both the lodge and encampment of that order, and also affiliates with the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Koontz was first married in December, 1868, to Miss Martha Morrow. They became the parents of one son and three daughters. Mrs. Koontz was born March 19, 1848, and died in November, 1897, had taught school for several years in Indiana before her marriage, and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of her children the three still living are: Samuel Edward, who was trained to the milling business, but for a number of years has been in the clothing and furnishing business at Walkerton; Bertha, the wife of Albert Swank of Walkerton; and Laura, who completed her education in Valparaiso University, is the wife of Zibe Hornbeck, a merchant at Monticello, Indiana. On April 26, 1899, Mr. Koontz married for his second wife Mrs. Rebecca A. Woodward Vincent. Mrs. Koontz has been prominent in the Order of Pythian Sisters, and organized a branch of that order in Knox and several other Indiana towns, being a state officer. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Walkerton.

WILLIAM P. UNCAPHER. Starke County has been the home of William P. Uncapher for sixty-two years. He was brought to Oregon Township when less than two years of age, and since reaching his majority has voted and worked out his road taxes in district No. 4 continuously now for more than forty years.

Probably no one citizen has witnessed and has a better stored recollection of the development of the county from its earliest phases down to the present than William P. Uncapher. In his early life he lived among the pioneers, knew hundreds of them intimately, and either through the tales he has heard from their lips or from his own experience knows Starke County in practically its entire range and scope of history as a civilized community. Mr. Uncapher speaks of the physical conditions of Oregon Township when he was a boy as a country of lowlands, that being years before modern drainage was attempted. It was the haven for innumerable wild animals, including musk rats in the

marshes, wild ducks on the overflowed land and lakes, and practically every bird and beast known in the Middle West fauna. The early settlers had to guard their stock carefully to prevent them from being seized and devoured by the wolves. Indians still camped about the margins of the lakes, roamed through the forests and hunted and fished and lived on peaceable terms with the early pioneers. A day's outing along almost any of the lakes in the county would be rewarded with a wagon box full of fish. For the young settler who enjoyed hunting and fishing Starke County was then a paradise, and Mr. Uncapher as a boy became skilled in woodcraft and has many stories to relate of the wild life of this region. One interesting matter he recalls was the presence of great flocks of wild pigeons, a distinctive American bird that now, according to all accounts, has not a single living specimen. In the early days these pigeons were in such numbers that their flight would sometimes darken the sky, and Mr. Uncapher tells that in the evening while they were flying low to their roosts it was possible to take a limber pole and, swinging it in the air, to kill a great number of these birds. A good hunter could usually kill from six to eight deer a day, and some of the early settlers often harbored within their fields and wood lots pet deer.

When Mr. Uncapher's father came to Starke County in 1853 he located on a piece of wild timber and prairie land in section 22 of Oregon Township. The land cost \$1.25 per acre. Oxen were used to break out the heavy moist soil, and it will be ever difficult to appreciate to the full extent the labors and hardships of such an undertaking. As more and more settlers came into the county school districts were organized, rough cabin schoolhouses were built, and the children then received some instruction. The markets for produce were at a great distance, the nearest being Laporte, twenty-eight miles away, and South Bend, thirty miles. For grinding the wheat and corn the mill at Koontz Lake was convenient to the early settlers of Oregon Township, being about three and a half miles from the Uncapher home. In spite of the heavy burdens placed upon the early settlers, there was a distinctive social spirit of helpfulness and charity that prevailed everywhere in such early communities. A neighbor was always ready to assist with all the means at his command anyone in misfortune. Socially the settlers enjoyed each other perhaps more than people living in modern communities do. Especially during the winter holiday seasons there was much merriment, feasting and almost constant visiting from one cabin home to another. In the early days Mr. Uncapher knew every man, woman and child in Oregon Township, and nearly everybody of any consequence in the entire county.

William P. Uncapher was born in Marion County, Ohio, September 3, 1851. His parents were Israel and Margaret (Sult) Uncapher. His father was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, in the early days traveled to the western frontier at Jefferson City, Missouri, making the journey on horseback, returned to Marion County, Ohio, was married there, and took his bride out to the Missouri wilderness, but ten years

later went back to Marion County, Ohio. In 1853, with wagon and team to carry their household possessions, the family came to Starke County, Indiana, locating on a tract of wild land in Oregon Township. The father walked all the distance to Winnemac to enter his land at the Government land office. Israel Uncapher was one of the most enterprising and hardest working of the pioneer settlers of Oregon Township, and his traits of industry and vigor have been handed down to his descendants. In the early days he operated the Star Route for the transportation of mail from Oregon Township to San Pierre and also from Plymouth to Logansport. His death occurred in Marshall County at the home of his oldest son when past sixty-eight years of age. His widow lived until seventy-seven years old, and married for her second husband John E. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher, the parents, were both members of the Lutheran Church, and meetings of this church were sometimes held in their log cabin home. Israel Uncapher was very prominent locally as a democrat, was a man of considerable reading, and of an information that made his counsel valuable to his friends and neighbors.

William P. Uncapher grew up as a farmer and business man and has for many years been identified with commercial matters at his home Town of Grovertown. When twenty years of age he opened a stock of goods at Hamlet, that being the first store in the village. He later purchased a farm in Oregon Township, worked it ten years, and then traded for a stock of goods in Plymouth. He brought this stock to Grovertown, and has since lived there and for fourteen years conducted a general store. Since then his chief work has been as a farmer. Mr. Uncapher owns a large amount of land in Oregon Township, and in Grovertown a good store building, house and other property. While a democrat in politics he has taken little activity in party affairs. He is well known and highly respected, has had a career of honest effort and upright dealings, and the integrity of his character is recognized wherever his name is known.

Mr. Uncapher was married in Oregon Township to Miss Josephine Davis, who represents another family of early settlers in Starke County. She was born in Darke County, Ohio, August 22, 1854, and when eleven years of age was brought by her parents to Starke County. Her parents were Andrew J. and Rachel (Whittaker) Davis, both natives of Darke County, where they were married. In 1865 the parents and eight children moved to Oregon Township. Andrew J. Davis was for eight years a conductor on the Big Four Railway, and was for many years in railway service. During the Civil war he served more than three years as a Union soldier, and held a non-commissioned office. It was the hardships of army life that shortened his life, since he contracted disease in the South and died at the age of about forty-five. Andrew J. Davis was a man who deserves much credit for the gallant fight he made in providing a place for himself in the world, since he was depending on his own resources from the age of six years and earned his way through the world from that time. His widow lived to be seventy-five years of age,

and was the mother of four sons and four daughters, all the sons being farmers, and two of the daughters are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher have the following children: Lillie, wife of W. R. Richey, a resident of Grovertown and a trustee, merchant and farmer. They have three children—Carl, who works in his father's store, wedded Cornelia Pierson; Russell and Perry. Perry W. Uncapher was well educated, and for a number of years followed the vocation of teaching, was principal of schools and a teacher in the Knox High School for a number of years, and is now cashier of the First National Bank of Knox. He married Elsie Marsh, daughter of Henry L. Marsh, a sketch of whom is found on other pages. They have one son, Rex, born in March, 1913. Otto, the second son, is a farmer in Oregon Township, married Lizzie Manlove, daughter of Peter and Lydia Manlove of Grovertown, and they have a daughter, Eleanor, now seven years of age and in school. Elmer, the third child, was formerly a teacher, and is now a farmer and onion grower living at Grovertown; he married Jennie Wright of Oregon Township; Irvin died at the age of four years. Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher and family are members of the United Brethren Church. The son, Perry Uncapher, not only has a good reputation in Starke County as an educator, but has proved equally efficient as a bank officer. Mrs. Uncapher has endeared herself to many visitors at Grovertown by entertaining and furnishing lodging and board to travelers through that village. She has the kindly and Christian character which is the mark of the old-fashioned housewife and has proved herself a most hospitable landlady. Her home is a place of sunshine and cheerfulness to all who have the good fortune to reside for any time under its roof.

JAMES D. HARNESS. From the time of his marriage, in 1880, James Dawson Harness has maintained his home on his present fine farm, in section 30, Oregon Township, and he is consistently to be designated as one of the representative agriculturists and progressive citizens of Starke County, where he and his wife have a circle of friends that is limited only by that of their acquaintances. Mr. Harness gives his attention to diversified farming and horticulture, and also raises excellent grades of live stock. Most of the permanent improvements on his homestead have been made by him, and the place is one of the attractive rural homes of the county. The residence is a commodious house of nine rooms and with Mrs. Harness as its gracious and popular chatelaine it is made a center of generous hospitality.

Mr. Harness was born in Laporte County, Indiana, on the 10th of September, 1852, and in that county he was reared to manhood on the farm of his parents, in the meanwhile making good use of the advantages afforded in the public schools. He is a son of James W. and Elsie (Dawson) Harness, both natives of Ohio, to which state the parents of the former removed in an early day from Pennsylvania. Both the Harness and Dawson families became early settlers of the Rolling Prairie District of Laporte County, Indiana, and there Peter Harness and his wife, grandparents of the subject of this review, continued to

reside until their death, when venerable in years: they were numbered among the earliest settlers of Laporte County and did well their part in furtherance of its social and industrial development. Their remains rest in Oak Grove Cemetery, one of the first established in that county, and in this "God's acre" are to be found the graves of more than one hundred of the direct and collateral representatives of this sterling pioneer family.

James W. Harness long held precedence as one of the substantial farmers and honored citizens of Laporte County, where he aided in the reclamation of much land and developed a fine farm. He had the distinction of breaking the land on which the City of Laporte is situated, and utilized for this purpose a plow and four yokes of oxen. He was influential in public affairs of a local order and was one of the well known and revered pioneer citizens of Laporte County at the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-one years of age, his loved and devoted wife having passed away at the age of sixty-five years: the mortal remains of both repose in the historic old cemetery mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Mrs. Harness was a daughter of Peter Dawson, who was born in what is now the State of West Virginia, and who was captured by the Indians when he was a lad of sixteen years. He remained with the Indians for sixteen years, and then he was set at liberty, in recognition of an act of bravery which he achieved for the chief of the tribe. When thus liberated he was presented with a bushel of silver coins, and he finally rejoined his family and learned anew the habits of the white race, from which his long experience with the Indians had largely weaned him. After his marriage he removed to Ohio, and from that state he later came to Rolling Prairie, Laporte County, Indiana, where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness and endured sturdily the labors and trials of the pioneer. He continued his residence in that county until his death, when about eighty years of age, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-five years. Both were consistent members of the Christian Church, as were also James W. Harness and his wife, and the political faith of both families was that of the democratic party. James W. and Elsie (Dawson) Harness became the parents of twelve children, all of whom are living except one, and of the number James D., of this review, was the fifth in order of birth. All of the surviving children are married and all of them save one have reared children. Some of them still reside in Laporte County and the other in Starke County, and all are prosperous representatives of the agricultural industry in this favored section of the Hoosier State.

On the 7th of November, 1880, at the home of the bride's parents, near Hamlet, Starke County, was solemnized the marriage of James D. Harness to Miss Margaret Roose, who was born in Stark County, Ohio, on the 27th of April, 1858, and who is a daughter of John A. Roose, adequate data concerning the family history being given in the sketch of the career of Mrs. Harness' brother, Charles H. Roose, on other pages of this volume.

At this juncture is entered brief record concerning the children of

Mr. and Mrs. Harness: Altae is the wife of Perry Singleton, a prosperous farmer of Davis Township, and they have six children; Curtis, who is a representative farmer of Oregon Township, wedded Miss Josephine Doolittle and they have one son; Andrew, who is engaged in business in the Village of Hamlet, married Miss Bertha Mann and they have three daughters; Zillah is the wife of William Mann, another of the successful farmers of Oregon Township, and they have two daughters; Bertha is the wife of William Hubbard, who is engaged in dredging and onion raising in Porter County, and they have one daughter; and Leonora, Raymond and Everett remain at the parental home. The one deceased child was Irving, who died at the age of fourteen months.

Mr. Harness is loyal and progressive as a citizen, gives his allegiance to the democratic party, and has served in local offices of public trust, both he and his wife being members of the Christian Church.

CHARLES O. HARNESS. The distinction of being the largest potato and onion grower of Northern Indiana is held by Charles O. Harness, who occupies and operates 700 acres of land in sections 3, 4 and 5, Oregon Township, Starke County. This property, known as the Garden City Farm, is famous all over the county, it containing 400 acres of muck land, which averages fifteen feet in depth and is remarkably productive, being adaptable for the raising of almost any kind of crop, but principally onions and potatoes. The career of Mr. Harness has been one which is remarkable in many ways. Through his own exertions he has risen from the position of laborer at \$16 per month to the ownership of one of the finest properties in the state, and from obscurity to an established place among his community's strongest and most influential citizens.

Mr. Harness was born in a log house in Laporte County, Indiana, August 21, 1872, and is a son of Frank and Jane (Forgey) Harness, the former a native of Laporte County and the latter of Howard County, Indiana. The grandfather, James Harness, was one of the early pioneers of Laporte County, where he settled during the '40s, and where the balance of his life was passed in agricultural pursuits. For some years the parents of Charles O. Harness were residents of Howard and Laporte counties, but eventually came to Starke County and now live in Oregon Township, where they have a small farm, the father being sixty-seven years of age July 4, 1914, and the mother sixty-six October 10th of that year. They are the parents of five sons and one daughter, all of whom are married and live in Indiana.

Charles O. Harness was educated in the public schools of Laporte County, which he attended until reaching the age of thirteen years, and then entered upon a career of his own, since which time he has been self-supporting. As a lad he was given employment as a farm hand at 75 cents per day, and then took a position at \$16 per month, the greater part of which wages he saved. He worked resolutely and industriously, finally became the owner of a small property, and has gradually added to his holdings until he now has 892 acres of land in Starke and Laporte

counties, where he has resided for twenty-eight years. For three years Mr. Harness was a member of the firm of Harness & Steenburg, which controlled 3,500 acres of land, but this concern was dissolved January 1, 1915.

The Garden City Farm gives the visitor the impression of viewing a vast and luxuriant garden. In few parts of the state can be found land that will produce two tons of hay to the acre, and Mr. Harness' land has already yielded as high as 60,000 bushels of produce on eighty acres in a year, although it generally produces about one-half that amount, and has never gone below 22,000 bushels. It yields sixty-five bushels of corn per acre, twenty-five to thirty-five bushels of wheat, and fifty to sixty-eight bushels of oats, with other crops in proportion, including from six thousand to seven thousand bushels of potatoes. Mr. Harness maintains a station on the C. I. & S. Railroad, where all trains stop for the flag, while all the locals stop for business. He has a fine, modern fifteen-room residence, a 60 by 60 barn, bins for 10,000 bushels of wheat and oats and for about an equal amount of onions, while other bins have a capacity almost as large for various other farm products. He has another large residence for his employes, and a horse barn 24 by 42 feet, and the whole set of buildings are painted a fine yellow, are pleasantly and conveniently arranged and well equipped with modern conveniences, and present an attractive appearance. In addition, Mr. Harness has a fine home and large barn just outside of the Village of Hamlet, where he owns 200 acres of finely cultivated farming land devoted to the growing of wheat, corn and oats.

As an employer of labor, Mr. Harness has done much to build up the county. During the greater part of the year he has from thirty to fifty hands, who are well paid and well treated, and who have the greatest confidence in their employer's fairness as well as his ability. Mr. Harness has devoted much attention to the feeding of live stock, having from sixteen to twenty head of horses, used in his work, and large numbers of hogs and cattle. A firm believer in modern machinery, he has had especially made for him a thirty horse-power engine, with which he can roll, disk and drag thirty acres in ten hours.

In every way Mr. Harness is one of his community's most enterprising and progressive men. It has been largely through his activities and operations that this part of the county has become one of the acknowledged centers of agricultural importance, and his intelligent labors in the cultivation of his muck land (made up of decomposed vegetable matter) have encouraged other farmers in seeking improved methods to increase their output. His farm buildings are models of convenience and labor-saving arrangement; each acre of his property is made to produce to the full for the labor expended upon it; his live stock is fat, sleek and content, and the entire property shows the thrift and good management of its owner. In business circles his name is an honored one, he having built up a substantial reputation through many years of straightforward transactions and honest dealings, and as a citizen he is known to be quick to support or lead any movement which promises to make for civic betterment.

Mr. Harness was married in Starke County to Miss Cora McCormick, a sister of James McCormick, a sketch of whose career appears on another page of this work. She was born in 1872, in Lima, Ohio, was taken as a child to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and when ten years of age came to Starke County with her parents and here completed her education. To Mr. and Mrs. Harness there have been born the following children: Ruth, born in 1894, well educated at Hamlet, and for several years bookkeeper for the firm of Harness & Steenberg, of which her father was a partner; Orpha, born in 1896, who is a graduate of the graded schools and resides at home with her parents; Clarence, who is fifteen years of age and attending the Hamlet High School; Naomi, born in 1901, and now a pupil in the seventh grade; and John, aged ten years, who is in the fourth grade at school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harness are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a republican in politics, although not a politician, and has been somewhat interested in fraternal work, belonging to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all at Hamlet.

AXEL JACOBSON. Oregon Township, Starke County, comprises a locality of which any section of the state might be proud on account of the enterprising class of agriculturists constituting it and the high standard of citizenship displayed throughout its extent. In this class may be mentioned Axel Jacobson, the owner of 100 acres of good land in sections 11 and 14, who by his steady habits of industry has achieved not only a competence, but has also established and ever maintained a reputation which guarantees to him any station that he might be willing to accept.

Mr. Jacobson was born in Smoland, Sweden, in 1866, and belongs to an old and honored family whose members lived in that country for generations and were always known as honest, industrious, law-abiding people, and members of the Lutheran Church. His grandfather was Jacob, and his father August Jacobson, the latter of whom married a Swedish maid, Christina Gustaveson, also a native of that province and a member of an old family of Smoland. In 1888, with their ten children, the parents took passage from Copenhagen on the ship *Tinglala*, which made port at the City of New York after a journey of twenty-one days, and from that city the little party made its way to Chicago, where the last child, a daughter, was born. There the parents and nine children are still living, two daughters being still unmarried. The father is now seventy-eight and the mother seventy-three years of age, and both have been lifelong members of the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Axel Jacobson is the eldest save one of the family, and has been a farmer all of his life. He received his education in the schools of his native land, and was twenty-two years of age when he accompanied the family to the United States, following which he was engaged in various pursuits in the City of Chicago. He was quick to pick up the language and customs of his adopted country, and was thrifty and industrious, so

that about 1898 he went to Pulaski County, Indiana, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. After five years spent there he came to Starke County, settling on his present farm in sections 11 and 14, where he is now the owner of 100 acres. Here he has made improvements that have greatly increased the value of the property and made it one of the attractive country places of this part of the county. In 1911 he erected his present residence, a modern nine-room home, painted yellow, and in addition has a substantial barn, granary, corn crib and outbuildings. He carries on general farming, growing good crops of corn, wheat and oats, and has twenty acres of muck land devoted to potatoes and onions. In 1914 he grew 2,500 bushels of onions on four and a half acres, and his land yielded 120 bushels of potatoes per acre. Mr. Jacobson is an industrious, persevering farmer, and is meeting with success in all his undertakings, as he richly deserves. In politics he is a republican, but he has found little time for participation in public affairs, save for staunchly supporting movements which are intended to advance the community's welfare. The family has always been connected with the Lutheran Church.

While still a resident of Chicago, in 1896, Mr. Jacobson was married to Miss Ureka Peterson, who was born in Skona, Southern Sweden, January 25, 1864. She was reared and educated at her native place and when twenty years of age came to the United States by way of Copenhagen to New York, from whence she went to Chicago. Her parents were Peter and Peternilla Larson, who followed their daughter to the United States and are now residents of Hinsdale, Illinois, the father being seventy-nine and the mother seventy-six years of age. They belong to the Lutheran Church.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson: Albin, born February 24, 1900, a graduate of the graded schools, who is assisting his father and learning to be a farmer; Edwin A., born August 11, 1903, who is a student in the seventh grade of the public schools; and Florence C., born February 20, 1905, who is a pupil in the fourth grade.

WILLIAM L. STUCK. The most modern methods in the vocation of farming find a worthy representative and champion in the person of William L. Stuck, who is operating as manager 140 acres of land known as the Gunzenhauser Estate, located in section 23, Oregon Township. Here he has resided since March, 1911, and during this time has not only secured recognition as an able and progressive farmer, but as a good and public-spirited citizen who is ready to do his share in the advancement of the community's interests. The neat and thrifty appearance of the property indicates his careful supervision, substantial improvements are surrounded by well tilled fields, and all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are there found.

Mr. Stuck has the distinction of being a native of the Hoosier State, having been born on his father's farm in Marshall County, April 1, 1877, and is a son of John M. Stuck. His father was also born in Marshall County, in 1850, a son of Harry and Sophia (Platt) Stuck, natives of

Pennsylvania, whose parents were also born in that state. The grandparents of William L. Stuck were married in Pennsylvania and shortly thereafter turned their faces toward Indiana, traveling overland on a long and tedious journey and finally taking up their home among the earliest pioneer settlers of Marshall County. There they resided for many years on a property in the vicinity of Twin Lakes, their residence there covering a period in which pioneer conditions were succeeded by much settlement and evidences of cultivation, and there the grandfather died about 1883, when aged about seventy years, the grandmother surviving him some twelve or fifteen years and passing away when eighty years of age. They were devout members of the Dutch Reformed Church, were solid and substantial people and at all times had the respect and esteem of those among whom they lived. The grandfather was a democrat.

John M. Stuck was one of a family of four sons and four daughters, and grew up on the home farm at Twin Lakes, subsequently adopting the vocation of agriculturist as his own. He was there married to Miss Jane Horner, who was born near Warsaw, Indiana, in 1851, and was reared in Fulton and Marshall counties. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stuck in Marshall County, one of whom died there, and in 1885 they came to Starke County, settling on a farm in Washington Township. There they continued to reside until their retirement in 1902. Mr. Stuck is now a resident of Knox, while Mrs. Stuck lives at South Bend. Three children were born to them in Starke County, and live in South Bend: Floyd, who is single, and two daughters, Lula, who is the wife of John W. Ashley, of South Bend, and has two children, Fay and Gladys; and Grace, who is the wife of Chester Rea, of South Bend, and has no children. Mr. Stuck is a democrat.

William L. Stuck received his early education in the district schools of Marshall County, and was eight years of age when he accompanied his parents to Starke County. Here, in Washington Township, he completed his studies, and grew up a farmer, continuing to be so engaged here until 1905, when he went back to Marshall County. There he engaged in renting land until March, 1911, when he came to Oregon Township, where he has since been operating the Gunzenhauser Estate on shares. Mr. Stuck uses the most modern methods in his work, and is thoroughly versed in rotation of crops, which he practices with much success. He raises a large acreage of corn, oats and cow peas, and has also had profitable returns from his wheat fields. As a stock raiser he feeds and maintains four horses, four head of milch cows and about a dozen head of mixed swine, and the various other branches of modern farming have been ably carried on under his supervision. Mr. Stuck's home is a seven-room residence, nicely arranged, well equipped and comfortably furnished, and the other buildings include a large barn for his stock and grain, with outside cribs having a capacity for 900 or 1,000 bushels of corn and other cereals.

Mr. Stuck was married at Grovertown, Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Erma E. Lish, who was born in Nebraska, August 11, 1882. She

was there reared and educated until she reached the age of eight years, at which time her mother died in the prime of life and her father came to Starke County, Indiana, locating in Oregon Township, where he is still engaged in agricultural pursuits at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Lish was born and reared in Marshall County, Indiana, and was too young to enlist when the Civil war broke out, but in 1863, when only fifteen years of age, managed to get himself accepted by the recruiting officers and joined an Indiana regiment of volunteer cavalry. With this organization he served for two years, or until the close of the war, and, while he was never captured or wounded, he strained his back while in the service, and from this injury he still suffers. Mr. Lish is a stalwart republican, and is a member of the United Brethren Church, to which his wife also belonged. She was formerly Miss Laura Switzer, who was born in Ohio, reared in Marshall County, Indiana, and died in Nebraska, as before stated. Other members of Mrs. Stuck's family have had military careers, as her great-grandfather served as a brave and faithful soldier during the War of 1812, and one of her most prized possessions is the old flint-lock gun which was carried in his campaigns by this patriot, the date on the stock, "1812," indicating its service. Mr. Lish's great-great-uncle, Yeakley, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Stuck has a testament that belonged to his grandmother and was printed in the year 1812.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stuck: Raymond, who died at the age of one year and nine months; Forest L., born December 7, 1906, who is attending school; and Ernest Floyd, the baby, born June 2, 1909. While Mr. and Mrs. Stuck are not professed members of any church they give freely to religious movements and are charitably and generously inclined. Mr. Stuck is a republican in his political views, but has not found the time nor the inclination to enter public life in search of the honors of office.

WILLIAM A. GROSHANS. Relative to the history of Starke County there are many points of special interest in the career of Mr. Groshans, who is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the Village of Hamlet, where he has been engaged in the livery business for more than a quarter of a century. The old homestead farm on which he was born and which he now owns has about half of its area within the corporate limits of Hamlet, and on this part of the farm is established his large and finely equipped livery barn, besides which his attractive and modern residence also is on the old homestead. He is a scion in the third generation of one of the honored pioneer families of Starke County, his paternal grandfather having been the original owner of the fine homestead mentioned and having obtained the land when it was virtually in its wild state and lay contiguous to Hamlet, which was then composed of only a few buildings and fully justified its name. Mr. Groshans has maintained his home at Hamlet from the time of his birth to the present and few of the native sons of Starke County can claim within its borders a wider circle of friends.

In the old home, the site of which is now within the limits of Hamlet, Mr. Groshans was born on the 17th of April, 1868, and here he was reared to maturity under the sturdy discipline of the farm, the while he did not neglect to profit duly by the advantages offered in the public schools of the village. He is a son of Philip and Eliza (Humphrey) Groshans, the latter a representative of a sterling pioneer family of Center Township, this county. Philip Groshans was born in Ohio, in the year 1834, and was there reared to adult age. In 1852, when about eighteen years of age, he accompanied his parents on their removal from the old Buckeye State to Starke County, Indiana, his father becoming one of the pioneer settlers of Oregon Township, where the farm was reclaimed from the wilderness to effective cultivation and where the parents passed the residue of their lives. Philip Groshans gave to his father effective aid in the clearing and development of the farm, and in 1866, at Knox, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Eliza Humphrey. They established their home on the semi-rural farm now owned by their son, William A., of this review, and, with mutual ambition, industry and devotion they worked to improve the property and to achieve independence and merited prosperity, which rewards were not denied to them. They continued to reside on the old homestead until the close of their lives, and their names merit enduring place on the roster of the noble and honored pioneers of Starke County. Mrs. Groshans was summoned to eternal rest on the 16th of March, 1904, at the age of sixty-three years, and her husband did not long survive her, as his death occurred on the 22d of September, 1907, at which time he was seventy-three years of age. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church of Hamlet. He was a man of strong personality and well fortified convictions, was upright and considerate in all of the relations of life, and upon his career there rests no shadow of wrongdoing or injustice. He was a stalwart democrat and though never ambitious for public office he served with efficiency as a trustee of Oregon Township. Of the children four sons and two daughters attained to years of maturity, the subject of this sketch being the eldest of the number, and he was the father of one son, Carl Deverre, who died in infancy. Frederick is a resident of Hamlet and has three children, namely, Guy, Blanche and Mamie; Alta P. is the wife of George Rosebury, residing in Hamlet; May L. is the wife of Frank Sullivan, of Portland, Oregon, and they have one daughter, Violet; Orrin, a farmer and mechanic of Oregon Township, is a bachelor; Orpha died at the age of three years; Otto, who is a successful farmer near Demotte, Jasper County, has three daughters, namely Queen, Violet and Rae.

William A. Groshans established his present livery business in 1887, and his barn is a building 50 by 120 feet in dimensions, being eligibly situated on Starke Street. He has kept his equipment up to the highest standard at all times and the effective service given for so many years has been the basis of the large and appreciative supporting patronage which he has received. He is a lover of horses, and his loyalty in this



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respect is shown by his retention of superannuated animals which he has retired "on pension" and to which he gives the best of care. His business involves the keeping of an average of fifteen horses, and in his stables at the present time will be found on the retired list his faithful old mare "Bessie," which has been here quartered for twenty-seven years and which bore a colt in 1913. Her mate, "Bird," died in 1913, at the age of twenty-eight years, and from these two faithful old mares Mr. Groshans has recruited some of the best horses in his stables. Since 1907 he has been the owner of the old homestead farm, which comprises eighty acres and to which his mother retained title until her death, in the year mentioned. The farm is well improved and forty acres of the tract now lies within the corporate limits of Hamlet. Mr. Groshans gives his personal supervision to the farm as well as to his substantial livery business, and the place, maintained in high fertility through scientific methods, gives large yields of wheat, corn, oats, onions, etc., the farm having yielded in recent years an average of thirty bushels of wheat to the acre and eight bushels of corn.

Mr. Groshans is intensely loyal to and appreciative of his native county and has here found ample scope for productive and profitable enterprise, the while he has at all times been ready to aid in those undertakings that have tended to conserve the general good of the community. He is aligned as a supporter of the cause of the democratic party and served for some time as supervisor of Oregon Township. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In Lake County, this state, in the year 1897, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Groshans to Miss Minnie L. Thomas, who was born on a farm near Lowell, that county, on the 22d of December, 1867, and who for sixteen years was a specially efficient and popular teacher in the public schools—in Lake and Starke counties. Her pedagogic services were continued for four years after her marriage, as the work was a source of much pleasure and satisfaction to her. Mrs. Groshans is a daughter of Eugene and Elsie (Dickson) Thomas, who were early settlers in Lake County, where the father became a representative farmer and influential and honored citizen. He was born in the State of New York and after the death of his loved and gracious wife he came to Starke County and passed the evening of his life in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Groshans, where he died at the age of seventy-four years, his wife having passed away two years before. Each of them had been previously married and each had children by both unions. Of the second marriage two were born—Mrs. Groshans and Orrin, the latter being a successful farmer near Lowell, Lake County, and being the father of two daughters, Lillian and Violet.

LEWIS RASCHKA. The fiscal and educational affairs of California Township have never been better administered nor intrusted to more efficient hands than to the present township trustee, Lewis Raschka,

whose term of six years in that office will expire January 1, 1915. Mr. Raschka has lived in one section, section 9 of California Township, practically all his life, represents a family of pioneer German people, and has been successful in the management of his own affairs and public spirited in all his relations with the community.

Mr. Raschka owns 120 acres in his farm in section 9, besides which he has 25½ acres in section 35, and half of an undivided interest in 120 acres in section 21. It has been largely through his own efficient labors that his home farm and the small farm have been improved. Some idea of his management as a farmer may be understood from a brief statement concerning the condition of his land in 1914. Eighty acres are improved and in cultivation up to the very best standards of that locality. About his home is an excellent bearing orchard, containing 180 trees. The land is thoroughly drained, and among the improvements are a fine barn, 30x68 feet, built in 1906, and adjoining that a silo of eighty tons capacity. There are granaries, and also an automobile shed, 20x30 feet. His comfortable seven-room house was built about twenty years ago. Among his crops he raises forty acres of corn with an average of fifty bushels to the acre, some ten or twelve acres of wheat, averaging twenty bushels to the acre, and other grain crops. For the past nine years Mr. Raschka has derived much of his revenue as a farmer from a small dairy, running from twelve to sixteen cows, and shipping about two hundred pounds of milk per day.

Lewis Raschka was born in California Township, near his present home, on August 22, 1866. His home has never been off section 9 in all the years of his residence. He grew up in this community, was educated in the public schools of his time, and has made farming his vocation. Mr. Raschka comes of a German family, being a son of John and Mary (Kane) Raschka, both natives of Germany, who came when young people to this country and to Northwestern Indiana. Before their marriage John Raschka was employed for some time during the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad through Starke County. They were married in 1852, and then bought forty acres of wild land in section 9 of California Township. They were among the pioneers, were thrifty and industrious young Germans, and though they started life in a simple log cabin, without comforts, in a few years they had developed a good farm and were able to provide home and school advantages to their children. Their farm in time was increased to 140 acres, all of it paid for, and with money in the bank besides. This prosperity represented a steady progress from the time when John Raschka landed in this country with only 50 cents, though with a strong and an active mind and ambition. He was one of the pioneers of Starke County to whom should be credited a substantial share in the upbuilding and improvement of the land. In politics he was a democrat. He died at his old home on May 4, 1899. Another fact which will always be remembered to his credit, and of which his descendants will be increasingly proud, was his service of more than three years in the Union army during the Civil war. He enlisted from Starke County, and was one of the pri-



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vate soldiers who did their part with fidelity and insured the integrity of the Union. His death occurred at the age of sixty-nine. His widow is now living in Starke County with her daughter, Mrs. John Marks. Lewis Raschka was the second among six sons and five daughters, and five of the sons and two of the daughters are still living and all married except one son.

Lewis Raschka was married in Wayne Township of Starke County, September 19, 1894, to Lulu May Flagg. Mrs. Raschka was born in Wayne Township, May 25, 1878, a daughter of John and Mary (Mosher) Flagg, who are still living on the old farm in Wayne Township, both being now past three score years of age. Mr. Raschka and wife are the parents of seven children: Carl D., at home; Ada, a student in the Knox public schools; Audrey, Dorothy and Lucile, all attending the local schools; and Marjory and Elinor June. Mr. Raschka has always been identified with the democratic party, and has taken a part in local politics and particularly in behalf of the schools. Mrs. Raschka is a true type of the genial, cordial Indiana lady. Her pretty home is her paradise and to her children she is a devoted mother. She has been an able factor to her husband in the building up of their happy home. Their modern residence is lighted by an acetylene plant, and Mr. and Mrs. Raschka have a fine four cylinder Page motor car. Their pleasant home is ever open to their many friends, and the stranger meets a cordial reception. At the beautiful estate of Mr. and Mrs. Raschka, known as "The Twin Oaks Dairy and Stock Farm," the stranger meets a cordial reception.

CHARLES RASCHKA. One of the progressive and able exponents of the agricultural industry in Starke County, Mr. Raschka resides upon and gives effective supervision to the well improved farm which was the place of his birth and which is eligibly situated in section 9, California Township, adequate data concerning the family history being given on other pages of this work, in the sketch of the career of Lewis Raschka, a brother of him whose name introduces this article.

Charles Raschka was born on his present farmstead on the 29th of November, 1874, and here he has continuously maintained his home save for an interval of five years, during which he was in the employ of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company, commonly known as the Nickel Plate Line, on which he served first as fireman and later as an engineer. The farm to which he is now giving his effective management was obtained by his father, the late John Raschka, prior to the Civil war, during a portion of which great conflict he served as a valiant soldier in an Indiana regiment. Mr. Raschka is indebted to the public schools of his native township for his early educational discipline, and he early gained fellowship with honest toil, through his association with the work of the home farm. This association continued without interruption until he had attained to the age of twenty-three years, when he left the parental home to enter railway service, as already intimated in this paragraph. Since his return to the old homestead he has been

very successful in his operations as a general agriculturist and stock-grower. He devotes an average of forty acres to the propagation of wheat, about thirty acres to corn, and also raises a due amount of timothy, much of which he uses in the feeding of his live stock. The farm comprises 140 acres, is well improved and is maintained by him at a high standard of productivity. Mr. Raschka's civic loyalty is never of wavering order and he is always ready to do his part in the furtherance of measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the community, his political allegiance being given to the democratic party.

In the City of Chicago, March 18, 1912, Mr. Raschka was united in marriage to Mrs. Edith Johnson, nee Bolin, who was born in Vigo County, Indiana, February 24, 1882, and who passed much of her girlhood in Pulaski and Vigo counties, this state, where she received excellent educational advantages. She is a daughter of Sherman and Eliza (Combs) Bolin, who now reside in the City of Chicago, where the father is a successful contractor and builder. By her first marriage Mrs. Raschka has one daughter, Helen, who was born May 8, 1903, in Chicago, and who is now attending the public schools in her home township. Mr. and Mrs. Raschka have one daughter, Catherine, who was born in the year 1913, and one son, Donald Owen, born December 7, 1914. Mrs. Charles Raschka is a lady of most pleasing personality, possessed of a kind, sympathetic and tender heart, and has words of sympathy for those who are distressed and unfortunate. She is her husband's counselor and adviser, in home and business affairs, and looks upon her happy home and her little children as the best of blessings. Mr. and Mrs. Raschka are citizens who, like his brother Lewis and wife, are classed amongst the best citizens of Starke County, Indiana.

HENRY FALKENTHAL. A resident of his present property for ten years, Henry Falkenthal came to Oregon Township, Starke County, with but little capital save that represented by his ambition, native industry and inherent energy. At the present time he is the owner of 120 acres of well cultivated land in sections 27 and 34. This is an excellent illustration of what may be accomplished by men of brains who are willing to apply themselves earnestly to the cultivation of such fertile agricultural regions as this part of Indiana. At the same time Mr. Falkenthal has not neglected to perform the duties of citizenship thoroughly and well, and as a result his standing among the citizens of his community is high.

Henry Falkenthal was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, November 1, 1851, and belongs to a family of good old German stock, being a son of Hanus and Anna (Lase) Falkenthal. The parents were both born in Germany, where the father was a miller by vocation and a thrifty, industrious man. He did not live long enough to realize many of his worthy ambitions, for his death occurred when he was still in middle life, the mother surviving him for many years and being more than three score years old at the time of her demise. They were confirmed members of the German Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they

reared their children, of whom there were eight, six growing up and three marrying, although Henry has been the only one to come to the United States.

Henry Falkenthal secured his education in the public schools of his native land, and received his introduction to business life in his father's mill, in which he worked until reaching the age of fourteen years. Thinking to prepare him for a useful and independent position in life, his father then sent him to learn the trade of cabinet maker, and later he became a house carpenter, and an all around mechanic. Thus fitted, he decided to try his fortunes in the United States, having received glowing reports concerning the opportunities to be found in this land, and accordingly took passage on a ship sailing from Bremen. After two weeks of rough sailing the vessel made port at New York City, and Mr. Falkenthal made his way from the metropolis to Parker's Prairie, Minnesota, there securing employment at his trade of carpenter. Subsequently he went to Alexandria, where he was also employed at his vocation, but in 1885, with his friend, Frank Lee, he started with teams for the Territory of Washington, and after a long and tedious trip, crowded with hardships and discouragements, arrived at Bozeman City. This trip was made along the line of the Northern Pacific Railway, and part of the journey was made with feed but without water, while another part was traversed with water but without food. When the destination was reached, after nine weeks of travel, Mr. Falkenthal began contracting to haul brick for the roundhouse of the Northern Pacific Railway, and when he had fulfilled this contract accepted others, so that he remained in the West for four years. At the end of that time he moved to Chicago and there continued as a house carpenter for several years. When the famous World's Columbian Exposition closed, Mr. Falkenthal, having married, went to Syracuse, New York, and after one year entered upon his career as an agriculturist by renting a farm near that city.

Mr. Falkenthal had had no real practical experience in this line, but courageously set about to train himself in the methods of the farmer. After a short time in New York he found that the high rent was consuming too much of his earnings, and he gave up his property and returned to Chicago, where he industriously resumed his trade and succeeded in the accumulation of several hundred dollars. The surroundings of city life, however, he felt would not agree with his growing children and accordingly, in 1905, he again took up the pursuits of farming, locating on his present property in sections 27 and 34, his home being in the latter section. When he came he was possessed of but \$400, but this he gave as a first payment on the land, valued then at \$3,300, although it is now worth a great deal more. Since then he has practically freed himself of indebtedness and has made improvements on his farm that have greatly enhanced its value, these including 1,000 rods of woven wire fence. He has a barn 22 by 32 feet, a good granary, well built cribs and other buildings, and his house contains seven rooms and basement and is very attractive in its coat of white

paint with green trimmings. The land is of the sandy loamy kind that will grow practically everything, and Mr. Falkenthal carries on general operations, finding a ready and profitable market for his products. He keeps eight head of horses, twenty-five head of cattle, eighty head of hogs and sixteen head of sheep, as well as ducks, geese, chickens and turkeys. He is a thrifty and progressive farmer, and his success should prove encouraging to those who are starting their struggles with life without means or other advantageous influences.

While a resident of Chicago, in 1890, Mr. Falkenthal was united in marriage with Miss Frances Schmidt, who was born at Posen, Province of West Prussia, Germany, June 10, 1866. Both her parents died in Germany, the father when sixty years of age and the mother when she had reached the age of fifty. They were members of the Catholic Church and were the parents of five daughters and two sons, all except one of whom came to the United States single and were here married. Six of the children are still living and all of these have families. To Mr. and Mrs. Falkenthal there have been born the following children: Helen, who died at the age of one year; Henry, Jr., a successful farmer of Washington Township, Starke County, married Mary Forteaure and they have one daughter—Bernice; Carl J., aged twenty years and assisting his father in the operation of the homestead, was married November 11, 1914, to Genevieve Fortier, who was born at Harvey, Illinois, in 1896, and whose parents, of French and American stock, now reside at Crown Point Lake, Indiana; Louis F., born June 18, 1896, well educated in high school and college and now a popular teacher in the public schools of Oregon Township; Fred Frank, born in 1898, who graduated from the graded schools in 1912 and is now assisting his father in the work of the homestead; and Elizabeth F., born May 30, 1900, who is a pupil in the eighth grade at Grovertown. Mr. Falkenthal is a member of the Lutheran Church, while Mrs. Falkenthal is a Roman Catholic. Mr. Falkenthal's political beliefs make him a staunch republican.

BENJAMIN F. ANDERSON. Among those who have been prominent and successful representatives of the agricultural industry in Starke County is the well known citizen whose name heads this paragraph. Mr. Anderson has been an influential citizen of Oregon Township, where he still resides on his fine landed estate, in section 18, though he has now practically retired from the active and productive labors which marked his career for many years. His abiding interest in the history and welfare of the county is shown by his co-operation in the compiling of this publication and it is manifestly imperative that within its pages be incorporated a brief review of his career.

Benjamin F. Anderson was born on a farm near Canton, the fine judicial center of Starke County, Ohio, on the 12th of February, 1842, and in the agnatic line he is a scion of sturdy Scotch-Irish stock, his grandfather, George Anderson, having been born in Ireland, where he was reared and educated and whence he immigrated to America when

he was a young man. In Pennsylvania he wedded a young woman of German lineage, and there they passed the remainder of their lives, his vocation having been that of farming and his death having occurred shortly before the birth of his only child. His widow subsequently contracted a second marriage and she was of venerable age at the time of her death, her religious faith having been that of the Lutheran Church. George Anderson, Jr., the only child of the first marriage, was born in the Cumberland Mountains district of Pennsylvania, on the 5th of March, 1805, and there he was reared to maturity on the homestead farm. At the age of eighteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, in which he became an expert artisan. At the age of twenty-one years he married Miss Sarah Fulks, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1808, of German parents, the latter having been residents of Cumberland County at the time of their death and the father having been a prosperous farmer. Both he and his wife were earnest communicants of the Lutheran Church.

After his marriage George Anderson resided for some time on the farm of his father-in-law, and there his two eldest children were born—William and George III. About the year 1836 he set forth with his family to establish a new home in Ohio, the journey having been made with team and wagon, and after arriving in the Buckeye State he obtained from the Government forty acres of wild land in Wood County. He became one of the pioneer settlers of that county and one of the early exponents of the blacksmith trade in that section, where he established a blacksmith shop on his farm. He reclaimed much of his land and on this homestead were born three of his children, Mary A., John and Elizabeth. He finally disposed of his property in Wood County and removed to Stark County, that state, where he purchased a small farm, north of Canton, and established a blacksmith shop. This place continued to be the family home for several years, and there three more children were added to the family circle—Sarah, Benjamin F. and Julia Ann. About 1848 removal was made to Columbiana County, Ohio, where the father purchased a considerable tract of land and gave his entire attention to its improvement and cultivation, his retirement from the work of his trade having been made imperative, owing to the heat of the forge having a deleterious effect upon his health. After remaining in Columbiana County three years he sold his farm and removed to Michigan City, Indiana, and in October, 1852, he came thence to Starke County, where he purchased Government land in Oregon Township and turned himself vigorously and effectively to its reclamation and improvement. This pioneer homestead, in section 32, was high land, though much of the surrounding country was low and swampy and waited for proper drainage facilities in later years to effect its reclamation. Wild game was plentiful in this section of the county at the time and the subject of this sketch recalls that in his youth he has seen many droves of deer near the old home, one herd having had 160 head by actual count. The family slumbers were often disturbed by the howling wolves, and ducks and mink were to be found in large

numbers in the surrounding swamps. The original domicile of the family was a typical pioneer cabin of round logs, the roof being made of shakes or boards and all appointments and facilities being of most primitive type. To provide for the family the father had to secure work at Michigan City at intervals, and in the meanwhile his wife and children had charge of the work of the home farm, which comprised eighty acres. George Anderson II, the pioneer founder of the family in Starke County, eventually became the owner of a well improved farm of 160 acres, and in the excellent house which he erected on the place both he and his wife passed the closing years of their long and useful lives, both having been zealous and consistent members of the Lutheran Church and both having contributed their quota to the social and industrial development of this now favored section of the Hoosier State. Mrs. Anderson was summoned to eternal rest on the 15th of August, 1873, and her husband passed away on the 27th of March in the following year. In politics Mr. Anderson was a staunch democrat and he was prominent in public affairs of a local order during the years of his residence in Starke County. At Michigan City was born the youngest child, Eliza, who is deceased, the name of her husband having been Deardorf. Of the entire number of children three sons and four daughters are living and all are married and have children.

Benjamin F. Anderson was a lad of ten years at the time of the family removal to Starke County, and here he was reared under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days, the while he availed himself of the advantages afforded in the schools of the locality and thus laid the foundation for the broad fund of knowledge which he has since acquired through self-discipline and active association with men and affairs.

When the dark cloud of civil war cast its pall over the national horizon the intrinsic patriotism of Mr. Anderson was roused to responsive protest, and on the 22d of October, 1862, at the age of twenty years, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Col. John F. Miller, and with Captain McMoore in command of Company D. Mr. Anderson proceeded with his regiment to the front and he continued in active service as a loyal and valiant soldier of the Union for three years and two days, within this period having taken part in many engagements and having lived up to the full tension of the great conflict through which national integrity was preserved. He received his honorable discharge in the City of Atlanta, Georgia, after having taken part in the Atlanta campaign and having participated in the battles of Chickamauga and Liberty Gap, in which latter engagement a bullet penetrated his clothing, this being one of numerous narrow escapes that attended his military career. From the time of receiving his discharge up to the present time Mr. Anderson has continued his residence in Starke County, save for a period of two years, 1884-5, passed as a farmer in the State of Kansas. Mr. Anderson was long numbered among the industrious, progressive and representative farmers of Starke County and has well earned the generous pros-

perity that now attends him, his attractive home since his retirement having been maintained within the corporate limits of the Village of Hamlet.

Paying allegiance to the republican party, Mr. Anderson has taken a loyal interest in all that has touched the civic and material welfare of his home county and has been called upon to serve in local offices of public trust. He has served as a member of the advisory board of the county and as road supervisor of Oregon Township. In his election to the advisory board he received a larger majority than had ever before been given, or has been since that time, to a candidate for this office in Oregon Township. He polled in the election all but two votes, and it became known that these two opposing ballots were those cast by himself and his opponent, the latter having given to himself the support of his own vote. In later years Mr. Anderson has given effective service as overseer of gravel roads in his township, a position from which he retired on the 1st of January, 1914, after having been the incumbent for seven years. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic.

On the 23d of November, 1865, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Anderson to Miss Rebecca Mowrer, of Bourbon Township, Marshall County. She was born in Wayne County, Ohio, on the 25th of June, 1842, and was but four years of age when her parents removed to Wabash County and established their home on a pioneer farm in the midst of the forest wilds. Her father there reclaimed a farm and on this homestead he died in the year 1860. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Jesse and Rebecca (Briner) Mowrer, both of German lineage. Mr. Mowrer was born in Pennsylvania, on the 10th of August, 1829, and as a young man he married Miss Rebecca Briner, in Ohio, of which state she was a native. They established their home in Wabash County, Indiana, in 1846, and there Mr. Mowrer died in 1860, as previously noted. His wife passed the closing years of her life in Marshall County, where she died on the 23d of June, 1878, both having been reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church but having been members of the United Brethren Church for many years prior to their death. They reared a large family of children.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of five children, concerning whom brief record is here entered: Charles B., who was born December 1, 1867, died June 27, 1903, having married but having left no children; Anna, who was born July 8, 1874, is the wife of Theodore Roose and they have no children; Lorena, who was born April 21, 1877, is the wife of John Rector, of Walkerton, St. Joseph County, and they have one son, Lawrence E., and he is a soldier in the Regular Army; Ada, who was born August 27, 1882, died on the 12th of June, 1884; and Ethel M., who was born March 28, 1886, is the wife of Charles Thomas, a prosperous farmer of Oregon Township, their three children being Phyllis, Marjorie and Beatrice.

JOSEPH E. DEMONT. Of the men who have actively participated in the agricultural transformation of Starke County during the past three decades, none are better or more favorably known than Joseph E. DeMont who has resided in the county since 1880, and since 1892 has been the owner of a well cultivated property in the southeast corner of North Bend Township. Mr. DeMont has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and comes of a long line of tillers of the soil. His career has been one of steady industry and well directed efforts, and through periods of adverse fortune as well as times of prosperity he has persevered and by hard labor has overcome every obstacle. At the same time he has not been too busy to recognize and appreciate the needs of his community, and while advancing his own interests has contributed materially to those of his township.

Joseph E. DeMont was born in Marshall County near Plymouth, Indiana, April 25, 1853, a son of George A. and Roxanna (Collins) DeMont. His father was born in New York State February 15, 1814, and was first married September 4, 1835, to Jane Isabell Silverthorn. To this union were born three children: Mary Jane, Nancy and James. The first wife died June 24, 1844. On March 7, 1845, George A. DeMont married Roxanna Collins, who was born September 20, 1821. They were married in Michigan, and for several years lived in Berrien County, where their first two children were born. About 1847 they removed to Marshall County, Indiana, settling on new land and devoting themselves to agricultural pursuits within three or four miles of Plymouth. There the second Mrs. DeMont died August 24, 1855, the mother of one daughter and five sons. On December 25, 1855, George A. DeMont married Kisier Pettis, and to that union were born six children, three sons and three daughters. After his last marriage the father removed to Rochester, Fulton County, Indiana, and died there February 28, 1888. He was a member of the Church of God and took an active and prominent part in its work, being largely influential in the building of the church of that faith in Marshall County. In politics a democrat, he took an interest in the success of his party and held several minor offices in the communities in which he resided. Of the children of George A. and his wife Roxanna DeMont, all grew up and were married with the exception of one. Those living at the present time are: William, a carpenter of Rochester, who is married and has a son and daughter, both married; George, who conducts a repair shop at Michigan City, Indiana, is a widower and has a son and a daughter; and Joseph E.

Joseph E. DeMont grew up on his father's farm in Marshall County and there received his education in the district schools. When he came to enter upon his own career he adopted the vocation of farming as his life work, and in 1880 came as a tiller of the soil to Starke County. Here he was variously engaged until 1892, in which year he purchased one hundred acres of good land in Section 26 of North Bend Township. On this property there had been but little cultivating done, and no improvements had been made, but Mr. DeMont set about remedying

these defects. With his own hands he started to put up buildings and install other improvements, and so ably and faithfully has he worked that he now has sixty-five acres cleared and under cultivation, with two acres in orchard, and thirty-five acres of wooded land. His improvements include a red frame barn 24x30 feet, with sheds attached, 18x24 feet, a white eight-room frame house with basement and in excellent repair, including modern conveniences, as well as other outbuildings. Mr. DeMont has done some specializing in the line of raising fruit, but devotes the greater part of his attention to general farming, raising corn, wheat and oats, and breeding fine horses, cattle and hogs. He is an able farmer and an excellent judge of cattle, while as a business man he is known to be shrewd and far-seeing, though possessed of the strictest integrity. He is appreciated for his sterling traits of character, for his genial manner and for his substantial contribution to the welfare of the community in which he has resided for thirty-five years.

Mr. DeMont was married at Knox, Indiana, in 1880, to Miss Margaret J. Shaw, who was born in Kosciusko County, Indiana, April 28, 1861, and educated in Starke County, where the greater part of her life has been spent. She is a daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Horner) Shaw, the former of whom was born December 8, 1831, the first white child in Hancock County, Ohio. Mr. Shaw was a son of Henry and Margaret (Williams) Shaw, natives of Richland County, Ohio, and pioneer settlers of Hancock County that state. After the birth of their children they came in 1851 to Starke County, Indiana. Here Joseph Shaw entered land in Section 24, North Bend Township, which was then all in the woods, and there the family succeeded in making a comfortable home. Henry Shaw died at the home of his son Joseph when past eighty years of age, Mrs. Shaw having died a number of years before, when the family was still living in Marshall County. They were lifelong members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Shaw was a stalwart democrat.

Joseph Shaw was about of age when he accompanied the family to Starke County and continued to be engaged in the cultivation of his land until he enlisted for service during the Civil war. After two months in the Union army he contracted a severe case of the measles and was sent home on a furlough and not asked to return to his regiment. After two years, 1863 to 1865, in the mountains, in order to recuperate he returned to Starke County and since that time has resided in North Bend Township, at the present time making his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. DeMont, and being hale and hearty at the age of eighty-three years. He is a Baptist, in the faith of which church Mrs. Shaw died. Mr. Shaw was an industrious and hard-working man, and won success through close and intelligent application of modern methods to his work. He has always held the esteem of the community in which he has lived so long, and has numerous warm and appreciative friends.

To Mr. and Mrs. DeMont there have been born the following children: Joseph E., who died as a child of eighteen months; Abigail,

who is the wife of Columbus Hall of Culver and has no children; William, a resident of Knox, who is married and has one daughter, Dorothy Alice; Anna J., who for some years was one of Starke County's popular school teachers, and now the wife of Ray Terry of Bass Lake, associated in business with his father Warren Terry; Lulu M., who holds a business position in Chicago; Maude P., at home; Elnora, who died at the age of eighteen months; E. Earl, a high school student; and Edna and Alice, who are attending the grade schools. Mr. and Mrs. DeMont and their children are members of the Church of God. In political matters he is a staunch democrat.

HENRY L. MARSH. Among the men of Starke County who have long been identified with agricultural pursuits, and whose labors are reflected in the beautiful country homes and productive farms which give this locality prestige among the farming communities of the state, Henry L. Marsh, of Oregon Township, is worthy of more than passing notice. He comes of German ancestry, his parents and grandparents having been born in Germany, where the family resided for many generations, its members being always known as people of industry and honesty, largely engaged in the pursuits of the soil. The grandfather of Henry L. Marsh spent his entire life in Wurtemberg, Germany, being a farmer, and he and the grandmother were faithful members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of one son and child, Henry, the father of Henry L. of this review.

Henry Marsh was born April 1, 1819, and was still a small lad when his father died, so that he received only a limited education and was early thrown upon his own resources, being compelled to earn a living for himself and his widowed mother, who survived many years and died in her native province. As a young man he enlisted in the German army, and being a master of the clarinet was assigned to the band service, in which he served through the war of 1848. He then returned to farming pursuits, and was married to Catherine Cool, who was born in 1820, in the same province, and of similar ancestry. To them in Germany there were born five children: John, Katherine, Dolly, Gottlieb and Caroline, the last-named of whom died in infancy. Believing that superior opportunities awaited the man of ambition and industry in the land across the water, in December, 1854, Henry Marsh gathered his little family about him and took passage at Hamburg for the United States. After a stormy journey of forty-eight days in a sailing vessel the boat, in January, 1855, made port at New York City, and the little party of emigrants made their way to Berrien County, Michigan, where the father purchased a farm located six miles northwest of Buchanan. This continued to be the family home until 1869, and while there five children were born to the parents: Caroline (2), Landon, Fred, Henry L. and William. Mr. Marsh sold his Michigan property in January, 1869, and in the dead of a bitterly cold winter started by team with his family for Indiana, bringing with him all his possessions, including five head of cows and the family effects, the latter packed in a wagon.

Arriving in Starke County, he located on a farm in Oregon Township, two miles southeast of Groverton, a tract of eighty acres of which ten acres had been improved, and on which there was located a little one-story house, sixteen feet square. At once they set about making improvements, and before many years the farm was a productive one, and the original pioneer home had been supplanted by a modern residence, with substantial farm buildings. There the parents resided for twenty-two years, and then disposed of their interests and moved to the County Line farm, in the same township, where the mother died at the age of sixty-four years. The father thereafter lived with his children, and died when seventy-five years old. They were reared as Lutherans, but in 1882 joined the United Brethren Church, of which they were members throughout the remainder of their lives. Mr. Marsh was a staunch republican. Both parents were peace-loving, God-fearing people, who were good and generous neighbors and highly esteemed by all who knew them. All the children who came to the United States and those who were born here grew to maturity and were married, and of these six are still living and three are residents of Starke County. Of these children, John Marsh enlisted for service at the first call for volunteers in the Civil war, becoming a private in a Michigan regiment, and continued to serve with that organization until his death in a hospital at Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1862.

Henry L. Marsh was born in Berrien County, Michigan, July 12, 1860, and was nine years old when he accompanied his parents to Starke County, Indiana, his education being secured in the public schools of both communities. Always a farmer, he purchased his first property in 1878, this being located in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 34, Oregon Township, where he made his home for some years and installed many improvements. Later he bought 120 acres in section 11, Washington Township, this being all wild land, on which he erected a hewed log house, 16x24 feet. On selling this property, he lived for one year in the Village of Hamlet, but in May, 1892, again returned to the farm, moving to a property which he had purchased in July of the preceding year, and which is his present home. This property consists of forty acres of black soil and loam, in section 22, Oregon Township, which is well tilled and on which he raises all the cereals, as well as potatoes for commercial purposes. He has a young, but bearing, orchard of various kinds of fruits, and in each of these lines has met with decided success, attained through his own energy and good management. His home is modern in every particular, with twelve rooms and basement, and the latest comforts and conveniences, is painted white, while the new barn, for stock and grain, is 32x48 feet, and painted red. Mr. Marsh is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unfaltering integrity, and in all life's relations merits the confidence which is so freely accorded him. A republican in politics, he has been an active worker in the ranks of his party, is at present a member of the Republican Township Committee, and has served efficiently for five years as township assessor. With his family he

attends and is a member of the Grovertown United Brethren Church, of which he is at present serving as trustee.

On December 25, 1880, in Marshall County, Indiana, Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Hattie I. Bell, who was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, April 25, 1860. She was reared in Marshall County after four years of age and educated there, and has been a true and faithful helpmate to her husband, sharing his struggles and assisting him in his climb to success. She is a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Drake) Bell, natives of Ohio, the father born October 29, 1809, and died in Marshall County, Indiana, December 27 or 28, 1886; and the mother born in 1817, and died May 10, 1860. She was but forty-three years of age at the time of her demise, but had been the mother of fourteen children, among them four sets of twins. Mrs. Marsh, who was but two weeks old when her mother died, was one of twins, but her twin brother died when a young man. When she died, Mrs. Bell left four children under eighteen months old, being the mother of twins seventeen months old at the time her last pair of twins were born. Mr. Bell was a farmer throughout his life, and a republican in political matters. He was an industrious and energetic farmer, and was known as a good citizen. Mrs. Marsh is a granddaughter of James and Sarah Bell, the former of whom was born in Ohio, in April, 1778, and died November 23, 1844, while the latter was born July 29, 1779, and died October 24, 1889, having reached the remarkable age of more than one hundred and ten years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marsh there have been born four children. Alvin F., Elsie, Inez B. and Goldie Mabel. Alvin F. was born in Starke County, Indiana, December 18, 1882, graduated from the Valparaiso Normal School when sixteen years of age, and at that time started teaching school. He spent one year thus in Center Township, a like period in North Bend Township, and four years in Oregon Township, and during this time studied law. In 1908 he was admitted to the bar and since that time has been engaged in a successful practice at Plymouth, Marshall County, where he takes an active part in local republican politics. He is much interested in the Boy Scout movement, and is captain of a company of forty young men and boys at Plymouth.

Elsie Marsh was born August 5, 1886, and educated in the graded and high schools of Grovertown and Rochester, and the normal school at Valparaiso. Like her brother, she adopted the vocation of teacher, and for several years was well and popularly known in educational circles, but gave up teaching at the time of her marriage to Perry Uncapher, son of William Uncapher, of Knox. Mr. Uncapher is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Knox, and they have one son, Rex, born March 10, 1913. Inez B. Marsh was born December 4, 1890, and is the wife of Clyde Smith, who is superintendent of the gravel pit at Burroak, Indiana. Mrs. Smith graduated from the public schools of Oregon Township, and also from the high school at Plymouth, Indiana, in the class of 1912, and then completed the normal course at Valparaiso, Indiana. She was a teacher in the Grovertown High School

two years and then occurred her marriage with Mr. Smith. They have one daughter, Genevieve, born October 16, 1913. Goldie Mabel Marsh was born April 1, 1891, and died at the age of ten months and twenty-one days.

CHARLES KRAFT. Starke County as one of the newer agricultural districts of Indiana has proved an inviting field to many men from Chicago. One of these is Charles Kraft, a prosperous farmer who owns eighty acres in sections 27 and 34 in Oregon Township. Mr. Kraft was a resident of Chicago about fifteen years, and by skill and industry in his work provided a home and accumulated a little surplus, which he used in 1897 to buy his present home in Starke County. He now has his land well improved with the exception of thirty acres of first class timber, and has a comfortable eight-room house erected seventeen years ago, a substantial barn, and other outbuildings including granary and corn cribs. He has done much towards draining the land, and has been highly pleased with Starke County during his residence here.

Mr. Kraft first went to Chicago in 1880, lived there about a year, then spent two years in Wisconsin, and returning to Chicago entered the employ of the McCormick Harvesting Company, with which he was connected in various capacities until he left Chicago in 1897 and came to Starke County. Charles Kraft was born near Frankfort on the Rhine in Germany, February 12, 1851. His early life was spent in his native province, he acquired his education there, and in 1880 set out for the New World, leaving Antwerp on a steamship and after ten days of pleasant voyage reached New York in the month of March, and at once proceeded to Chicago. His family have lived in Germany for many years. His parents were George and Catherine (Bender) Kraft. His father was born in Nassau in 1835, and his wife was born in one of the Rhine provinces, and they were married in the latter locality. The father was a millwright by trade, and lived in Germany all his life, dying in 1878 at the age of forty-three. He and his wife were Lutherans. His widow left Germany in September, 1880, accompanying her son Charles' wife, located in Chicago and died there in 1895, when sixty-four years of age.

Charles Kraft was married in his native province of Germany to Catherine Loucht. She was born there in the same locality as her husband, on January 19, 1852, and lived there until her marriage. Her parents were Philip and Catherine (Liep) Loucht, both natives of the Rhine Province of Germany. They spent all their lives there, and her father died at the age of eighty-four and her mother at forty-two. They were farming people, and members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kraft became the parents of the following children: Charles, Jr., now deceased, left one daughter, Silva Kraft, who is now twenty years of age, graduated from high school in 1914, and after taking the short course in the Valparaiso University has become a teacher in the local schools. Lena E., who was born in Germany in 1876, acquired her education in Chicago, and was married there to

Rudolph Bachman, who served as a private soldier in the Spanish-American war, is a practical mechanic, worked for some years as a tool maker, and now lives with Mr. Kraft; Mr. and Mrs. Bachman have two children, Roland W. and Harold R., the former fourteen years old and the latter two. Richard, the third child, is a piano finisher, lives in Chicago, and is married and has a son Arthur. Fred, aged thirty-one, was for two years in the United States Navy, serving on a man-of-war, and now lives in Chicago and is married. Lillie is the wife of Robert B. Younger, of Chicago, and they have a daughter, Alvera. Harry, who lives at home, married Sylvia Holdeman, and they have a son, Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Kraft are members of no one church, but are people of the Christian virtues and support those matters of community enterprise which make living conditions better. Politically Mr. Kraft is a republican.

WILLIAM HOFFER. With the exception of two years spent in Chicago, William Hoffer has been a resident of Oregon Township all of his life, having been born near the home in which he now lives, and which he owns, in section 28, April 9, 1872. Mr. Hoffer has owned his present property since 1898, when he began operations in a modest way, but since that time his business has assumed large and important proportions, and in addition to cultivating forty acres of his own in section 28 and a like acreage in section 29, he rents considerable outside land in the township. A man of progressive ideas and energetic methods, the success he has attained has come to him directly through the medium of his own efforts, and his display of public-spirited citizenship has given him the right to be accounted one of Oregon Township's representative men.

Mr. Hoffer is a son of William and Eliza (Flora) Hoffer, the former of whom was born in or near Napanee, Kosciusko County, Indiana, March 12, 1846, and the latter in Starke County, Indiana, February 24, 1841. They were married May 30, 1868, in the former county, and in 1869 came to Starke County, soon afterward making settlement on the land now owned and occupied by their son, William. The farm at that time was new and the parents experienced the difficulties and strenuous labors incident to the life of settlers in an undeveloped region. They were sturdy people, however, able to cope with conditions as they found them, and developed a good farm, on which they resided until 1893. In that year they went to Chicago, in which city they made their home for two years, but the call of the soil was too strong and they again returned to the homestead and resumed their agricultural operations. There they continued, winning success from the Oregon Township farm, until their retirement, when they went to their home in the Village of Hamlet. The father passed away there May 9, 1905, at the age of sixty-nine years, while the mother still survives, making her home at Hamlet with her son, John A. In spite of her seventy-three years she is still in good health, alert in mind and active in body, and in possession of all of her faculties. For many years

Mrs. Hoffer has been a member of the Free Methodist Church, of which her husband was also a member and consistent attendant. Three children were born to William and Eliza Hoffer: John L., and Wilson and William, twins. John L., who is engaged in various employments, is a widower and lives with his mother at Hamlet. Wilson, also a resident of Hamlet, married Gertrude Shadley, and they have three children: Elzie I., who is in the seventh grade at school; Adie Wayne, who is in the fourth grade; and Susie Flora, who is still a small child.

William Hoffer was educated in the district schools of Oregon Township, and grew up as a farmer boy, his boyhood and youth being passed in much the same manner as those of other agriculturists' sons of his day and locality. He was twenty-one years old when he went with his parents to Chicago, and there for two years was variously employed, but in 1895 came back to Starke County and here has continued as a tiller of the soil to the present time. His present property on section 28 was purchased in 1898, since which year he has made numerous improvements. As his finances grew he found he had need for further land, and accordingly bought forty acres in section 29, and to the operations on these properties he has since added activities on various tracts of rented land. He has all of his property under a good state of cultivation, and through his intelligent treatment of the soil, his use of modern methods and improved machinery, and his energetic labors, has made the farm pay him well for what has been put into it. Mr. Hoffer has a fine set of buildings, modern in design and substantial in character. These include a fine hay and stock barn, 36x50 feet, equipped with the latest conveniences and appurtenances; cribs with capacity of 1,000 bushels of corn and other grain; two thirty-six-ton silos, and a seven-room frame house, which was built in 1900 and has since had a number of improvements. The buildings present an attractive appearance, the house being painted white and the other buildings a canary color. Mr. Hoffer devotes his land to general farming, and has been successful in all branches of his work. His land yields excellent crops of corn, wheat and rye, the wheat averaging twenty-five bushels to the acre and the corn fifty bushels to the acre. In addition he makes somewhat of a specialty of raising onions and potatoes for the market, growing about two thousand bushels of the former annually, while his potatoes average about one hundred bushels to the acre. He keeps a good grade of livestock, of which he is considered an able judge, and in every way is an excellent type of the up-to-date, energetic Starke County agriculturist.

Mr. Hoffer was united in marriage in Washington Township, Starke County, December 29, 1891, with Miss Lottie Head. Mrs. Hoffer was born near the Village of Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana, April 21, 1874, and there received her early education which was completed in Starke County, she coming here when a girl of fourteen years. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Louisa (Nash) Head, the former of whom was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and the latter a native

of Fulton County, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Head were married near Argos, Marshall County, Indiana, where they resided on a farm for some years, as they did also near Plymouth, and then went to the State of Illinois, where they spent five years. They then came to Starke County for a period, but finally returned to Plymouth, Indiana, and there the father died August 9, 1903, aged over seventy-one years, he having been born March 14, 1832. Mr. Head was a stalwart republican and took some interest in the work of his party in the various communities in which he resided, although rather as a good citizen than as a seeker for personal preferment. He was a devout member of the Church of God. Mrs. Head, who was born December 9, 1842, is still living and is hale and hearty, in spite of her seventy-two years. Like her husband, she is affiliated with the Church of God, and puts her beliefs into daily practice. She had four sons and four daughters, and of these children five are living and married, and these have children except one. They are Frank, Robert, Albert, Mrs. Hoffer and Bertha.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer there have been born four children: Charles Russell, William Glenn, Francis E. and Robert Leslie. Charles Russell Hoffer was born October 17, 1892, in Oregon Township, graduated from the graded and high schools of Hamlet, and for two years was a teacher in the township schools. He is now furthering his educational training, and is in the freshman class of the agricultural department, Purdue University. William Glenn Hoffer was born August 8, 1894, and after completing the course of study in the graded and high schools of Hamlet took two winter term courses at Purdue University. He is now identified with a creamery business at Bremen, Marshall County, Indiana. Francis E. Hoffer was born October 29, 1898, and is now in the third year of his work at the Hamlet High School, from which he will graduate with the class of 1916. Robert Leslie Hoffer was born July 30, 1908, and has just started to attend the Oregon Township schools.

Mr. Hoffer is a friend of education, and is giving his children every chance to prepare themselves for the careers which they desire to follow. He supports movements calculated to advance the interests of the schools as well as civic enterprises, and in his political belief is an adherent of the principles of the republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DAVID MANN, who throughout his life has lived in the near vicinity of his present home in section 16, Oregon Township, is known not alone, as a successful farmer and stockraiser, but as a worthy representative of an old and honored pioneer family which located in this part of Starke County more than sixty years ago, and the members of which have been identified with the agricultural growth and development here since that time. Mr. Mann was born on the old Mann homestead in Oregon Township, a part of which is included in his present farm, March 5, 1863, and is a son of Frederick and Rosena (Erberly) Mann. The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1814 or 1815, of

German parentage, the family being an old one in that province. He was the only member of his parents' family to come to the United States, and when he left his native land as a young man took passage on a slow-going sailing vessel which took several weeks to complete the journey. Arriving at New York City, he made his way to Ohio and about the year 1840 located in Marion County, where he met and married Rosena Erberly. She had been born in the same province in Germany as her husband and was a young woman when she emigrated to this country.

Not long after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mann left Ohio for Indiana, traveling overland, their few small possessions and household effects being packed in a wagon. Eventually, about the year 1853 or 1854, they arrived in Starke County, Indiana, where the father purchased a tract of wild land in section 16, Oregon Township, there built a log cabin and settled down to the clearing and cultivating of his land and the establishing of a home for his family. Some time after his arrival, Mr. Mann traded a team of horses for sixteen head of cattle, including two yoke of oxen, which not only assisted him in his work but started him in the cattle business, in which he continued to be more or less active during the remainder of his life. He was a thrifty, industrious man, and through intelligent use of his abilities and steadfast, persevering effort was able to accumulate 400 acres of fertile and valuable land. The remainder of his life was passed amid the surroundings of the home which he had established, and there he died, respected and esteemed, in November, 1897, Mrs. Mann having passed away during the preceding May. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, in which they had been confirmed, were charitable, kindly people, and known as good and generous neighbors. Mr. Mann was a democrat all his life but took only a good citizen's part in politics. To Frederick and Rosena Mann the following children were born: George, living on a farm in Oregon Township, married Rosa Bowers, a native of Germany, and has four children,—Louisa, Emma, Anna and Vada; Rose, who married Hiram Redmond, deceased, by whom she had one child, Tillie, who is married, and married the second time Julius Martine, who is also deceased; John, a bachelor, who lives with his brother David and assists him in the operation of the farm; David, of this review; Louisa, the wife of John Brazier of Hamlet, has one daughter,—Naomi; Adam, who died single at the age of twenty-four years, in 1892; Fred, who has spent his life in farming in Oregon Township, married Cora Thomas; and Mary, the wife of Charles Reid, of Chicago, has one son,—Charles M.

David Mann received his education in the district schools of Oregon Township, and throughout his life has resided within several stone-throws of his present home. At this time he is the owner of 240 acres of Oregon Township land, of which eighty acres are located in section 17 and the remainder in section 16, and here he has made the finest improvements. His home is a ten-room residence, with basement, which was built by his father some years ago but is still in a good state

of repair, and in addition he has a good hay and feed barn, as well as shelters for his livestock, machinery and implements, and substantial and well-arranged cribs and granaries. He grows large crops of wheat, corn, oats and potatoes, and has made a specialty of onions, having shipped twelve carloads during the last year. For his high grade of cattle he has good pasture and timothy land, and in every way the farm compares favorably with any other in this part of the county. Mr. Mann is a progressive agriculturist and keeps himself thoroughly abreast of the advancements constantly being made in his calling, encouraging new methods and always giving a trial to inventions which his judgment tells him will be beneficial. A business man of thorough integrity, his name is an honored one on commercial paper.

Mr. Mann was married in St. Joseph County, Indiana, to Miss Jennie Harbert, who was born in Allen County, Ohio, February 1, 1867, and who was thirteen years of age when she went to Saint Joseph County, Indiana, with her parents, William and Rebecca (Brown) Harbert. The father was born in Virginia, in April, 1824, and as a young man moved to Greene County, Ohio, where he married Rebecca Brown, a native of that county. Later they moved to Allen County, Ohio, where all their children were born, and in 1880 went on to St. Joseph County, Indiana, there becoming successful farmers of Licking Township. The mother died at the age of forty-four years, in 1885, while the father survived until 1904. They were faithful members of the Primitive Baptist Church, and during the early days rode many miles to attend services, their children seated on the horse behind them. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom six children still survive, all married and with families.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mann there have been born the following children: Bertha, the wife of Andrew Harness, manager of the Hamlet Garage, at Hamlet, Indiana, and has three children,—Margaret, Flora and Violet; William, engaged in farming in Oregon Township, married Zella Harness (sister of Andrew), and has two children,—Nora and Geneva; and Johnny, born August 12, 1892, educated in the graded schools and now a promising young farmer on the homestead, his father's assistant in his agricultural operations.

Mr. Mann and his sons are adherents of democratic policies and supporters of democratic candidates. While Mr. Mann is not a politician in the generally accepted meaning of the word, he has wielded some influence in his party, and has always been ready to perform the duties of citizenship, having served very acceptably for fifteen years in the capacity of superintendent of roads of Oregon Township.

JOHN W. NELSON. Among the enterprising and progressive citizens of Starke County who owe their success and advancement in life to their own well-directed efforts and industry, is John W. Nelson, of Oregon Township. He represents both the agricultural and official interests of the township, for since 1894 he has been a resident of a property appropriately known as Oak Grove Farm, and for six years

has served conscientiously and efficiently in the capacity of township trustee.

Mr. Nelson was born in Degerfors, Sweden, April 5, 1859, and in May, 1880, the month following his twenty-first birthday, left Gottenborg for England and came from that country to the United States. He is a son of Nels and Aureka (Swanson) Nelson, who spent their entire lives in their native Sweden, the father dying in 1886, at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother when sixty-seven years of age. They were faithful members of the Swedish Lutheran Church, lived lives of industry and integrity, reared their children to honorable citizenship, and died respected and esteemed by all who knew them. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Carl, who came to the United States and settled at Escanaba, Michigan, where he is engaged in farming, has been married three times, and has children by his first and last unions; Andrew, who came to the United States and is a resident of Mount Zion, Illinois, was married in Michigan and has five daughters; John W., of this review; Fred, who is a laborer in lumber near Escanaba, Michigan, is married and has four sons and three daughters; and John, who still resides in Sweden, is married and has a family.

After coming to the United States, John W. Nelson located in the City of Chicago, where many of his countrymen had settled, and there he learned the trade of carpenter, while assimilating the customs and business methods of his adopted land. There he remained with more or less success until 1887, when he went to Chesterton, Indiana, at which place he was engaged as a house and barn carpenter for some seven years. With native industry and thrift, he carefully saved his earnings, having decided upon a career in agriculture, and in 1894 came to Starke County and invested his capital in a tract of forty acres of wild land located in section 24, Oregon Township. During the year following his arrival he erected a good five-room house, with basement, painted a cream color, and since that time numerous other buildings have sprung up as monuments to his energy and enterprise. These include a substantial bank barn, 30x50 feet, with basement 24x30 feet, cribs, granaries, a large poultry house, 12x20, and a modern wagon shed. The residence, nestled among the trees, is an attractive one and has given to the place the name Oak Grove. Mr. Nelson grows all the cereals, and has a nice orchard bearing fine fruit. He does some stock-raising, but his particular side line is poultry and he has a large flock of fowls of the better kinds. While he has always been practical in his work, he has also been progressive enough to give a trial to new methods and inventions, and his machinery and equipment are of the best and latest manufacture. As a business man Mr. Nelson has established a high reputation among those with whom he has had transactions, and his citizenship has been proved worthy and public-spirited on a number of occasions.

While still a resident of Chicago, January 31, 1884, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Amelia C. Repp, who was born in Smolan, Sweden,

January 2, 1859, and was twelve years of age when she emigrated to the United States and settled at Chesterton, Indiana, with her parents, John and Louisa (Johnson) Repp. Mrs. Nelson's parents continued to pass the balance of their lives at Chesterton, as farmers, the father passing away at the age of seventy-five years, while the mother died when she was fifty-seven years old. Mr. Repp was an industrious farmer, a good citizen and a stalwart republican, and both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson there have been born the following children: Hope, born May 31, 1890, educated in the graded schools and now the wife of Emil Telcamp, a farmer of Bailey, Michigan, who has a son, Richard; Bennett, born in 1891, who was educated in the public schools, and is now at home, his father's assistant in the work of the farm; Lillie, born April 19, 1893, educated in the public schools, where at her graduation her record was 100%, now residing with her parents, and a talented musician; Amelia, born November 21, 1896, a graduate of Grovertown High School, class of 1913, who is now a teacher in the Grovertown school; and Carl J. E., born April 15, 1900, a graduate of the graded schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and their children are members of the Lutheran Church. A republican in politics, he has taken some active part in the affairs of his township, and the confidence in which he is held in the community has been strengthened by his six years of efficient service in the capacity of trustee of Oregon Township.

GEORGE MERKERT. A man of thought and action, of fine intellectuality and broad and varied knowledge, Mr. Merkert has brought to bear exceptional versatility of talent not only in connection with the operations of his fine farm, in sections 5 and 6, North Bend Township, but has shown also distinctive ability as an inventor of unique, practical and valuable devices, continues an appreciative student of the best in scientific and general literature, and has made a record for worthy achievement along varied lines of endeavor. He is known and honored as one of the progressive citizens and substantial capitalists of his home county and has resided in North Bend Township for forty years. His status as a representative citizen who commands unqualified esteem in the county that has long been his place of abode, makes most consonant the recognition accorded to him in this history of Starke County.

In the year 1876 Mr. Merkert established his residence in North Bend Township, where he has continued to be closely and effectively identified with the great basic industry of agriculture during the long intervening years and where pronounced success has attended his earnest and well directed endeavors. His homestead farm comprises 120 acres of specially fertile land, the place having been virtually unimproved when it came into his possession and having at the time been known as the Reed farm. His original domicile was a primitive log cabin of the type common to the pioneer days, and the embryonic farm has slight resemblance to the splendidly improved and fruitful homestead

which now bears to even the casual observer its unmistakable message of thrift and prosperity. On the place Mr. Merkert has erected his commodious and attractive residence, with modern facilities and with appointments that denote culture and refinement. Substantial barns and other farm buildings indicate the enterprise and circumspection of the owner, who is also the owner of an excellent farm of eighty acres in Washington Township, the title to this property being held in the name of his elder son. Mr. Merkert is deeply appreciative of the refined amenities of social life, as is also his wife, and they have not only made their home a popular center of gracious hospitality but have also indulged in somewhat extensive travel and in sojourns in various prominent cities, the winter of 1914-15 having been passed by them in New York City, with headquarters at No. 583 on the beautiful and celebrated Riverside Drive of the national metropolis.

In an estate on the banks of the picturesque River Rhine, in the Kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, George Merkert was born on the 16th of April, 1847, the family home having been there maintained for several generations and representatives of the name having been prominent and influential in each generation. Many scions of this ancient German family were skilled mechanics and prominent tradesmen, endowed with the energy and good judgment that beget worthy success. Mr. Merkert is a son of J. Adam and Anna M. (Baer) Merkert, the father having been a carpenter by trade and having been for many years a representative contractor and builder in the Town of Goecklinger, Bavaria, where he died at the age of seventy years, his wife having passed away when about fifty years of age, at the birth of her daughter Lena, who is married and now a resident of Bavaria, her children being two in number. The family has for many generations held unswervingly to the faith of the Catholic Church, of which the parents of Mr. Merkert were earnest and devout communicants. They became the parents of three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living and married and all of whom remain in Germany with the exception of George, of this review, who is the eldest of the number, and Jacob, who is a resident of the City of Dayton, Ohio.

George Merkert is indebted to the excellent schools of his native land for his early educational discipline, and there also he served a practical apprenticeship to the trade of locksmith. In 1866, primarily to avoid military service in the Franco-Prussian war, Mr. Merkert immigrated to the United States, the voyage having been made on the vessel William Penn. In New York City he found himself not entirely a stranger in a strange land, for one of his uncles had there established a home, with the result that the sturdy and ambitious young immigrant was led to remain in the national metropolis and its vicinity. He resided for a time in the City of Brooklyn and then went to Paterson, New Jersey, where he learned the trade of brickmaking. In 1867 he removed to Connecticut, where for three years he was employed at his original trade, in the Hall manufactory of locks and safes. Confident that he could find better opportunities in the West

and desirous of gaining a wider knowledge of the country of his adoption, he then came to Springfield, Ohio, where he found employment in the extensive manufacturing establishment of the O. S. Kelley Company, with which he remained from 1870 to 1876, as a skilled artisan in the manufacture of self-raking farm machinery. In the autumn of the Centennial year, as previously noted in this article, he came to Starke County and purchased his present homestead farm, his pleasant residence being situated one-half mile northeast of the attractive and popular Bass Lake and having the service of rural route No. 3 from the postoffice at Knox, the county seat. On his farm Mr. Merkert is fortunate in having extensive beds of sand and gravel of the best kind for road construction, and as recourse to the same is taken in the construction of roads in three or four townships he derives an appreciable profit from these valuable natural deposits. Study and practical experience have given to Mr. Merkert exceptional mechanical ability and inventive talent. He invented and patented the effective device, a piece of delicate mechanism, that is used for the weighing, filling and sealing of all packages of the celebrated "Gold Dust" soap or cleaner, manufactured on a most extensive scale by the great establishment of the N. K. Fairbanks Company, of Chicago. Incidental to the modern utilization of cement or concrete in building construction, Mr. Merkert has invented a process for the manufacturing of material for cement houses, with provision for the completion of the entire building from concrete, from cellar to roof and even including the shingles of the same material. In this important field he vies with the distinguished inventor Thomas A. Edison, who has given much time and thought to the construction of buildings by the pouring of concrete into molds that may be used repeatedly for the purpose. The process devised by Mr. Merkert is one that will prove even more effectual and that will eliminate large preliminary expense, there being no reason to doubt that his process will come into practical use and prove of stupendous monetary value. In politics Mr. Merkert pays allegiance to the democratic party and is well fortified in his opinions concerning economic and governmental polity. He and his family are earnest communicants of the Catholic Church.

In the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Merkert to Miss Anna M. Seibert, a native of the same town in Bavaria as is her husband, the two having been schoolmates in their youth. Mrs. Merkert was born October 20, 1849, her father having been a prominent wine-grower and influential citizen in Bavaria, where she was afforded excellent educational advantages. She came to the United States in 1870 and was thereafter a resident of Cincinnati until the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Merkert have four children: John E., who conducts the Merkert farm in Washington Township, married and has one daughter, Mary M.; Anna M. is the wife of Thomas T. Parker, chief boiler-inspector for the New York Casualty Company, and they reside in New York City, their one child being Madeline; Emily, in October, 1914, became the wife of John G. Gash,

of New York City, where they maintain their home and where Mr. Gash holds a responsible executive position with the American Cottonseed Oil Company; John F., who recently wedded Miss Flossie E. Piper, of North Bend Township, now has the general management of his father's homestead farm.

HORACE STOWE located in Starke County or rather in the territory taken into Starke County, in the year 1848, two years before the organization of the county which was in 1850. He was one of those who helped to select the location of Knox, the county seat in the year 1851. Mr. Stowe opened up a farm on the southeast quarter of section 12, township 33 north, range 2 about three miles northeast of where Knox was later located. He was a man of sterling integrity and a fine neighbor, always obliging and ready to do any act of kindness to help his pioneer citizens. He was a member of the Methodist Church where he and his family were regular attendants at any services held and although there was no church building at that time in which to hold services, his house was always open to those who wished to hold services.

Mr. Stowe was the first mail carrier to carry the mail from Knox to Plymouth, Indiana, and often carried the mail on horseback or with a yoke of oxen, but later on used a horse team and wagon or covered hack prepared for the purpose. It was a very common thing for the neighbors to send by him on errands for some article of merchandise that they could not purchase at Knox and he would haul those articles and deliver them at the proper places free of any charges for his trouble.

Mr. Stowe left Knox in the year 1858 going to North Madison, Indiana, where he resided some years and here Mrs. Stowe died, also two of his sons. He then went to Switzerland County and made his home with his eldest son. This son too was called away by death about two weeks before his father, who gave up his quiet and peaceful life at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Thus ended the life of an energetic, honorable, obliging and well remembered neighbor and friend, a citizen whose loss was deeply felt by the early settlers of that community.

Mr. Stowe was a great admirer of the infant Starke County and looked forward to the time when this county would compare favorably or even surpass some of the surrounding counties. While living in Switzerland County and only a short time before his death, having read of the county from time to time, he wrote a letter in which he spoke of the progress that Starke County was making, saying that Starke County had built seven railroads through the county and that Switzerland, although a much older county, had no railroad and no prospect of any.

JOHN GOOD was one of the pioneer settlers of Starke County having immigrated from Ohio to Starke County on the 7th day of September, 1849, traveling the whole distance by wagon, that being about the only way of traveling in those days. He settled in North Bend Township

where he purchased 150 acres of land on the north banks of the Tippecanoe River. Some little improvements had been started on the land and he proceeded at once to make additional improvements on the land. He lived upon this land until 1866 when he moved to Knox, having been elected to the county treasurer's office. Holding that office for nearly five years he returned to the farm in North Bend Township in 1875, but again moved back to Knox in 1882, holding the position of county drain commissioner for several years. He died in the year 1897, having lived an honorable and useful life. He was very much missed by his old neighbors and friends who, in speaking of Uncle John, always had a good word for him.

Mr. Good was married to Catharine Romig in August, 1845. Politically he was always a democrat and naturally enough he raised a family of several boys that adhered to the same principles that had always been advocated by their father. Mr. Good having been drain commissioner for so many years had a good opportunity to see and note the changes made in the county from a low and wet county to a land of fertile lands and fields of golden grain.

GUSTAVE SCHULTZ. In the making of Starke County many families have had a part. The clearing and draining of the land was a tremendous labor, and those who in later years enjoy the fruits of the fields prepared in a more strenuous era will all be debtors to those who performed the actual work of pioneers. Gustave Schultz is a citizen who has participated both in the heavy labors of development and in the pleasanter time of harvesting the products of earlier years. Mr. Schultz is a general farmer and stock raiser, with his home on section 32 of Washington Township. His farm comprises 160 acres, most of it excellent farming land, and about half of it cultivated to crops and thoroughly drained. The farm has the advantage of being crossed diagonally by the Sarber ditch, which was dredged some years ago and has reclaimed many thousands of acres along its banks. Mr. Schultz during the present year of 1914 has 20 acres in corn, 10 acres in wheat, 5 acres in oats, 20 acres in cowpeas, and has some land in clover and in pasture. His stock comprises a dozen head of cattle, hogs, and horses, and everything about his farm indicates high grade agriculture. Mr. Schultz bought this farm in 1894, and has since made most of the improvements. A conspicuous feature of the place, which at once marks it out as a farm well managed, is the large red stock and grain barn, 30 by 50 feet. The dwelling is a comfortable five-room cottage, painted white and snugly esconced among the trees.

Gustave Schultz belongs to the well known Schultz family, other members of which are found in Starke County, and more complete details concerning this interesting family will be found on other pages. Mr. Schultz was born in the Province of Posen, Germany, March 26, 1865. He grew up there and was educated in his native land and in the schools of Germany. In 1882 he came to America, sailing from Bremen to New York, and located with other members of the family at Michigan City, Indiana. In 1884 Mr. Schultz came to Washington Township in Starke



RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. FRED C. WARKENTZEN, CALIFORNIA TOWNSHIP

County, and has since been identified with this county and as a result of his thrifty management and well directed labors has acquired his present excellent home.

Mr. Schultz was married in Michigan City October 15, 1899, to Miss Matilda Stanke. She was born in Posen, Germany, July 5, 1865, daughter of Martin and Paulina (Miller) Stanke. They were natives of Posen, and died there, her father at the age of sixty and her mother at fifty-eight. They were country people and tillers of the soil and members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of fifteen children, ten of whom grew up. The following came to America: Julia, Minnie, Yetta and Mrs. Schultz. They came in 1888. Mrs. Schultz was about twenty-one years of age when she accompanied her younger sister Julia to the United States, and after landing in Baltimore, having crossed from Hamburg in the ship Kaiser Wilhelm, came on west to Michigan City. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are the parents of two children: Edward, born July 10, 1890, lives at home on the farm, was educated in the local schools, and is already classed among the progressive young agriculturists of Starke County; Hulda, born October 31, 1892, was also well educated in the local schools, and is now employed as overseer in the Wilson shirt factory at South Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz and children are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Schultz for nine years served as trustee. He and his son Edward are democrats in politics, and the family all are regarded as among the substantial German-American citizens of Starke County.

FRED C. WARKENTIENT. The high agricultural standard which has made Starke one of the most prosperous of Indiana counties is maintained by a class of men which has no superior in the Central West. Thoroughly trained in the various branches of their vocation, these modern tillers of the soil have learned how to secure the greatest results from their labors, and thus are keeping up the average of their weaker brothers. Prominent among the progressive and energetic farmers of Starke County is found Fred C. Warkentien, the owner of a finely-cultivated property in California Township, which he has developed from the bush. Mr. Warkentien not only follows the regular branches of his occupation, growing large crops of cereals and general produce, but also specializes to some extent, and has met with particular success in the line of onion and mint growing. Eighteen years of honorable dealing among the people of this community have made him well known, and his standing as a citizen is equally high with that as a farmer.

Fred C. Warkentien is a native of Illinois, born on a farm in DuPage County, March 12, 1852, a son of Christian and Mary (Lehman) Warkentien, natives of Germany. The father was born in Mecklenburg, in 1812, and was there reared and educated and married, his wife being, like himself, a native of that province and of good German stock. Six children were born to them: John, Fred, Caroline, Sophia, Louisa and Christian. Feeling that his condition would be bettered in the United States, in 1849 the father took his little family on ship-board, and after fourteen weeks of sailing finally reached the port of

New York. In the meantime, on the ocean, a fourth child, John, had been born. The little emigrant family made its way across the country to Chicago, and shortly afterward located on the wild prairie of DuPage County. This land at that time was totally uncultivated and was selling for what would seem today almost ridiculously low prices, but to Christian Warkentien they seemed beyond his resources, and so, for several years, he walked each day ten miles to a sawmill, where he earned 50 cents per day. Out of this meager wage, with German thrift, he was able to save enough to make his first payment on a property. His labors were hard and his obstacles many, but the force of his industry soon made itself felt, and as the years passed he began to prosper. In 1859 his faithful wife, who had been his faithful partner in his work, passed away. Several years later Mr. Warkentien was married to Margaret Venholtz, but they had no children. When in his declining years Mr. Warkentien retired from active pursuits and moved to Chicago, where he passed away in 1875, aged sixty-three years, his wife surviving him four or five years. He was a devout Lutheran in his religious belief and a republican in his political views, although not a politician or an office seeker. Fred C. Warkentien was the first of his parents' children to be born in America, and he was followed by Minnie, who died young; Caroline, who is the widow of William Weigriefe, has two sons and four daughters, and resides at Forest Park, a suburb of Chicago; and John, a prosperous farmer of DuPage County, Illinois, who is married and has a family.

Reared on the home farm, Fred C. Warkentien secured his education in the district schools, and on coming to manhood began his career as a farmer on his own account. He first purchased land with his sister, and he still owns some lots at Downer's Grove, Illinois. After his marriage Mr. Warkentien came to Indiana and settled on a property of 200 acres, which he purchased in California Township, sections 23 and 26, and since that time he has been engrossed in the work of development. When he located on this property, in 1896, it was all bush land, but so energetically has he labored that he now has all except twenty-five acres under a high state of cultivation, and the improvements are of the finest character. The farm presents a very attractive appearance, with its white seven-room house and red barns, and the manner of its keeping reflects the good management, thrift and industry of its proprietor. He grows fine crops of cereals, and has thirty acres which is set to onions.

Mr. Warkentien was married at Wheaton, Illinois, to Miss Della Reed, who was born in Tompkins County, New York, August 16, 1856, and was nine years of age when she came to Illinois with her mother, her father having died when she was still younger. Mrs. Reed, who remained a widow, later went to Iowa, and there passed away when sixty-three years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Warkentien there have been born seven sons and four daughters: George, who served for one term as trustee of California Township, while living in Starke County, and died at Chicago, February 23, 1911, leaving four sons and one daughter; Anna, who is the wife of Ed Kesler, living at Shirland, Illinois, and

has three sons; Charles, who is living on a farm in California township and has four sons and a daughter; Louis, who lives at Rockford, Illinois, and has two sons, and is engaged in the harness business; Fred J., who still lives in Starke County, is the father of one son; Sadie, who is the wife of Arthur Edwards, a farmer of Wayne Township, has two sons and one daughter; Irvin, a farmer of Wayne Township, who has one son and one daughter; Elmer, a dairyman of Hammond, Indiana, who has one son; Ella, who is single and living with her parents; Walter, who is twelve years of age and a bright pupil in the graded school; and Della, born a twin to Fred J., and died at the age of seven months.

Mr. Warkentien was brought up in the faith of the Lutheran Church, but is now a member, with his wife, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been prominent in public life for a long period, having served as a member of the board of county commissioners, representing the townships of California, Center and Davis, his term expiring in January, 1909. He has for years been a member of the advisory board, and is one of his township's active and influential republicans. He has always worked faithfully for the community's interests, and for this reason and others is entitled to the respect which is so universally accorded him. The pretty homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Warkentien is known as "Park Lawn."

JAMES H. ADAIR was one of the pioneer citizens of Starke County having taken up his residence in the county during the Civil war. The name Adair is familiar with most of our citizens especially in San Pierre, North Judson and Knox. Mr. Adair was elected county auditor in 1864 for his first term and again elected in the year 1868, serving in that capacity for eight years. He made many friends during his incumbency in that office.

He was a carpenter by profession and did some fine work in that line especially after his retirement from the auditor's office. He was a man of great push, always on the move, obliging and courteous and always made friends wherever he was known. He built several residences in Knox which stand as monuments to his memory. He died in 1890, leaving his wife and one daughter to mourn his loss.

Mr. Adair was a Mason of good standing and was a charter member of the order in Knox. He was well known for his many acts of kindness shown to those around him, and one of his characteristics was to show to those in need the implicit confidence he placed in them thus instilling in their minds a spirit of honesty and confidence which would remain with them all through life, making them good and honorable citizens.

Mr. Adair often spoke of the heavy timber land bordering Yellow River which he said would some day give way to fine and luxurious farms which looked like an impossibility to a small boy of some sixteen summers, but such is the case today. The heavy wooded land has been cleared up, the timber that stood so thick, black walnut, hickory, ash, elm, and red oak have long since been manufactured into lumber and the land is now a veritable field of golden grain, just as

Mr. Adair predicted one afternoon while sitting on the old rickety bridge that spanned the channel of Yellow River.

DR. ALEXANDER H. HENDERSON, after attending medical college at Thornton, Indiana, and also serving in the war from 1862 to 1865, practiced medicine in Monee, Illinois, until 1871, when he came to Knox, Indiana, and opened up an office for the practice of medicine in a new field, having faced many hardships in traveling over a new country with but very few roads opened up. But with pluck and an ambition to succeed he pushed forward and succeeded in his profession.

He was elected county school superintendent in 1873. He held the office until after his re-election when he resigned to assume the duties of county auditor to which office he had just been elected. He held the office four years and in 1882 was nominated as joint representative from Starke and St. Joseph counties. Dr. Henderson was always ready and took an active part in voting for any measure that he believed to be to the best interest of the people he represented in that body. In 1888 he was elected to the chairmanship of the Republican Central Committee of Starke County.

In 1889 he received the appointment of postmaster of Knox, Indiana, which position he held until 1893 when he resigned. He was also appointed in 1899 United States examining surgeon acting as the president, and held that position until 1893, when the administration changed, thus relieving him from that position (being a republican). Dr. Henderson held several town offices of Knox, among those being county physician for several years, was vice president of the Starke County Medical Society and an active politician, and again in 1894 was chosen chairman of the Republican Central Committee.

He was connected with several secret organizations and was a charter member of each. The Grand Army of the Republic, organized in the year of 1882, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (organized in 1887), and the Knights of Pythias (organized in 1891), and held the office of treasurer of each.

Dr. Henderson was always found ready and willing to take an active part in every enterprise that would in any way benefit the community. He died in the year 1902, leaving behind him a record of the good deeds he performed while a resident of Starke County. Dr. Henderson had conducted a successful banking and drug business in Knox since the year 1880.

JOHN P. KELLY located in Starke County in the spring of 1853 upon a tract of land known as the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 1, in township 33 north, range 2 west, about four miles northeast of Knox and lived the life of a fine neighbor and a pleasant citizen. He was a mechanic by trade, but he did some farming and stock raising.

Mr. Kelly was the only carpenter in the neighborhood and although there was but very few frame buildings built in those days there was always a certain amount of carpenter work on the log houses, laying

floors or hewing out slabs for floors and making window sash and doors which was about all done by hand, hence he did not have to go idle as there was most always something to be done, even if he had to go several miles to work.

He raised a family of three boys and one girl besides one adopted daughter. Mr. Kelly lived on and owned three different farms and soon after the Civil war moved with his family to Nebraska, locating in Webster County, where he located on a tract of land near Red Cloud. Some of his family still live in Nebraska.

Mr. Kelly was twice elected county surveyor of Starke County, first in 1860, and again in 1862, holding that office for two terms.

Mr. Kelly died near Red Cloud in Webster County in the year of 1878. It was his main desire that Starke County should at some future date become the garden spot of the state and if he were living today he could almost claim that his wishes had about come true. It was a great pleasure for the writer in making surveys in after years to measure the distance and take the course from the bearing trees marked by him to find the corner set by Uncle John.

Mr. Kelly was a good shot with a rifle and it was no uncommon thing for him to shoot a deer while living in Starke County, and with much pride and great pleasure to divide the venison with his good neighbors who all knew Uncle John so well.

GUSTAV A. SPENNER. In 1911 this well known citizen of North Judson manifested his progressiveness and civic enterprise by erecting in the village the substantial building known as the Starke County Garage Building, and though he is here the agent for the celebrated Maxwell automobiles he does not personally conduct the garage in the building which he erected for the purpose and which is 42 by 80 feet in dimensions. Mr. Spenner has made an admirable record in the sale and exploiting of automobiles and prior to becoming an agent for the Maxwell cars he was here a representative of the Ford automobile and had the distinction of selling the first Ford car in Starke County. For the Ford Company he made an average sale of fifteen cars a year, and in the handling of the high-grade Maxwell automobiles he has made an even better record, as indicated by the fact that in the season of 1914 he sold seventy-one machines, November of that year having tallied to his credit the sale of fifteen four-cylinder Maxwells. His salesrooms are well arranged and are situated in his garage building, the general garage business, however, being conducted by others, as he finds it expedient to devote his personal attention to the selling of the popular machines for which he is agent and in connection with which he has gained reputation as one of the leading exponents of the automobile business in this section of the state. Mr. Spenner has been a resident of Starke County since he was eleven years of age and was reared to maturity on his father's farm, in Wayne Township, his active identification with agricultural pursuits having continued until he removed to the Village of North Judson and engaged in the automobile business, in which his success has amply justified his change of vocation.

A scion of a family whose name has been for many generations one of close identification with the civic and material interests of West Prussia, Mr. Spenner was born in that section of the great German Empire and the date of his nativity was April 25, 1873. He is a son of William and Eve (Hopp) Spenner, both natives of the same village in which their son was born, where they were also reared and educated and where their marriage was solemnized. There William Spenner learned in his youth the trade of blacksmith, to which he continued to devote his attention for many years. In his native village were born his nine children, three of whom died young. The first representatives of the immediate family in the United States were the sons John and August and the daughters Augusta and Louisa, who came to Indiana and established their residence in Wayne Township, Starke County. In 1883 the parents joined their children in America and were accompanied by the two younger children, Gustav A. and his sister. The voyage from Hamburg to New York was of fourteen days' duration, and from the national metropolis the journey was forthwith continued to the ultimate destination in Starke County. In Wayne Township the father purchased forty acres of land, in section 3, and his industry and business ability here gained to him definite success as well as prestige as one of the substantial farmers of the county. He continued to reside on his old homestead until his death, which occurred on the 15th of February, 1914, and his loved and devoted wife followed him to eternal rest only two days later, the remains of both being interred in one grave, in the cemetery at North Judson. They lived earnest, sincere and worthy Christian lives, were considerate and kindly and held the high regard of all who came within the circle of their influence. The father had celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary only two days prior to his death, and his wife died at the age of eighty-six years and twenty-two days, both having been lifelong and devout communicants of the Lutheran Church and the father having espoused the cause of the democratic party after establishing his home in and becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States. All of the children are residents of Starke County except two, who reside in Pulaski County, all are consistent communicants of the Lutheran Church, and all are married and have large families of children.

In the schools of his native land Gustav A. Spenner acquired his early education, and since coming to America he has made good use of his opportunities and through experience and self-discipline has effectively amplified his education. He is a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party, is serving as justice of the peace, to which office he was appointed on the 3d of December, 1914, and both he and his wife are most active and zealous communicants of the North Judson Lutheran Church, of which he has served as trustee for six years.

In Starke County was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Spenner to Miss Tillie Grabow, who was born in the same locality in West Prussia as was her husband and the date of whose nativity was March 20, 1872. She is a daughter of John and Carolina (Sata) Grabow, and her father passed his entire life in West Prussia. There his widow later became

the wife of Frederick Marquardt, with whom she and her children by the first marriage and the one son of the second marriage came to the United States and established their home in Starke County, Indiana, where they passed the remainder of their lives, further mention being made of them in the sketch of their only son, W. Frederick, on other pages of this publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Spenner became the parents of seven children, of whom two died young. Lydia, who celebrated her seventeenth birthday anniversary in 1914, was graduated in the eighth grade of the Lutheran parochial school at North Judson and supplemented this discipline by attending the local high school one year; Ruth, fourteen years of age, is attending the public schools; Walter is attending the parochial school and is nine years old; Edwin is five years of age; and Esther was born in 1914.

AUGUST GAPPA. The late August Gappa was identified with the agricultural interests of Starke County for only a period of ten years, and twice that length of time has passed since his death, yet so industriously were his labors prosecuted and so well were his affairs handled, that evidences of his handiwork are still to be found in Jackson Township and his memory is still kept green in the hearts of those among whom his life was passed. His was a career that was characterized by earnest endeavor and straightforward dealing. He came to this land like many of his countrymen, in search of an opportunity to work his way to independence and position, and, having discovered this chance, energetically applied himself to the attainment of his goal. While death claimed him when he was just beginning to enjoy the fruits of his labors, he had firmly established himself in the confidence of his townsmen, while his energies had resulted in the founding of a happy home for his loved ones.

Mr. Gappa was born at Christianstadt, West Prussia, Germany, May 10, 1839, came of good German stock, and was a son of George and Magdalena (Sprutz) Gappa, who were born and reared there, passed their entire lives in general laboring, and died, the father when seventy years of age and the mother when nearly eighty. They were faithful members of the Catholic Church, in the belief of which they reared their twelve children, of whom but four lived to grow up and be married. August was the only one to come to the United States; Franklin is still a resident of Germany and is married, but has no children; Rosa is married and lives at Hanover, Germany; and Paulina is married and a resident of West Prussia.

August Gappa experienced some difficulty in securing a comprehensive education in his youth, as his parents were in modest circumstances and he was expected to devote his services to assisting in the support of the family whenever the opportunity for employment arose. He was a bright, intelligent and alert youth, however, and was wont to make the most of his opportunities, so that he was able to secure a somewhat better training than that which fell to the lot of lads placed in similar positions. Like his father, he was employed as a man of all

work, but he was not satisfied with his circumstances, and it was his earnest determination to finally be at the head of a family and a home of his own.

Mr. Gappa was married in Christianstadt, Germany, to Miss Augusta Hopp, who was born there July 26, 1842, reared and educated in her native town, and a daughter of Michael and Barbara (Connets) Hopp. It was and still is one of the fine old families of that province, where for generations its members have been prominent in various lines of endeavor. An ancestor of Mrs. Gappa was a bishop in the Roman Catholic Church. The father of Michael Hopp was Martin Hopp, who at one time was a very wealthy man and had a large and valuable estate, but met with financial reverses during the Napoleonic wars, had his entire estate confiscated, and was left penniless. He subsequently turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for several years, but could not survive his misfortunes, and died in his native province when just past middle life. Michael and Barbara Hopp passed their entire lives in Christianstadt, and there passed away, the father at the age of sixty-three years, and the mother when fifty-four years old. Mrs. Gappa was one of the youngest of seven children, was the only one to come to the United States, and is the only survivor. A brother, Johann, served as a soldier through three wars in Europe, and finally died of exposure.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gappa resided in Germany for some years, and there three children were born to them: Mary, Frank and Martha. In 1883 Mr. Gappa turned his face toward the new world, boarding the ship Polinia at Hamburg and after fifteen days arriving at the Port of New York. From the great metropolis the little emigrant family made its way across the country to North Judson, Starke County, Indiana, and there the father secured employment as a laborer on the Pan Handle Railway. There he carefully saved his earnings, in the meanwhile familiarizing himself with the language and customs of his adopted country, and in 1890 realized his ambitions when he was able to purchase a farm of eighty acres, located in section 25, Jackson Township. This land was practically unimproved, but Mr. Gappa soon had a large portion of it under cultivation, and had started to make extensive improvements, including a good six-room home, with a basement under a part, and other buildings. He did not live long enough to fully appreciate his fortunes, for death called him from his family and friends November 29, 1893. He was laid to rest in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at North Judson.

Mrs. Gappa still survives her husband and resides on the old homestead, where she and her sons have recently completed valuable and attractive additional improvements. These include a large red stock and feed barn, with granaries and outbuildings. At this time they are growing all kinds of grain and stock, and are meeting with deserved success in their several lines. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gappa who are now living are as follows: Mary, who is the wife of B. P. Lester, a farmer of Wayne Township, Starke County, has a daughter,

Ellen, and also had issue by a former marriage, with Herman Huebner; Frank, who is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, operating the Williams farm of 500 acres, in Jackson Township, married Christina Beyers, and has four children: Margaret, Mildred, Sylvia and Franklin; Martha B., now living at home with her mother, who was for seventeen years a nurse in Chicago, where she made quite a reputation in her chosen vocation, particularly as a nurse for children; August, who is very successfully conducting the home farm, as well as the property adjoining, one of the progressive and enterprising young agriculturists of the county, who makes his home with his mother. Two children are deceased: Antoinette, who died at the age of twenty years, October 13, 1906; and Rosa, who died May 26, 1893, at the age of six years. Mrs. Gappa and her children are members of the Roman Catholic Church, in which all have been confirmed, and have assisted materially in the building of the fine church edifice of that denomination at North Judson

SAMUEL M. BROOKS. As a young man Mr. Brooks, a native of the State of New York, established his residence in the City of Chicago, and there he built up a substantial and prosperous business as a contractor and builder, but he was one of the many who suffered great loss in connection with the historic fire that swept that city in 1871 and which left of his possessions nothing but the clothing which he wore at the time. His courage and ability enabled him to retrieve his fortunes to a large extent while still a resident of the western metropolis, and there he continued his residence until 1898, when he came to Starke County, Indiana, and purchased his present fine homestead farm, in section 4, Wayne Township. He has made this one of the show places of the township, and in addition to having been notably successful as a farmer and stock-grower he has continued his activities as a contractor and builder and has become a prominent exponent of horticulture and fruit growing in this county. He has a large and finely kept orchard, which yields a fine quality and great variety of apples and other fruits, the orchard comprising several hundred trees and being a source of much pride to the owner, even as it proves also a source of profit under his careful and scientific management. Mr. Brooks is one of the well known and highly honored citizens of the county and is specially entitled to recognition in this history.

Samuel M. Brooks was born on the little homestead farm of his father, in Orange County, New York, not far distant from the City of Newburgh, on the Hudson River, and the date of his nativity having been December 24, 1847; it being a matter of family record that he was ushered into the world within five minutes of the advent of Christmas day. He is a son of John D. and Mary (Hill) Brooks, both natives of Berkshire, England, where the former was born on the 1st of January, 1800, his birth having been practically coincident with the dawn of the nineteenth century, and his wife having been born on the 26th of December, 1808. For many generations the Brooks and Hill families were identified with the culinary and commissary departments of the service of the royal

family of England, and one branch of the Brooks family had representatives in the office of royal surveyor and forester. The mother of the subject of this review herself held the position of head cook in the home of Lord Russell, and thence was promoted to a position in the culinary department of the royal palace. In this incumbency, through no fault of hers, she came into disfavor, owing to the fact that a Newfoundland dog had jumped through one of the dining-room windows, this accident having been ascribed to negligence on her part. Her husband was at the time captain on a vessel plying the Thames River, and her disconcertment on account of the insignificant accident at the palace had much to do in causing her and her husband to leave their native land and seek a home in America, a decision which they never regretted. In 1830, accompanied by their two children, they embarked on a sailing vessel and set forth for their new home in the United States. On the voyage a daughter was born to them, but she did not long survive, and was buried at sea. Arriving in the Port of New York City Captain Brooks and his wife proceeded by boat up the Hudson River and landed at New Windsor, Orange County, the names of both the village and county doubtless having made definite appeal to them in an incidental way, the patent suggestion of former English dominion under which the titles had been given. On a small farm within sight of their landing place the captain and his wife established their home, this farm having been at the foot and side of the rugged and picturesque Storm King Mountain, which is still one of the important landmarks of that section. While here maintaining his home Captain Brooks was for some time in the employ of E. P. Roe, father of the well-known American novelist. After the lapse of many years Captain Brooks and his wife removed from the original home to the little City of Cornwall, in the same county and at the base of Storm King Mountain. There they passed the residue of their long and worthy lives, the captain having passed away in 1882 and his devoted wife having been summoned to eternal rest in 1890. Both were zealous members of the Presbyterian Church and in the land of his adoption Captain Brooks became a stalwart and uncompromising advocate of the cause of the republican party. Of the seven sons and seven daughters five of each attained to years of maturity, all married and reared children, with the exception of two, and of the number two sons and two daughters are living at the time of this writing. Of the fourteen children the thirteenth in order of birth was he whose name initiates this review.

Reared and educated in Orange County, New York, Samuel M. Brooks has ever retained an admiring affection for that picturesque region on the Hudson River, and as a youth he found employment in acting as a guide for the numerous persons who visited and scaled Storm King Mountain, this service having been given by him from the time he was eight years of age until he had attained to the age of seventeen. In his native county, where he had made good use of the advantages afforded in the common schools, Mr. Brooks served a thorough apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and in 1868, shortly before attaining to his legal majority, he severed the home ties and came to the West. He located in

the City of Chicago and there engaged in business as a contractor and builder, as well as a lumber contractor. With headquarters in a building at the corner of Monroe and La Salle streets, he built up a substantial and prosperous business, but disaster overtook him in the great fire of 1871, all of his property being destroyed. His ability as a carpenter and builder, however, came into effective play in connection with the upbuilding of the stricken city, and one of the important incidents of his career was his association with affairs in Chicago at the time of this great urban fire that startled the entire civilized world.

On the 30th of November, 1871, while the ashes of the Chicago fire still smouldered, Mr. Brooks was there united in marriage to Miss Ann Weston, who was born in the City of Liverpool, England, on the 7th of May, 1851. Her father, Thomas Weston, in company with his father, came to the United States in the early '40s, and established his home at Dubuque, Iowa, and a year later his wife, Jane, and the other members of the family came from England and joined him in the new home. The parents of Mrs. Brooks continued their residence at Dubuque for many years, and at the time of the Civil war the father enlisted as a Union soldier, proceeding with his command to the front, and all trace of him having thereafter been lost by his family, the supposition being that he was killed in battle and that his name failed to find place on the record of casualties. Mrs. Brooks was reared and educated in Dubuque and Chicago, and in the latter city she and her husband continued to maintain their home until their removal to their present fine farmstead, where they have since found their lives compassed by gracious surroundings and generous prosperity, their circle of friends in the community being coincident with that of their acquaintances. During his residence in Starke County Mr. Brooks has found much demand for his interposition as a carpenter and builder, as there has come a full local appreciation and valuation of his distinctive ability in this line of activity. He has done much important work as a contractor and builder of this county. Upon coming to Starke County Mr. Brooks purchased 120 acres of land in section 4, Wayne Township, and on the place he has since made many admirable improvements, including the erection of his modern residence of eight rooms, this building being of specially attractive architecture and its appointments of the most approved order. The house was designed throughout by Mr. Brooks and was erected almost entirely by his own hands, only incidental assistance having been given by other workmen.

Mr. Brooks is broad-minded and progressive in his civic attitude, designates himself as a progressive republican in politics, and both he and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The final paragraph of this sketch is devoted to brief record concerning their children.

May is the wife of John Secor, who is engaged in the restaurant business in the City of Chicago, and they have two children, Clinton and May. Robert, who is a railroad man, residing at Fowlerton, Texas, is married but has no children. Elmer died at the age of twenty-seven

years, as the result of injuries received when he accidentally shot himself. Herbert, who is employed in the switchyards department of the Chicago & Northwestern Lines, in Chicago, is married but has no children. Raymond remains at the parental home and has the active management of the farm, being known as one of the alert and progressive young men of Starke County. Hazel A., who remains with her parents, and is one of the popular young women in the social activities of the community, had the distinction of being, in 1907, the first graduate in the well conducted school of District No. 3, Wayne Township.

FRANK V. DUSEK. Among that class of useful citizens of Starke County who are of Bohemian nativity and ancestry, Frank V. Dusek is probably the most influential and certainly one of the most successful farmers in Wayne Township. Having been successful in private affairs, it is only natural that he should assume a place of leadership among his people, and his name carries weight whenever mentioned in connection with local affairs.

Frank V. Dusek was born in Bohemia, Austria, November 29, 1852, a son of Joseph and Mary (Habard) Dusek. Both parents were born in adjacent localities in Bohemia, his father at Peboron during the early '20s, and the mother at Mezeryce a few years later. They represented substantial old stock of the Catholic religion. After their marriage Joseph and wife remained on a farm in their native country, and Joseph Dusek spent ten years in the standing army of Austria. The children born to them in that country were: Frank V.; Joseph, who is now deceased; John, who died unmarried; Antone, a farmer of Railroad Township, Starke County, and the father of several sons and daughters; James, who died young; Catherine, wife of James Vessley, of Chicago, and the mother of two sons and two daughters; Anna, wife of Joseph Bolik, of Chicago, and they have two sons and three daughters.

In June, 1870, when Frank V. Dusek was eighteen years of age, the entire family left Bohemia, and at Bremen, Germany, took passage on the sailing vessel the Republic, and just seven weeks later were landed in New York City. The only noteworthy incident of the voyage was one stormy night, when all the passengers were kept below deck. From New York City they continued their progress westward as far as Chicago, where the men of the family soon found employment as laborers. At the time of their arrival in Chicago Joseph Dusek had only fourteen dollars in money. Both he and his sons were industrious and willing workers, and through the labor of their hands were soon providing for the family support.

In 1878 the parents removed to Starke County, the father buying eighty acres in section 19 of Wayne Township. That is now owned by his son Frank V. After living in a log cabin on the farm three years, the parents returned to Chicago, leaving the operation of the farm to Frank Dusek. The parents spent the rest of their lives in Chicago, the father passing away in 1882 and his wife about nine years later. Both were lifelong members of the Catholic Church and were good, earnest and hard-working people.

Frank V. Dusek, the oldest of the children, had acquired his education up to the age of seventeen in his native country. He thus came to America without a knowledge of the English language, and unacquainted with American customs and methods of business, but his willingness to work and make himself useful soon gave him employment, and for several years he was employed in a planing mill and lumber yard in Chicago, turning over every cent of his wages to his father. That was the manner of his life up to the age of twenty-three, and in the meantime he had accompanied his parents to Starke County, and was thus introduced to farming, having had some experience in that work in his native land.

The next interesting event in his life was his marriage at San Pierre to Miss Anna Fiala. They were married by Father Stevens. Mrs. Dusek was born in Bohemia in 1853, and came to the United States in 1871, making the journey all alone and going from New York to Chicago. Her parents remained in Bohemia, and died there. After his marriage Mr. Dusek lived on his father's farm one year, then went to Chicago but three years later he and his brother were deeded the farm of their father, and in 1888 Frank Dusek took up its active management and has since lived in Wayne Township, now for more than a quarter of a century. He subsequently added forty acres to the old homestead, and after that bought the forty acres owned by his brother Joseph, so that his present farm now comprises 120 acres. It is well improved, has good farm buildings and a comfortable residence, and the productive soil has been made to yield abundantly of such crops as corn, wheat, rye and potatoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dusek are popular members of the social community, not only among their own people but among all citizens of Starke County. They are prominent in the Catholic Church at North Judson, and all the male members of the family are democrats. The children are: Joseph, who was born on the home farm in Starke County, and has spent his life there, being now the active assistant of his father in the management of the place; he was educated in the public schools, and is one of the leading younger citizens of Wayne Township. Anton, the second son, who was also born on the farm, was educated in the public schools and is now a resident of Chicago, where he is connected with the wiring department of the Western Electric Company. Edward, who lives in Chicago, married May Vacakr. Otto, who was born, reared and educated in this township, is a resident of Chicago and by his marriage to Emma Krajec has one son, Frank. The son Frank still lives at home and is a farmer, and unmarried. Augustine is principal of the public schools at San Pierre, and a sketch of his interesting career is found on other pages. Victor is now a student in the North Judson High School. Sophia is the wife of Frank Burjanek, a progressive Wayne Township citizen of whom mention is made on other pages. Three other children named Jacob, Frank and Mary died in infancy or early childhood. One of Mr. Dusek's sons owns a forty-acre farm in his own right, and thrift, progressiveness and the best ideals of American citizenship are characteristic of all the family.

FRANK HEILMAN. The versatility of Mr. Heilman's talent and the excellent application he has made of the same are indicated alike by his status as one of the representative and progressive farmers of Wayne Township and by his success and popularity as a teacher in the public schools, his services being still in requisition in this capacity during the winter terms, when his attention is not demanded in the active supervision of his well improved farm. Mr. Heilman has been a resident of Starke County since he was a lad of seven years, and has here been identified with the basic industry of agriculture during his entire adult life, the while he has for a long period been a zealous and valued worker in connection with educational affairs in the county, with special prominence in the work of the local teachers' institutes.

The homestead farm of Mr. Heilman is situated in section 12, Wayne Township, and comprises 110 acres of most fertile and productive land, an effective tile drainage system having been installed on the farm and the other permanent improvements being of the best type. In addition to raising the various cereals Mr. Heilman devotes special attention to the propagation of potatoes and onions, in which he obtains an average annual yield of about six hundred bushels of onions, and from one hundred and fifty to two hundred bushels of potatoes. He brings to bear the most approved and scientific methods in all departments of his farm industry, and is one of the most progressive representatives and exponents of agricultural and horticultural enterprise in Wayne Township.

Mr. Heilman, the popular pedagogue-farmer, was born on a farm near the Village of Mulberry, Clinton County, Indiana, on the 25th of March, 1875, and in both the agnatic and distaff lines he is a scion of staunch old Pennsylvania German stock. His parents, James and Lucy A. (Baer) Heilman, were born and reared in Pennsylvania, where their friendship had its origin in their childhood days, though their marriage was solemnized in Clinton County, Indiana. James Heilman was one of the patriotic sons of the old Keystone State who gave valiant service as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war, and he was with his command at the front during the greater part of the great conflict between the states of the North and the South. As a youth he enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and as a private in the ranks he made a record for faithful and gallant service in many engagements, the while he endured to the full the tension of incidental hardships and perils. In the battle at Five Forks, Virginia, in the spring of 1865, he received a gunshot wound, and in earlier service he had many narrow escapes from capture and injury. In later years he became one of the appreciative and honored members of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Knox, the judicial center of Starke County, and his comrades in the organization called upon him to serve in various official positions, including that of commander of the post.

James Heilman continued to be engaged in farming in Clinton County, Indiana, until the spring of 1882, when he came with his wife and their five children to Starke County and purchased thirty acres of

unimproved land in the southwestern part of Center Township, and eventually his industry and good management enabled him here to accumulate a valuable landed estate of 240 acres, upon which the greater part of the improvements was made by him, including the erection of substantial buildings. Mr. Heilman was numbered among the substantial farmers and influential citizens of Center Township, served for several years as a member of the board of county commissioners and held also the position of township trustee. His civic loyalty and progressiveness made him a stalwart advocate of social and material advancement, and he was specially influential as an advocate of the construction of gravel roads in the county. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and both he and his wife early became earnest members of the United Brethren Church, of which his second and surviving wife likewise is an adherent. Mrs. Lucy A. (Baer) Heilman was summoned to the life eternal in 1888, and Mr. Heilman later wedded Miss Lillie M. Dunkleburger, who still resides in this county, three children having been born of this marriage. James Heilman was a man of lofty integrity and fine mentality, and he ever commanded the high esteem of his fellow men. He was affiliated not only with the Grand Army of the Republic, as previously noted, but also with the Masonic fraternity, the lodge and encampment bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Tribe of Ben Hur.

On the old homestead farm in Center Township Frank Heilman was reared to adult age, and after duly profiting by the advantages afforded in the public schools he completed his education in the normal department of what is now Valparaiso University. He has been enrolled as one of the able and popular teachers in the schools of Starke County for a score of years, his first pedagogic service having been in a district school in Center Township. In 1909-10 he was principal of the village schools at San Pierre, this county, and for several years he has, at intervals, been the popular teacher in District No. 2, Wayne Township. Mr. Heilman is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party, and in the Fraternal Order of Gleaners he has passed the various official chairs.

On December 12, 1902, in Wayne Township, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Heilman to Miss Emma Collins, who was born in Randolph County, this state, on the 12th of December, 1874, and who was thirteen years of age at the time of her parents' removal to Wayne Township, Starke County, where her father purchased and brought under a high state of cultivation a fine landed estate of 270 acres. Mrs. Heilmán is a daughter of William T. and Mary J. (Seymour) Collins, who established their home in Wayne Township in 1887, the father having here continued to reside until his death, in June, 1908, and his widow being now a resident of North Judson, this county. Mr. Collins was a man of sterling character, was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his widow, and his political support was given to the Democratic party. He served six years as a member of the board of county com-

missioners and held other local offices of public trust. He was a gallant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, as a private in an Indiana regiment, and for many years prior to his death was in active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Heilman have three children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here designated: C. Keith, June 20, 1906; Frank E., July 24, 1908; and Earl Seymour, February 17, 1911.

JAMES GODFREY. Industry, thrift and progressiveness have given to Mr. Godfrey definite status as one of the representative farmers of Starke County, and the tangible results of his efforts are shown in his ownership of one of the well improved farmsteads of Oregon Township, where his popularity is on a parity with his sterling character and genial personality.

A scion of the staunchest of Irish lineage, Mr. Godfrey was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in the year 1872, and in the same county of the fair Emerald Isle were born his parents, John and Bridget Godfrey, who were there reared and educated and who were members of sturdy families there identified with agricultural pursuits. In County Limerick were born all of their children, the eldest of the number being Bridget, who is the wife of James Buckley, agent in Limerick and Dublin for the Singer Sewing Machine Company; James, of this review, was the next in order of birth; Patrick, who is still a bachelor, is a prosperous farmer in the State of Wisconsin; Catherine is the wife of Albert Fridley, foreman of a brass foundry at Albert Lea, Minnesota; Mary is the wife of Hart West, who is a locomotive engineer in the service of the Nickel Plate Railroad, and they maintain their home at Stony Island, Illinois; and the other two children died young. In 1890 the parents and six of their children embarked at Queenstown and set forth on their voyage to the United States. From New York City they proceeded to Dubuque, Iowa, where they joined old-time friends and where they remained for a short period. They returned eastward as far as the City of Chicago, and in 1892 they came from the great western metropolis to Starke County, Indiana, and established their permanent home in the Village of Hamlet, where the honored father passed the remainder of his life, his death having occurred on Christmas day of the year 1913 and his age at the time having been seventy-eight years. His widow, who celebrated her seventy-second birthday anniversary in 1914, now makes her home with her children and is exceptionally active and alert in both physical and mental powers. She is a devout communicant of the Catholic Church, as was also her husband, and all of the children hold firmly to the faith of this great mother church of Christendom.

James Godfrey was reared and educated in his native land and was eighteen years of age at the time of the family immigration to America. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Starke County, and here his earnest and well directed endeavors have gained to him distinct independence and prosperity. His first purchase of land was made in Davis Township, and he so effectively improved this farm that he was eventually

able to sell the same for a price fully three times that which he had paid for the property. Thereafter he purchased and improved a farm of eighty acres in section 16, Oregon Township, and his enterprise and executive ability were shown again in this connection, for he so increased the value of the land that he was finally able to sell the same at the rate of \$85 an acre—land for which he had paid \$40 an acre. After disposing of this property he purchased his present farm, which comprises 120 acres of fine sandy loam land, with an excellent clay subsoil, the property being eligibly situated in sections 8 and 16, Oregon Township, and his attractive residence being in the latter township. Though he paid for this property only \$13 an acre he has reclaimed the land from its marshy condition and made it so productive that it is now placed at the noteworthy valuation of \$125 an acre. When he purchased the property it was eligible only for the raising of marsh hay, and Mr. Godfrey has been most liberal and judicious in his expenditures and labors in the installation of an effective system of drainage, besides which he has made other permanent improvements of the best order, including the erection of a comfortable house, a barn 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, and other buildings that make adequate provision for facilitating and safeguarding the various details of the farm enterprise. Mr. Godfrey devotes an average of thirty-six acres to the propagation of corn, which has given a yield of sixty-five bushels to the acre, and he raises also wheat and oats, the latter product having given an average of sixty-two bushels to the acre for the season of 1914. In the raising of high-grade live stock Mr. Godfrey has been equally successful, and in the feeding of his stock he utilizes much of the forage crops from his farm. He has a fine herd of forty head of thoroughbred Polled Durham cattle, and the products from his excellent dairy herd of about twelve cows is manufactured and shipped principally to the Chicago market. On the farm are raised also good grades of swine, and four teams of horses are kept by Mr. Godfrey in requisition in the various details of the farm operations. This energetic and progressive citizen has not become self-centered and looked only to personal aggrandizement, but has shown a lively interest in those matters which touch the general welfare of the community and is numbered among Starke County's stalwart supporters of the cause of the democratic party. He and his family are earnest communicants of the Catholic Church.

In Oregon Township was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Godfrey to Miss Nora Haley, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Shea) Haley, whose marriage was solemnized at Columbia City, this state, both having been young at the time of coming to America from their native land, the Emerald Isle. Mr. Haley was identified with railroad construction work for a number of years and while assisting in the building of the line of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad through Starke County he became so much impressed with the attractions and resources of this part of the state that he purchased 160 acres of land in section 29, Oregon Township, and established here his permanent home. He developed one of the fine farms of the county, made good improvements

on the property, and became one of the substantial farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Oregon Township. After his retirement from active labor he established his residence in the Village of Hamlet, and there both he and his wife died after they had passed the scriptural span of threescore years and ten, both having been zealous communicants of the Catholic Church. Mr. and Mr. Godfrey have five children: John was graduated in the Hamlet High School and has supplemented this discipline by a course in a business college in the City of South Bend; Peter H. is a member of the class of 1916 in the Hamlet High School, and Margaret is in the freshman class of the same school; and Lenora, Ruth and Evaline are attending the graded schools at Hamlet.

GABRIEL DOYLE. The late Gabriel Doyle, who died in 1915, was one of the substantial business men and progressive citizens of the little village of Hamlet. He showed his enterprise by purchasing and improving local real estate, and had erected a substantial brick block in which he had his well equipped barber shop. Mr. Doyle was a man of unassuming worth and his character and achievements gained him the confidence and good will of those with whom he came in contact during his life. His name is especially well remembered over Starke County for his services as sheriff from 1908 until January, 1912, when he retired with an admirable record for efficient and courageous performance of duty.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Doyle were natives of Ireland and belonged to substantial families of the Emerald Isle. They became pioneer settlers of Indiana, and spent the closing years of long and useful lives at the home of their son William H. in Porter County. William H. Doyle, father of Gabriel, was born and reared in Indiana and gave his entire active career to agricultural pursuits, and was one of the representative farmers of Porter County. He died at Hebron in that county in 1877, when about sixty-five years of age. He was known and honored as one of the sterling pioneer citizens of the county. In the southern part of Indiana when twenty-one years of age William H. Doyle married Miss Mary Hildreth, who was born and reared in that section of Indiana, and proved a devoted companion and helpmate. She survived her husband and was past sixty-five years of age at the time of her death in January, 1891. Both were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their thirteen children five died young, and at the present time four sons and one daughter are living, all of them married and all having children. Two of the sons are likewise barbers by trade.

Gabriel Doyle was born on the old homestead farm in Porter County, grew to maturity there, and received such advantages as were supplied by the public schools of the locality. At Hebron he learned the barber's trade, and for thirteen years conducted a successful shop at Wanatah in LaPorte County. In the spring of 1903, having sold his business, he came to Starke County in the month of May, establishing his residence at Hamlet. His shop occupied attractive quarters in the substantial

brick building erected and owned by him at the corner of Main and Davis streets. The building is 48 by 60 feet in dimensions. Mr. Doyle was also owner of two other business buildings on Davis Street, each with a frontage of twenty-four feet. The late Mr. Doyle was a member of Lodge No. 629, A. F. & A. M., at Knox; was past grand of the Hamlet lodge in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and had represented it in the grand lodge of the state; and was past commander of the Hamlet Tent of the Knights of the Modern Maccabees.

In the vicinity of Hamlet Mr. Doyle was married to Miss Amelia C. Fusch, who was born in LaPorte County, March 14, 1868, and was three years of age when her parents removed to Davis Township of Starke County. Mrs. Doyle, who survives her honored husband, is a daughter of John and Augusta (Kreg) Fusch, both natives of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and both young when they came to America. They were married in LaPorte County, Indiana, in 1864. In 1871 Mr. Fusch moved to Hamlet, and after conducting a blacksmith shop for a number of years bought a farm of 240 acres near that village. This property he improved and developed into one of the model farmsteads of Starke County. That was his home and the scene of his activities until his death in May, 1901, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife died September 21 of the preceding year at the age of sixty-five. Both were earnest members of the German Lutheran Church, and Mr. Fusch was a democrat. Of their eleven children five attained to maturity, and all of them are married and have children with the exception of Mrs. Doyle.

WILLIAM F. BRABROOK. When, in 1913, William F. Brabrook took up his residence and began his activities in Jackson Township, there were added to this thriving agricultural community of Starke County the services of a man who possessed both the ability and the inclination to contribute materially to his adopted locality's prestige. During his long and varied career, Mr. Brabrook had been engaged in varied pursuits connected with financial and commercial affairs, in various parts of the country, and his experience thus gained promised to prove a decided asset in adding to Jackson Township's prominence as the home of capable, progressive and forceful men. In his latest venture, as the owner of one of the finest farming properties in the county, he is showing himself a capable man of affairs, and already has done much to advance public and civic affairs in the vicinity of his new home.

Mr. Brabrook belongs to an old and honored family, and through his great-grandfather is a direct descendant of Lord Brabrook, of Audley End or Manor, England, a member of whose family, during his generation, came to America and became prominent in Massachusetts and particularly in the City of Boston. The grandfather of William F. Brabrook, whose name is now forgotten, was born at Leminester, Massachusetts, and there reared and educated, and in his youth took up the trade of carpenter. He gradually drifted into contracting and was achieving a creditable success, but figuring too closely on the contract

for a church at Lancaster, Massachusetts, his means were swept away in its fulfillment, and he lost his home and farm and was obliged to return to his trade. He spent the remaining years of his life at Leminester and there passed away, as did also his wife, who was also a Massachusetts girl. They were probably members of the Episcopal Church. Their children were: Charles, the father of William F.; Ezra H., George, William, the only one who was not married; Albert, and Julia. These children, with the exception noted, all became the heads of families, and have now passed away.

• Charles Brabrook, the father of William F. Brabrook, was born at Leminester, Massachusetts, in 1809. There he grew up and under his father's tutelage learned the trade of carpenter, subsequently going into the furniture manufacturing business on Hanover Street, Boston. He had with him for some time, as employes, his brothers William and Ezra, who later went into business on their own account on Blackstone Street, Boston. These two firms later merged, becoming the well-known Davenport Furniture Company, the plant of which was located on the corner of Washington and Elm streets, Boston. After disposing of his business interests in Boston, where he and his brother had become prominent in civic life, Mr. Brabrook went to Chelsea, Massachusetts, and there passed away when still in the prime of life, in 1848, he having already become a prominent business man of that city. He married a Maine State girl, Miss Anna Pruden, whose father later became a prominent shoe merchant and manufacturer of Norfolk, Virginia, and died there. Mrs. Charles Brabrook after the death of her husband was married a second time, being united with Samuel Edwards, and they lived and died at Bolton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, she being seventy-six years of age at the time of her death and he much older. For many years Mr. Edwards was manager for the firm of Lovel & Francis, ship chandlers of Long Wharf, Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards had no children. By her marriage with Mr. Brabrook Mrs. Brabrook was the mother of four children, as follows: Charles, who resides at Springfield, Massachusetts, and is married but has no family; William F., of this review; Julia, who died at the age of eight years; and Sarah Ann, who died as an infant.

William F. Brabrook was born at Sterling, Massachusetts, June 12, 1843. He was just past four years of age when his father died, but he remained at home until he was twelve years of age, and secured his education in the public schools. He was then taken by his guardian to Tennessee, but they soon quarreled and young Brabrook ran away and faced life courageously on his own account. The period that followed this was one of many hardships and struggles, but eventually the youth entered the home of Dr. Alex Hale, on the Tennessee River, and remained with him four years. He then went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and later to Charleston, South Carolina, and at the latter place took steerage passage for Boston. While a resident of that city the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted as a private in the Eighteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, an organization with which he re-

mained for eleven months, seeing much hard and active service. At the end of this time Mr. Brabrook suffered a rupture, which rendered him incapable of further service, and he was honorably discharged from the army.

Following this experience, Mr. Brabrook returned to Massachusetts and learned the trade of shoemaker. Later he went to Danville, Vermont, where he was in the employ of a clothing merchant for several years, and finally became the manager of the manufacturing department of the firm of Ware & Pratt, the large clothiers and manufacturers of Worcester, Massachusetts, continuing with that concern from May, 1869, until January 1, 1880. During this time Mr. Brabrook met with the greatest success which had come to him so far, but his health had been gradually failing, and it was deemed advisable that he seek recuperation in another climate. Accordingly, after looking over a number of communities, he left the city in which he had been such a leading and prominent figure and popular in social circles, and went to Chicago, where for something more than twenty years he was engaged in business ventures. He also spent a large part of his time in dealing in real estate, and in 1904 traded his Chicago interests for a hotel property at Bass Lake, Indiana, which opened August 28, of that year, as the Brabrook Hotel, a summer resort which at once met with public favor. This large and well-located house, surrounded by commodious and handsome grounds, had 1,000 feet of frontage on the lake and soon attracted great numbers of resorters. Mr. Brabrook subsequently secured the steamers on the lake, including the Majestic, which, although now out of commission, will be well remembered. Mr. Brabrook also secured the branch of the Erie Railway to the lake, and the large ice business, and continued to conduct his hotel until 1913, when he decided to turn his attention to agricultural pursuits, and accordingly traded his hotel for his present fine farm of 240 acres, located in section 33, Jackson Township. This has proven an excellent investment, as it is now known as one of the best stock and grain farms in the county. The greater part of the land is now under a high state of cultivation, and is devoted principally to the growing of all kinds of cereals, although the farm is well stocked with high grade cattle, fine Red Duroc hogs and a good grade of horses. There are several beautiful and valuable walnut groves on this property and other good timber, and the whole farm, with its modern improvements, most up-to-date machinery, substantial and well-kept buildings, and fat, contented stock, presents an unusually attractive appearance, speaking eloquently of the good management and thrift of its owner. In the comfortable home are to be found many examples of the skill of Mr. Brabrook's furniture-manufacturing ancestors, antiques which are of the greatest value. In addition to this farm, Mr. Brabrook is the owner of 128 acres lying adjacent, this also being well drained and well fenced.

Mr. Brabrook was married to Miss Ida Pope, of Massachusetts, who was born at Hardwick, Vermont, October 23, 1842, and was reared and educated at that place where she resided until reaching the age of eight-

een years, at that time removing to Massachusetts with her parents, Gardner and Almira M. (Ward) Pope. Her father was born at Brockton, Canada, about the year 1820, and as a young man removed to Hardwick, Vermont, where he engaged in the pursuits of the soil. There he married his wife, having been reared and and educated there, and they continued to pass their active lives at that place, dying on their farm when well advanced in years, he being fifty-six years of age and she sixty. They were most active workers and leaders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was a leader of the church choir, in which his daughter, Mrs. Brabrook, sang as a girl. The Pope family belonged to the highest social circles, and Mr. and Mrs. Pope were among the most highly respected people of their community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Brabrook there have been born four children, as follows: Arthur G., who is a real estate man and fruit grower of Palatka, Florida, and has no family; William F., Jr., a stock and bond salesman of Indianapolis, Indiana, who married Jennie Seaton, daughter of Samuel Seaton, and has one son, Ralph Seaton Brabrook, a graduate of the Bozeman (Montana) College, and now a successful surveyor of that city; Daisy J., who died November 30, 1913, at the age of forty-four years, was the wife of James A. Bryant, of New York City, and left one son, William Allen, who is attending college; and George W., like the others well educated, and now a resident of Long Beach, California, and connected with the Long Beach & Los Angeles Railroad, is married and has no family.

Mr. Brabrook, the father of the foregoing children, is a stalwart republican in politics, and he and his wife, as well as the children, are consistent attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The parents are still active in body and alert in mind, and it is difficult to bring oneself to think that they have reached the period of three score and ten years. They have lived long and useful lives, have watched their family grow up about them, happy and contented, and well fitted for their life positions, and now may rest satisfied in the knowledge that their lives have not been lived in vain and that their efforts have not been for naught.

EDWARD J. JACHIM. When persevering industry and progressive ideas are united in one man the result is bound to be a fine degree of material prosperity and success. Edward J. Jachim, though one of the younger men of Starke County, is one of its ablest farmers. His home is in sections 20 and 29 of Wayne Township, where he owns fifty acres in the former section and twenty-one in the latter. He knows farming in the same way that a merchant knows a stock of goods or manufacturer his factory, and is a careful manager, successful in making his land yield good crops, and shows foresight and skill in marketing. Most of his land is muck soil, the larger part of it improved and under cultivation, and has steadily grown for a number of years fine crops of corn, potatoes and onions. Mr. Jachim keeps and feeds his grain to stock of his own, cattle and hogs, and has a good team of horses.

His home is a comfortable frame house, and he has a substantial barn 28x30 feet, with other outbuildings.

Mr. Jachim has lived in Wayne Township since 1884, and all his active life has been spent in this township and county. He was born at Crown Point, Indiana, October 2, 1881, a son of Jacob and Mary (Klasek) Jachim. Both his parents were born in Bohemia and in the same year, 1842. They represented some of the substantial stock of that old Kingdom of Austria, and their respective parents spent all their lives in Austria. For generations the family have been members of the Catholic Church. Jacob Jachim and wife, who were reared in the same locality, left their native land at the same time, embarked on the same vessel at Hamburg, landed in New York City in the fall of 1864, and after reaching Chicago were married. In that city Jacob Jachim followed his trade as a carpenter, and while living there five sons and three daughters were born. In Crown Point twin daughters and the son Edward J. were born. After living in Crown Point a couple of years the family returned to Chicago, but soon afterwards settled in Wayne Township of Starke County, in 1884. Jacob Jachim on coming to Wayne Township secured 160 acres of wild timber land, to which he added until he had acquired a farm of 500 acres. He possessed the courage and determination required for such a heavy task as subduing this land to the purposes of cultivation, and lived there and developed an excellent farm. He put up a good house and barns, and made other improvements, and lived on the farm until his retirement a few years ago to North Judson, where he and his wife are now quietly spending their lives and enjoying the fruits of their former toil. Both parents have been lifelong Catholics and are substantial, honest and patriotic American citizens. Politically he is a democrat.

Edward J. Jachim is the youngest of eleven children, eight of whom are living, and all married, and all except Charles, the oldest son, and the daughter Elizabeth, have children of their own.

Edward J. Jachim lives in Wayne Township and has had the environment of this locality from youth upwards. For his education he attended a schoolhouse which at one time stood on his father's farm. He received a practical education, one that fitted him for his work as a farmer. Mr. Jachim was married in Chicago to Miss Matilda Studeny. She was born at Cedar Hill, Nebraska, in 1881, spent the first fourteen years of her life in that state, where she attended the public schools, and then removed to Chicago with her parents, Ignatz and Mary (Jalenik) Studeny. Both her parents were natives of Moravia, and came to the United States after their marriage. For a time they lived in Chicago, where Mr. Studeny was a merchant tailor, and from that city went west to Nebraska, where he took up a homestead claim and engaged in developing it for several years. He finally sold his first farm and bought another at Morse Bluff in Nebraska, and about 1894 returned to Chicago and resumed work at his trade as a tailor until his death about eighteen years ago when fifty years of age. His widow is still living in Chicago and is now sixty-two years' old. The Studeny family also are communicants of the Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jachim have one daughter, Mary C., born December 7, 1913. The family attend worship in the North Judson Catholic Church. Mr. Jachim is a democrat, is now serving as a member of the advisory board of Wayne Township, and his father was for five years township trustee.

FREDERICK KELLERMANN. One of the valuable homesteads in Wayne Township is that of Frederick Kellermann in sections 28 and 29. Mr. Kellermann is a farmer of long and varied experience in Northwestern Indiana, grew up from early childhood in Laporte County, was afterwards an enterprising agriculturist in Porter County, and finally transferred his field of operations to Starke County, where he has done much to develop the community in which he lives. Mr. Kellermann's farm comprises 106 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres, containing some of the finest soil to be found in Northwestern Indiana, and in a high state of cultivation. Twenty-five acres of his farm is the noted muck land, drained by open ditches, capable of growing in luxuriant abundance any crop known to Indiana. This portion of his farm lies in section 29. Mr. Kellermann is a grower of all the staple cereal crops and keeps good horses, cattle and hogs. He bought this farm in 1904, and has since gone ahead employing his labor and capital in its development. The improvements can be seen in substantial fences, additions to the residence and the various farm buildings, and everything denotes capable farm management in every particular. His barn stands on a foundation 36x50 feet, and he has a comfortable eight-room dwelling.

Mr. Kellermann came to Starke from Porter County, where he owned a farm of 106 acres in Pleasant Township. He had lived there just twenty-seven years, and the farm represented in its improvements a good share of his life work. Mr. Kellermann was reared and received his education in the City of Laporte. He was born at Linden in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, during the reign of the blind King George. Mr. Kellermann's birthday was July 13, 1851. His parents were F. William and Elinora G. (Schwacker) Kellermann. Both his parents were born in Hanover during the reign of the same king, the father on October 17, 1827, and the mother March 25, 1825. Both came of old Hanoverian ancestry, and were members of the Lutheran faith. F. William Kellermann was in early life a baker, and being a man of splendid physique during his service in the Hanoverian army was a member of the King's Guard. While the family lived in Hanover three children were born, including Frederick, and also two daughters: Caroline E., born October 17, 1853, and Mary, born April 13, 1856, both of whom are now deceased, each having left a son. Caroline's son is Christian Shum, a grocery merchant in Laporte, and the son of Mary is William Shaefering, in the retail meat business at Hammond, Indiana.

In 1856 the parents and their three children left their native land, took passage at Bremen on a sailing vessel, and were on the ocean between Bremen and New York City just seven weeks to the hour, having an uneventful trip attended with fair weather. The little family came

from New York City direct to Laporte, Indiana, and the father having brought with him about a thousand dollars, bought a lot and built a home. Later he sold that property and acquired forty acres of timber land near the city, on which he lived eight years. After selling that he engaged in the dry goods business in Laporte, and continued as a merchant there until his death in August, 1904. He was a well-known and highly respected citizen of Laporte, and his standing in the community is indicated by the fact that for seven years he held the office of township trustee. He was a strong advocate of the democratic party. His wife passed away in the fall of 1897. They were Lutheran Church people, having been confirmed in their native land, and took a leading part in organizing and building the first Lutheran Church in Laporte, in which he was one of the chief members. After the family came to America two more children were born: Henry F., born July 11, 1858, and now living retired in Laporte, and the father of two daughters, Lena and Lillian, the former married; and Maria, born August 1, 1861, and who died September 25, the same year.

At Laporte, Indiana, November 12, 1874, Frederick Kellermann married Miss Matilda Haferkamp. She was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, March 1, 1851, a daughter of Herman and Gretchen (Kenoman) Haferkamp. In 1853 the Haferkamp family emigrated to America and located in Western Ohio. There Mr. Haferkamp died in 1854, and his widow passed away nine years later. Besides Mrs. Kellermann her brother William was born in the old country, and after the family came to Ohio there was a daughter Mary born, who is now the wife of Fred Miller of Minot, North Dakota, and the mother of a daughter, Christina M. Mrs. Kellermann's brother William is a farmer in Laporte County and has five sons and five daughters.

After the death of her parents Mrs. Kellermann was reared by an aunt, Mrs. Catherine Prettybam, of Cincinnati. In Cincinnati Mrs. Kellermann was confirmed in the Lutheran Church, and lived there until the age of nineteen, when her aunt removed to Laporte. Mrs. Prettybam is still living in that city, a venerable woman of eighty-eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellermann are the parents of eight children. William, who is now serving as city marshal of North Judson, married Lena Hankey and has a son, William, Jr. Maria is the wife of Lambert Collins, a farmer of North Judson, and their children are Linda M. M. and Raymond F. D. Lizzie is the wife of William Weese of Wheatfield, Indiana, and their children are Baleria and Goldie. The daughter Ella died unmarried at the age of twenty-five years. Dora is the wife of William Tinkham, a telegraph operator for the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railway at Wheatfield, and they have a son Vern. Fred William lives at home and assists his father in managing the farm. Henry is a commercial salesman employed by the National Biscuit Company at Nashville, Tennessee, and is unmarried. Nellie is the wife of Paul Traester, of North Judson. Mr. and Mrs. Kellermann and children are members of the Lutheran faith and worship in North Judson. Mr. Kellermann and his sons are democrats.

STERLING H. WILLIAMS. One of the most interesting colonies of early settlers in North Bend Township of Starke County came more than sixty years ago, and a large number of the party belonged to the Williams family and their relatives. They were pioneers in the best sense of the term, arriving when the country was all new, and literally hewed homes from the wilderness.

Sterling H. Williams, who has long been a successful farmer in section 11 of North Bend Township, was born in a log cabin on the farm that is still his own on February 20, 1854. That log cabin was the first real habitation built by his father, who entered the land in 1852. Mr. Williams has lived on this one place, grew up and attended the district schools of early Starke County, and has been a prosperous farmer and good citizen.

His father, Joshua Williams, entered the forty acres in North Bend Township in October, 1852, and in the following year entered another forty. At that time there was not a single road laid out in this part of the county, and the pioneers blazed trails through the woods and over the ridges, and there was very little time or opportunity for community improvements of any kind. The family had come to this vicinity with wagons and ox teams, and all united in constructing the first log home and in providing for the bare necessities of living in a new country. Then followed many years of simplest kind of living, struggles with the inclement forces of nature, but in the end there came prosperity and the enjoyment of the improvements which settled conditions brought about. For a number of years after the Williams family settled in this vicinity wild game was abundant, and the family hunter supplied a large part of the provisions.

Joshua Williams came to Starke County from Warren County as one of a colony of twenty-two, all settled in Starke County, and the party had spent four weeks in following the heavy road and blazing their way through the woods a distance of 100 miles. Arriving in this county on October 2, 1852, the party built rail pens as a crude shelter until they could put up log cabins. They then built two hewed log houses and one round-log house, and cut and put up prairie hay to winter their stock through the cold weather. Joshua Williams selected one of the choicest pieces of land in the county, and under his management and that of his son it has been developed into a farm that for many years has produced regularly the staple crops, and is one of the valuable farmsteads of this county. This first house was built of logs, on a small clearing made in the midst of the heavy timber, and one especially interesting feature of Joshua Williams' pioneer enterprise was that he founded and developed one of the first real orchards in the township. He planted all the apple trees that he could get, and set out all manner of fruit trees, and in a few years his was one of the few fruit-bearing orchards in the township. The majority of the trees turned out well, and that old orchard still is in existence, though many of the original trees have succumbed to the elements and to age, though there are sprouts and seedlings, and some of the older



COTTAGE GROVE FARM

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling H. Williams



trees have been grafted and are still bearing excellent fruit. There Joshua Williams lived the life of a pioneer, hunted, fished and trapped, and in addition to farming conducted a blacksmith, gunsmith and wagon shop. He was one of the most skillful mechanics among the early settlers of Starke County. In that way he did an invaluable service to the early settlers and his shop was one of the focal points of population in North Bend Township. He was not only a skilled worker with tools in metals, but had exceptional ability as a wood carver and cabinet maker. During the Civil war he put in a foot-power lathe and made spinning wheels both large and small, and reels, and supplied all who wanted such indispensable articles, as they then were, in household manufacturing equipment. Most of the work which he did in the early days has of course no existence at the present time, but Sterling H. Williams, his son, has in his home as a relic and family heirloom that is highly prized a solid walnut cabinet, made many years ago by his father, and bespeaking not only a thorough mechanical skill but an artistic taste. In 1862 Joshua Williams was elected justice of the peace, and served for twenty years, until 1882, with a most creditable record in dispensing justice among the early settlers of North Bend Township. A number of years after his settlement in North Bend Township Joshua Williams sold out and in 1883 moved to Minnesota, locating in Todd County on September 7th. That section of Minnesota was then a new country, and there once more he took up the toils and responsibilities of the pioneer. His death occurred in Minnesota March 27, 1884, and he was buried in Long Prairie, Todd County. Joshua Williams served in the Union army from October, 1864, until June in the following year, being with Company E of the Fifty-eighth Indiana Infantry, and on account of his mechanical skill was made a member of the pioneer corps in Sherman's army.

Joshua Williams was born in Orange County, North Carolina, November 13, 1824. His parents were James and Victoria (Welsh) Williams, both natives of Orange County, and they were married December 2, 1823. James Williams was a wagoner, and came of old southern stock. In 1826 James, with his wife and two children, made the journey to the states north of the Ohio River. A blind horse drew the wagon containing the household goods, while the family walked all the way. Three other families accompanied them. Their first stop was at Cambridge City in Indiana, when that section of the state was still new. In 1839 they came on to Warren County, Indiana, and lived there until 1852, when, after the manner of pioneers, they made the journey to Starke County with the colony already mentioned, nine members of which belonged to the Williams family. While in Warren County James Williams continued his business as a wagon freighter, and hauled many loads of supplies to and from the markets. Both James and Joshua Williams entered land in Starke County, and James Williams passed away in Washington Township August 19, 1858. He was born on Christmas day of 1801. He and his wife are buried side by side in the Union Church cemetery in North Bend Township. His wife, who was born in

old Virginia, July 5, 1802, passed away April 6, 1877. Her father, Joshua Welsh, was born in 1770 in Pennsylvania, moved into Virginia, and later to North Carolina, and came to Indiana in 1826. He was a stone and brick mason, and had laid many thousands of brick in various buildings at Richmond, Virginia. His oldest brother, George, Welsh, was one of the early volunteers in the struggle for independence. He took part in that expedition against Quebec during the winter of 1775-76, under the command of Generals Montgomery and Arnold, and died during the campaign. Joshua Welsh, who came to Indiana with other members of the family, died in Starke County at the age of eighty-four, being buried in North Union cemetery. All these old settlers were devout Christians and members of the Methodist church, and their homes became the meeting places for the early settlers, the preachers were entertained in their humble cabins, and the service of worship was held in these rude homes. Joshua Welsh was in politics a whig, but other members of the family were democrats.

Joshua Williams was married in Warren County, Indiana, March 24, 1848, to Mrs. Jane (Murphy) Barnett. Her father was John Murphy, possibly a native of Ireland, while his wife was Elizabeth Pickins, and so far as known was a native of New Jersey. John Murphy was a soldier in the War of 1812. By occupation he was a tailor, but when serving in the army was a wagoner. He was present at the surrender of General Hull at Detroit in 1813. He was killed in Warren County, Indiana, in 1832. Mrs. Joshua Williams was born in Butler County, Ohio, September 2, 1823, but was reared in Warren County, Indiana, and died in North Bend Township, of Starke County, February 2, 1879. She is buried in the Union Church cemetery and was a member of the Christian church. There were two children by the Barnett marriage, and one of them, William S., died from illness while a soldier before Vicksburg, in the Civil war, being a member of the Fifty-fourth Volunteer Infantry. Of the Williams marriage there were four sons and one daughter, all of whom are living and married and all have families of children except Sterling H.

Sterling H. Williams was married at Knox, November 6, 1890, to Miss Ada McMillen. She was born July 9, 1861, in Fulton County, Indiana, a daughter of Thomas and Matilda (Hemming) McMillen. Her father was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was a man of common school education, and by vocation was an agriculturist in Fulton County. Politically he was a republican. He died and was laid to rest in Fulton County when Mrs. Williams was still an infant. When she was four years of age her mother moved to Miami County. Mrs. McMillen was a native of Carroll County, Ohio, born July 6, 1834, and died in Miami County, Indiana, in March, 1878, and was laid to rest in the Butts cemetery, east of Peru. It is a matter of interest to state that Mrs. Williams was reared in Miami County within two miles of the home of Gabriel Godfrey, the famous Indian chief of Miami and Wabash counties. Mrs. Williams is a woman who because of early orphanage had to earn her own way in the world until her marriage. She was educated in the common schools,

and has always been exceedingly industrious. She has been a devoted wife and companion, an able assistant to her husband, and her model home is her pride. She is a cordial and genial neighbor, and her many acts of kindness have endeared her to the people of this community. Without children of her own, her home has sheltered many without homes of their own, and they had one young man with them for nine years until his marriage. They now have an adopted child, whom they christened John M. Williams, who was born at Rest Cottage, in Elkhart, Indiana, June 24, 1909, and will receive the best of training in this happy home. What this event means to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, and also the child, is well told in the *Starke County Republican* in an issue in June, 1910, herewith reproduced: "Sterling Williams and wife were up from North Bend township Saturday, arranging to adopt an infant boy, which they recently secured from the Elkhart Rest Home. The baby is a bright blue-eyed youngster and it does one's heart good to see the aged couple, who have never had any children in their home, fondle the wee bit of humanity and humor its slightest whim. The adopted name of the infant is John Martin Williams, and he appears to be immensely pleased with his new name and home and parents. More than that and better still, the aged couple are immensely happy with their first child. They are the best people in the country and they have a fine home to offer their adopted son. How fortunate it is when a homeless child falls into the care of such good people as Mr. and Mrs. Williams. More fortunate still, how happy it is when a childless home is brightened by the presence of a cooing helpless bit of humanity. It is impossible to conceive anything more helpless and hopeless than a child without a home, unless indeed it be a home without a child. But John Martin Williams, aged ten months and some days, has a good home now and he will be well cared for. More than that, Sterling Williams and his good wife will live longer and far happier because of their new-found joy that has come into their lives."

The pretty homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Williams is known in Starke County as the Cottage Grove Farm. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the United Brethren church, and he is an independent democrat in politics.

HENRY HENNING. For a quarter of a century Henry Henning has been identified with Starke County. That he has accomplished those things which most men prize above all others in the world—a good home, provision for the future and for the growing children, and the esteem of the community—needs no other evidence than the fine estate of which he is proprietor in section 29 of Wayne Township. Mr. Henning is an agriculturist who through his efforts has broadened the expanse of productive farm land in Starke County. He has been a hard worker, has earned every cent of his good fortune, and in many ways has shown his sterling Americanism as a friend of schools and an upholder of morality in his community.

Henry Henning was born in Pulaski County in Cass Township,

Indiana, March 11, 1867, a son of Henry and Mary (Martin) Henning. His parents were both natives of Mecklinburg, Germany, where they were reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church and were married. While in the old country two children were born to them, Ricka and William. In 1866 the family took passage on a steamship at Hamburg and crossed the ocean to New York City. From there they came out to Pulaski County, Indiana. Henry Henning, Sr., worked on farms there until he saved enough to buy some land of his own in Rich Grove Township. He then addressed himself to the task of clearing up and developing a tract of wild and virgin soil, and with the assistance of his capable wife and children made a home. He built a log cabin, which was subsequently replaced by a substantial frame building, and put many acres under the plow. In that vicinity the parents lived until the death of the father in 1882. He was accidentally killed while driving a team of spirited horses, and the exact circumstances of the case were never known, since when he was found he was already past mortal aid. His widow subsequently married John Tiede, and moved to Denham, where she lived until her death in March, 1905, at the age of sixty-seven. Her second husband passed away in 1914, aged seventy-one. Both were members of the Lutheran Church and in politics he was a democrat. Henry Henning, Sr., was the father of nine children, and those still living are: Ricka, William, Henry, Anna, Lotta and Bertha, all of whom are married and have families and homes of their own.

Henry Henning grew to manhood in Rich Grove Township of Pulaski County. He attended a German school and also the public schools, and after reaching his majority came to Starke County in 1890. Three years later he invested his meager capital in 120 acres of land in section 33 of Wayne Township. He lived there and prospered until 1896, when he bought fifty-three acres in section 29 of Wayne Township. This place has since been the scene of his effective labors, and he has gone ahead with improvements, has increased his land holdings, and now has a property of which he may well be proud. In the group of farm buildings the fine, large, white residence of nine rooms is conspicuous, and adjoining that is a barn on a foundation 26x66 feet and other substantial outbuildings. Mr. Henning has found dairying a profitable feature of his farm enterprise, keeps some graded cattle, and sells his cream to a North Judson creamery. He also has a good mixed grade of hogs and feeds most of the produce from his fields to his own stock. Part of his land includes the famous muck soil of Starke County, capable of growing almost any crop and of almost inexhaustible fertility. Taking the yield of his fields on the average of several years, he has succeeded in growing twenty bushels of wheat to the acre, forty bushels of corn, and thirty bushels of oats. Mr. Henning now has 253 acres in his farm, about half of which is under cultivation and highly improved.

Mr. Henning was married in Rich Grove Township of Pulaski County to Miss Bertha Dommer. She was born in West Prussia, February 27, 1865, daughter of Carl and Elizabeth (Timm) Dommer, both natives of West Prussia. The parents, accompanied by four sons and three daugh-

ters, later emigrated from Bremen to New York and thence came to North Judson, Indiana. Her father was a farmer in Rich Grove Township of Pulaski County, but finally retired from active work and with his wife lived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henning until they died. Mr. Dommer died in January, 1900, at the age of eighty-one and his wife passed away March 15, 1912, aged ninety-one. Both were Lutherans and he was a democrat. All of their four sons and three daughters are now married and have families.

Mr. and Mrs. Henning are justly proud of their own children, several of whom have gone out into the world and made homes for themselves, while others are living at home and gaining an education to fit them for careers of honest effort. Anna M., the oldest child, is the wife of Henry Redline, and they now live on a farm in Franklin Township of Pulaski County, and have three children, Carl, Della and Harold. George G., the second child, is a Wayne Township farmer and by his marriage to Katie Wada has a daughter, Leona. Bertha P. is the wife of Phillip Gibbs, living at Hebron, Indiana. Henry L. is now employed at the Culver Military Academy. Ida E., who is living at home, was educated like the other children in the local German schools. Lydia M. has also completed her education and lives at home, and the same is true of Elsie M. Rosie E., Edna E. and Carl W. are all school children. Mr. and Mrs. Henning and family are members of the Lutheran Church, and his political affiliations are with the democratic party. He has always been a willing worker in helping forward any community enterprise, and his chief service in this direction has been as road supervisor.

WILLIAM F. KEEHN. For fully forty years the Keehn family have had a valuable part in the development of Wayne Township, where they have lived and prospered as farmers, and always as upright and honorable citizens. This is a family of German origin, and after leaving the old country and living for several years in Laporte County came to a tract of raw land in Wayne Township, and though people of inconsiderable means, they possessed the industry and determination which are the primary requisites in successful citizenship in this land of opportunity. William F. Keehn, who represents the second generation, and whose home is in section 6 of Wayne Township, is a farmer and stock raiser. His home place in section 6 comprises forty acres, with an adjoining place of fifty-six acres, and he is also manager of the farm owned by his father, comprising forty-nine acres in section 5 and forty acres in section 8. Most of the land is good soil, above the average, and its improvements are first class. Twenty-five acres of the forty acres in section 5 is of the noted swamp or muck land, of inexhaustible fertility and capable of growing any crop that can be planted in Starke County anywhere. Mr. Keehn has prospered as a crop grower and also keeps good stock, about four horses, thirteen head of cattle, and a large bunch of hogs. He runs a small dairy, and sells the cream at North Judson. The improvements on Mr. Keehn's farm include a substantial 6-room house, a barn on a foundation 60x30 feet, and various other buildings and facilities for his purposes.

William F. Keehn is the son of William S. and Wilhelmina (Joliptz) Keehn, both of whom were born in West Prussia of old German stock. William S. Keehn was born February 14, 1832, and his wife on September 8, 1839, and both were confirmed when children in the Lutheran Church. From early boyhood he followed the work of a shepherd in Germany, and that was his vocation until coming to America. They were married September 30, 1864, and before leaving Germany three children were born, William F., Augusta and John.

In the summer of 1870 the entire family embarked on a steamship, the *Mine*, at Hamburg, Germany, and after nine days on the sea landed at Castle Garden, New York. From there they came on west to Wanatah in Laporte County, arriving in July. For several years the father found employment as a farm laborer, and by careful management succeeded in providing for his family and getting a little money ahead. Then in 1875 they came to Starke County, and the father bought forty acres of brush land in Wayne Township. That land is still included in the general holdings of the Keehn family in this vicinity. William S. Keehn and wife have lived in this one vicinity forty years, and on September 30, 1914, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded by children and grandchildren and many friends. They are still strong and vigorous people and have reasonable expectation of continued life for a number of years. They have been hard working people all their lives and strictly temperance, and for many years have been among the leaders in the Lutheran Church at North Judson. Mr. Keehn was one of the fifteen men who built and organized that church and they have been liberal givers to its cause. The children who were born after the family came to America were: Herman, who died about the time he reached man's estate; August, who is a farmer in South Dakota and is married and has a daughter; Fred, a hardware merchant at North Judson, and by his marriage to Mary Hankee has Alfred and Hugo, both of them attending the Lutheran Church schools; Carrie, the wife of Julius Lamke of North Judson, has a son, George, attending high school.

William F. Keehn was born in West Prussia at the home of his parents, June 12, 1866, and was about four years of age when the family came to America and has only an indistinct recollection of the events of that trip. Most of his life since childhood has been spent with his parents, and he now manages not only his own land but that of his father. He was married in Wayne Township of Starke County, November 8, 1895, to Amelia Brettin. She was born in West Prussia, January 16, 1874, and when eight years of age came to the United States with her parents, from Hamburg to New York and then to Wanatah in Laporte County, and a year later to Denham in Pulaski County. Her father, Christian Brettin, died in Pulaski County, November 8, 1886, at the age of fifty-six years and two months. He was a farmer, a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics a democrat. His widow, whose maiden name was Henrietta Fenker, survived him about twenty-five years and died at North Judson, April 29, 1911, when within a few days of her seventy-fifth birthday. There are five living children of the Brettin family: Ferdi-

nand, who is married and has a family; Minnie, wife of Gus Dux of Laporte; William, who lives in Laporte and has children; Bertha, the wife of Charles Born of North Judson, and the mother of several children; and Mrs. Keehn.

Mr. and Mrs. Keehn's first children were twins, Clara and Emma, born September 3, 1896, and now attending the public schools. Their son George was born June 21, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Keehn are both active members of the Lutheran Church at North Judson, and politically he is a democrat.

JOHN P. ORIGER. As a farmer and dairyman perhaps no resident of Starke County has brought his business to a higher state of perfection than John P. Origer, whose model homestead is in section 5 of Wayne Township. Mr. Origer began his career in America, to which he came when a youth, in the capacity of a laborer in the employ of a market gardener in Chicago. After a few years he started into that business himself, prospered, and finally in 1904 invested his surplus capital in Starke County.

The Origer farm comprises 157½ acres of land. He bought 140 acres of this in 1904, and subsequently added 17½ acres adjacent. This land lies along the right of way of the Pennsylvania Railway. Mr. Origer has spent time, money and intelligent management in making this what is now justly regarded as one of the finest farmsteads of Wayne Township. Among the improvements introduced by him is a fine 9-room house with basement, with hot air heat, a home with attractive surroundings and with all the conveniences and comforts of a modern rural residence. The house is painted cream with green trimmings, and nearby stands a large red barn on a foundation 62x32 feet. This barn is well arranged for both stock and hay, and every part of the equipment shows a well ordered enterprise. Mr. Origer keeps five head of horses and has a herd of twenty graded Jersey cattle, led by a thoroughbred Jersey bull, Jersey Lily. He maintains a model sanitary dairy, separates the cream on his premises, sells it to a local dealer, while the skim milk he uses largely to feed hogs for the market. The farm in his land comprises black, sandy loam soil, is general well drained by open ditches, and by careful management he has done much to improve its fertility and productiveness.

Mr. Origer is one of the most ambitious farmers of Starke County, and has shown this in his progressive business career. He came here from Chicago, where for a number of years he had been a successful gardener within the city limits. John P. Origer was born in the Duchy of Luxemburg, May 2, 1875. He was of a family which for generations has been identified with the agricultural life of Luxemburg. His parents were Christian and Mary A. Burnay Origer, also natives of Luxemburg, where they spent most of their lives. His father is still living in Luxemburg at the age of seventy, a well preserved and sturdy old gentleman. The mother came to America to visit her children, and died while in Chicago at the age of sixty years. All the family for generations have been Catholics.

John P. Origer grew up in his native country, was educated there, and in 1892 took passage on the ship *Westerland* of the Red Star Line and landed in New York City at Castle Garden on the day he was seventeen years old. Thence he went west to Chicago and soon found employment with a market gardener. A few years later he started in the same line of work on his own account, having only \$200 at the time. He was soon prospering and though he lost some money in various fruitless investments, he had finally accumulated \$9,000, with which he bought his present farm in Starke County.

Mr. Origer was married in Chicago to Elizabeth Straus, who was also born in Luxemburg, August 28, 1877, a daughter of William and Barbara (Canevie) Straus, natives of Luxemburg, where they spent their lives. The family were Catholics. Mrs. Origer came to the United States in 1900, coming in the same vessel and over the same route as her husband eight years before. She went to Chicago, where her brother Frank had preceded her several years before. Mr. Origer has in America three brothers, Joseph, Nicholas and John, all of whom are married except Joseph, and live in Cook County, Illinois, and also a sister, Matilda, who is still single. Mr. and Mrs. Origer have had seven children. Their daughter Agnes died when six days' old. The others, all living, are: Anna, aged eleven years, and a student in the North Judson parochial schools; Alice, aged eight, and John, aged six, both attending the district schools in Wayne Township; and Frank, aged four, and Dorothy, aged three, and Joseph, one year of age. Mr. and Mrs. Origer are members of the North Judson Catholic Church and politically he is identified with the republican party. Few men of forty years succeed in accomplishing so much from humble beginnings as John P. Origer, whose accomplishments stand as a testimonial to his clean-cut manhood and his worthy ambition to make himself useful in the world.

WILLIAM E. ROOSE. One of the well improved farms of Starke County is that owned and operated by Mr. Roose, in section 19, Oregon Township, and he is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of the county, the place of his birth having been the old homestead farm of his parents, situated likewise in section 19, Oregon Township, and not far distant from his present place of abode. He was born on the 19th of August, 1867, and is a son of John A. and Rachel A. (Vink) Roose, concerning whom and the family history adequate data are given on other pages of this publication, in the sketch of the career of their elder son, Charles H., who still resides on the old homestead and farm. It may be stated that the father was one of the early settlers of Oregon Township, and he and his wife were numbered among the well-known and honored pioneers of Starke County at the time of their death, Mrs. Roose having passed away November 22, 1903, and his death having occurred on the 17th of February, 1909. John A. Roose was one of the prominent and influential citizens of Starke County, lived a life of righteousness and industry, was generous and kindly, and was held in unreserved esteem by all who knew him.

William E. Roose passed the days of his childhood and youth on the pioneer farm and early gained fellowship with honest and productive toil, the while he did not neglect the advantages afforded to him by the public schools of the locality and period. He has paid unfaltering allegiance to the great fundamental industry of agriculture, and for three years after his marriage he continued to be associated in the work and management of his father's farm. On the 20th of May, 1889, he assumed control of his present fine farm, which comprises 105 acres and which is a part of the former landed estate of his father. He has added various permanent improvements to the place, including the erection of a good barn, 36x38 feet in dimensions, and the attractive house, erected in 1889, received enlargement and other improvements in 1895. Mr. Roose is known as one of the energetic, discriminating and successful general farmers of his native county, and his success has been the result of his well-ordered efforts. Though he has had no ambition for public office, he has taken a lively interest in local affairs and is a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party, both he and his wife being zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On the 8th of March, 1887, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Roose to Miss Ida E. Veach, and she has proved a devoted companion and helpmeet, though of later years her activities have been curbed by impaired health, which she endures with fortitude and cheerfulness. Mrs. Roose was born in Van Buren Township, Grant County, Indiana, on the 13th of August, 1868, but she was reared principally on the farm which her father owned in the vicinity of Tyler, Marshall County. She had been a resident of Starke County for three years prior to her marriage and had been employed in the home of her husband's parents. Mrs. Roose is a daughter of George M. and Phoebe (Dillon) Veach, who were born and reared in Grant County, as representatives of sterling pioneer families. After their marriage they resided in Van Buren Township, that county, for a time, and then removed to Iowa, where they remained four years. On their return to Indiana they established their residence on a farm in Marshall County, but four years later Mr. Veach came with his family to Starke County and established their home at Grovertown, where he became pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Later he was pastor of the church at Hamlet for one year, after which he returned to Grovertown, from which place he later removed to Grant County. He finally became a zealous clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and, now venerable in years, he is living retired at Ora, Pulaski County. Mr. Veach served two years as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, in which he participated in twenty-six battles, including those of Resaca, Chattanooga and Gettysburg. His wife died on the 6th of November, 1908, at the age of fifty-seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Roose have one son and one daughter. Charles L., who is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm, was born on the 21st of June, 1889. Nellie F., who likewise remains at the parental home, was born March 14, 1895. She was graduated in the Hamlet High School as a member of the class of 1915 and is a popular

figure in the social activities of her home community, as well as in church and Sunday school work.

HENRY BACHERT. The fact that Henry Bachert has been able to retire from active life while still in the possession of his health and strength, argues well for his industry, business ability and wise disposal of opportunity. His fortunes have been identified with those of Starke County for many years, and his occupation has been that of tilling the soil and raising of the products necessary for the maintenance of mankind. He is now a resident of North Judson, where he owns a comfortable and attractive home, but for long years had his residence on his farm in Jackson Township, which he still owns, and in the operation of which he at all times displayed a sturdy allegiance to methods which made for advancement, progress and prosperity.

Mr. Bachert was born in the Province of Pomerania, Germany, February 6, 1845, and is a son of Fritz and Mary (Barcher) Bachert. His father was born in 1812 and his mother in 1814, in the same province, and there they passed their entire lives, the former dying at the age of fifty-eight years, while the latter was sixty-four years old at the time of her demise. Mr. Bachert was a laborer by vocation, and a steady and industrious workman all of his life, but his opportunities for advancement were few, and his earnest and unflagging efforts brought him only a humble material return. He and Mrs. Bachert were consistent members of the Lutheran Church and their children were reared in that faith, were given such educational advantages as the finances of the family warranted, and were brought up to habits of sobriety, industry and honesty. The children were as follows: J. Fritz, who is now a resident of Arcola, Illinois, and a retired farmer, married and with six sons and daughters; Emil, who on his arrival in the United States located at Chicago, Illinois, where he was engaged as a laborer until his death, at which time he left a widow and two daughters; Fredericka, who married a Mr. Tuae, they both dying young in Germany, without issue; and Henry, of this review.

Henry Bachert was reared in his native country and his education was secured in the public schools of Pomerania, he starting to work when he was still little more than a lad. When he was ready to establish a home of his own, he married Sophia Suhr, who was born in the same place, February 7, 1849, and who also came of poor but honorable parents. Mr. Suhr died in 1870, the same year as Mr. Bachert, and at the same age, while Mrs. Suhr died during the same year as Mrs. Bachert, they being also of an age. This may be said to be a remarkable coincidence. Mr. and Mrs. Suhr were also members of the Lutheran Church.

Like the majority of his countrymen, Henry Bachert saw military service, being a private in the German Army for exactly one year, during the years 1870 and 1871, when the Franco-Prussian war was raging. He saw active service in several battles, but escaped unhurt, and received his honorable discharge with a good record. Prior to this, as was the custom, he had served his time in the standing army. Very shortly after

his marriage, Mr. Bachert decided there were greater opportunities to be found by the energetic and ambitious man in the United States than were to be encountered in Germany, and accordingly he started for this country. Taking passage on the ship Saxonia, at Hamburg, after fifteen days he reached the Port of New York City, and from that metropolis traveled to Chicago, which city at that time seemed to offer advantages to the emigrant. Being industrious and enterprising, he soon found employment as a laborer, and during the next three years worked faithfully. It was not his intention, however, to always be in the employ of others, for he had determined to become the owner of his own home and the proprietor of his own industry. With this end in view he carefully saved his earnings, and after three years was able to come to Starke County, Indiana, and make the first payment on a tract of forty acres of partly improved land in section 34, Jackson Township. Here, on his new land, with little knowledge of the methods used in this country, or of the soil or climatic conditions, he settled down to clear and cultivate his property and to make a home for his family.

At the outset Mr. Bachert met with many discouragements and was called upon to overcome many difficulties, but with native persistence and unflagging zeal he set about his tasks with such vigor and energy that obstacles disappeared from his path, and his former crude, unproductive farm began to take on the appearance of a valuable property. As his finances allowed, he erected a comfortable residence, a large stock and feed barn, 28x40 feet, granaries, cribs and outbuildings, and fenced, tiled and ditched his land. In addition to raising all kinds of grain, he produced about two hundred bushels of potatoes to the acre, and also fed, bred and shipped much livestock. Later he purchased another farm, on which he erected a second set of substantial and attractive buildings, and at this time he is the owner of 160 acres of fine land. In 1910, feeling that he had done his share in the cultivation of the county, Mr. Bachert retired from active life, and since that time has lived at North Judson, where he owns a comfortable residence and valuable building lot. His sons are engaged in cultivating the farms, but Mr. Bachert still superintends the work, and is alert and active in both mind and body in spite of his advancing years.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bachert: August H. G., born February 12, 1882, who has always lived on the home farm, is now operating the 80-acre home farm, which is the homestead, in the work of which he has shown himself a thoroughly capable and progressive young farmer. He married Elma Hinchy, who was born at Chicago, Illinois, March 1, 1890, and came to Jackson Township with her parents, farming people who are now living here, when she was a girl. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bachert: Herbert, who is four years of age, and John, aged two years. Anna, the second child of Henry and Sophia Bachert, is the wife of William Ludka, a farmer of Jackson Township, and has no living children. Edward E. H., the third child, was born March 21, 1888, was reared and educated here, and is engaged in operating one of his father's farms. He married Mary Bentka, who

was born November 6, 1895, and reared and educated in Wayne Township, where both of her parents, natives of Bohemia, passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Bachert have one son, William, born September 15, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Bachert are members of the Lutheran Church, which they attend at North Judson, and which they consistently support. Mr. Bachert and his sons are faithful democrats, but have not found time to seek public offices, although always capably and faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

CHARLES H. KUESTER. A former postmaster of North Judson, now successfully engaged in the fire and life insurance business, Charles H. Kuester is a veteran railroad man, comes of a family of men who have followed railroading as a rule, and that was his business until an injury made necessary his retirement, since which time he has been identified more or less actively with public affairs, business and politics in North Judson. Mr. Kuester and family occupy one of the fine homes of North Judson, a substantial two-story brick residence, on a foundation 28 by 40 feet, and there he and his good wife enjoy all the comforts which they so well deserve.

The Kuester family was originally Holland stock, but the generation including the great-grandfather of Charles H. moved to the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, where the two succeeding generations had their homes. Mr. Kuester's grandfather was a wood worker, became well known in his home locality, and among his children was Henry Kuester.

Henry Kuester was reared in the Kingdom of Hanover, educated in the local schools, and spent four years as an apprentice in the trade of locksmith. After completing his apprenticeship he was disabled to such an extent with rheumatism that he had to change his vocation, and then spent four years more acquiring the art of shoemaking. In both cases he served the apprenticeship without pay. As a journeyman shoemaker he traveled about working in different districts of Germany, and while at Grodenkneden, the Province of Oldenburg, he met and married in 1866 Miss Catherine M. Luken. She was born and reared in that locality. On September 21, 1867, their first child, Henry, was born, and a year from that date, on September 21, 1868, the family landed at Baltimore, Maryland, from a sailing vessel which had carried them from Bremen in seven weeks. In Baltimore Henry Kuester rented a house and lived for one year, and in 1869 moved out to Indiana, locating at Medaryville, in Pulaski County. There he bought a small home, and the lot on which it stood is now the site of the First National Bank at Medaryville. In that location Charles H. Kuester was born October 24, 1869. For twelve years, Henry Kuester, the father, labored at his trade as boot and shoemaker in Medaryville, but in 1880 moved his family to North Judson in Starke County. Here he erected a small shop on Main Street, and continued industriously at his chosen trade until his death on March 24, 1886, being then forty-seven years and three days old. He was a man of untiring industry, skillful as a mechanic, provided well for his family, and among his associates was esteemed for his intelligence

and ability in conversation, being exceedingly well read and informed on all current subjects. In a local way he was active as a democrat, though never a seeker for any office. He was a member of the Lutheran Church at the time of his death. His widow is still living, still hale and hearty and bright and intelligent, though more than seventy-five years of age. She was born March 31, 1839. She has her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Kiester, at Kankakee, Illinois. Henry Kuester had children as follows: Henry, the first born, grew up in Pulaski and Starke counties, became a railway man in the employ of the Chicago & Erie road, and is now a switchman in the Huntington yards, and has a family comprising Benjamin, Rudolph and Dorothy. The next child after Charles H. is Henrietta, wife of Louis Sinadinavich, a tailor of Chicago. William G. for the past twenty years has been employed by the Pennsylvania Railway Company and is now in the signal department with home at North Judson; he married Catherine Payne, a widow, who by her first husband has one son, Irving. Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-one in North Judson. One son, Fred, died in Pulaski County in childhood. Bertha is the wife of George Kiester, a railway man now agent for the Chicago, Indiana & Southern at Bradley, Illinois; their children are Ralph, Edith, John, William, Irene and George. Regina is the wife of Everett L. Butts, a railway man at Bradley, Illinois, and they have two sons, Donald and Clair.

Charles H. Kuester, whose birth has already been recorded, grew up in Starke County, and his education came almost entirely from the excellent school conducted under the auspices of the German Lutheran Church by the pastor and the late Louis C. Foust, principal of the public school, who was a man highly esteemed both as an educator and citizen. Mr. Kuester was only thirteen years of age when he left school and started out to earn his own way. What he has accomplished since that time is both creditable to himself and a source of value and usefulness to his community. His first work was as a "water boy" with the Chicago & Erie Railroad. Later he found work for a time on a farm, and then became connected with the construction department of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois. From these sources he gathered much knowledge of the railroad business, and subsequently spent some time in Wisconsin during the construction of several different roads including the Soo Line. For several years Mr. Kuester was employed with C. B. Benjamin of the State Agricultural College, and during that time lived in Lake County. In 1890 Mr. Kuester took a position as brakeman with the Chicago & Erie Railway, and in the following spring was seriously crippled during his work, his hip joint being broken. This impaired his efficiency for further railway service as a trainman, and he was then appointed to a place in the interlocking tower at North Judson. He held that position five years, and on May 1, 1897, was made postmaster of North Judson. For a little more than five years he served the people of North Judson as postmaster of the fourth class. When the office was raised to a presidential office, he received appointment on June 27, 1902, from President Roosevelt as the first presidential postmaster of North

Judson. Mr. Roosevelt reappointed him four years later, and his last commission was dated June 10, 1910, signed by President Taft. On June 21, 1914, Mr. Kuester's successor, Frank J. Vessely, took over the duties of the office, Mr. Kuester having served seventeen years, one month and twenty-one days.

For many years Mr. Kuester has been active in the republican party in Starke County. In April, 1894, he was nominated for the office of county clerk. Starke County has always been normally a democratic county, and while defeated for office Mr. Kuester had the satisfaction of running many votes ahead of his ticket. Since 1896 he has served frequently as a delegate in congressional and state conventions. Mr. Kuester in recent years has built up a good business in life and fire insurance, and is one of the influential factors in local business at North Judson. He assisted in organizing and was one of the first directors of the old Merchants & Farmers Bank of North Judson, an institution that subsequently became the First State Bank.

On May 2, 1894, Mr. Kuester married at North Judson Fannie D. Barge, who lived most of her early life in Atchison County, Kansas. She was born in Cardington, Ohio, March 10, 1875, and was eight years of age when she went out to Kansas with her parents, Robert T. and Louisa J. (Herrod) Barge. Robert T. Barge was born in Morrow County, Ohio, February 4, 1839, and his wife was born in the same locality. They were married there, lived on a farm for a number of years, and in the early part of the war he enlisted in the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the end of three years he veteranized, and continued with the Union army until the triumphal conclusion of hostilities. During most of his service he was assigned to special duty as a carpenter, and while engaged in that work was once injured, though not sufficiently to keep him permanently out of service. At the close of the war Mr. Barge returned to Ohio, and lived in Morrow County until his removal to Atchison County, Kansas. In 1895 he located at North Judson, and died in that town in 1904, followed five years later by his wife. By trade he was a carpenter and wagon maker. Mr. and Mrs. Barge were Methodists, but of Quaker ancestry, and in politics he was an uncompromising republican, an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a man of much influence in every community where he lived. There were two children in the Barge family, one of them Mrs. Kuester and the other Willis H., who died at the age of fourteen. While Mr. Kuester can regard with considerable satisfaction his work as a business man and citizen, it is with even greater complacency that he can refer to his fine family of children, six in number, all of whom are members of the well appointed household in North Judson. They are: Helen Barge, who was born May 2, 1896, and in 1914 completed her studies at the North Judson High School; Louise Margaret, born June 22, 1897, now a senior in the high school; Robert Henry, born November 18, 1898, now in the sophomore year of high school; Howard Charles, born January 8, 1901, attending the eighth grade; Leonard Grant, born December 29, 1902, in the seventh grade; and Herman C., born July 3, 1905, in the fourth grade of the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuester attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at North Judson. Fraternally he is prominent in the Masonic order, having affiliations with Lodge No. 438, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 108, R. A. M.; and with Council No. 78, R. & S. M. He is now serving his third term as master of the blue lodge, has sat in the grand lodge three times, and was a member of the building committee during the erection of the fine new Masonic Temple at North Judson, which was dedicated November 7, 1914.

WALTER LIGHTCAP. One of the men who have had a large share in the development of the thriving City of North Judson is Walter Lightcap, whose home has been in that section of Starke County for sixty years. Mr. Lightcap and his family have owned much of the land around and in North Judson, and part of the town has been built up on property that was included in their old homestead. Mr. Lightcap is a veteran of the Civil war, and has played a useful part in Starke County.

Walter Lightcap was born at Melmore, Seneca County, Ohio, November 7, 1842. His parents were Levi and Mary (Smith) Lightcap, both natives of New Jersey and probably married in Pennsylvania. They began life in Seneca County, Ohio, where Levi Lightcap followed the trade of carpenter. All the children, four in number, were born in Ohio, as follows: Walter, George, Frances and Henry. In 1855 the family left Ohio, and with wagons and teams crossed the intervening country to Indiana, halting in Starke County in the wilderness about the present City of North Judson. They located on land that was covered with dense timber, filled with wild game, which supplied many of the necessities of the household in the early days. Levi Lightcap received forty acres given him by his wife's father on section 9 of Wayne Township. There the parents set up housekeeping, and started out to make homes for themselves and children. Levi Lightcap after improving the first forty bought forty acres more, and while improving his land also followed his trade as carpenter and built many of the early homes found in Starke county. His first home in Starke County was a log cabin, with a puncheon floor, a slab door, and with very few comforts and conveniences. During the Civil war Levi Lightcap and wife moved to North Judson, where he followed his trade as carpenter, and later opened a stock of merchandise. He was one of the well known early pioneers in Wayne Township and died at North Judson in 1870. He was born in 1820. His wife died about twelve years after his death, and was about sixty years of age. She was a member of the United Brethren Church. Politically he was first a Douglas democrat and later a republican. All four of their children are still living, all are married, and all have children of their own except Henry, whose home is in North Judson.

Walter Lightcap was thirteen years old when the family came to Starke County, and back in Ohio he had attended the common schools. In Starke County he attended one of the old fashioned log cabin school houses, sat on a slab bench, and learned his lessons in a temple of learning such as only the old citizens can recall. At the same time he made

himself useful on the home farm, and was already of an age when the family came to this county so that his services could be used both in the house and in the field. After starting out for himself he did farming work chiefly, and has made somewhat of a specialty of buying and improving wild land. In this way he has brought under cultivation several farms in Starke County, and his first enterprise in this direction was on a part of the 120 acres included in the old homestead, all of which lay about North Judson Village. Mr. Lightcap still owns ten acres within the corporation limits, a part of the old Lightcap homestead. In the course of years he has added four subdivisions to North Judson, and is a man who has witnessed practically every phase of the growth of the town.

On September 21, 1861, when nineteen years of age, Mr. Lightcap enlisted as a private in the Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was a soldier throughout the remainder of the war. His term of enlistment was for three years, and after his honorable discharge he re-enlisted and became a veteran. He was honorably discharged from service December 2, 1865, several months after the close of actual hostilities between the North and the South. He received his discharge at Marietta, Georgia. In the course of four years he had participated in many of the historic campaigns throughout the South. Among the better known battles in which he engaged were those at Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga. Though frequently in the midst of the heavy fighting, he escaped with only one slight wound and was never taken prisoner nor spent a day in a hospital. He came out of the war with the rank of first sergeant.

Mr. Lightcap was married in North Judson to Louisa Jane Stewart, who was born in September, 1842, and died at her home in Wayne Township January 6, 1911. Her father, James Stewart, came from Ohio, was an early settler of Starke County, but later moved out to Kansas, where he and his wife both died when quite old. James Stewart was a farmer by occupation, and belonged to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lightcap became the parents of the following children: Charles, who died when two years old; James B., who lives in Chicago Lawn, and has two children, Marvin and Myra; Fred, who died in early childhood; Margaret, who also died when a child; John S., who is clerk in the First State Bank of North Judson, married Martha Kroppa, and has a son Harold. In 1913 Mr. Lightcap married Mary (Jarrett) Hines. She was born in Henry County, Indiana, grew up and received her education there, and was married in Starke County to Charles Hines, a farmer and a veteran of the Civil war, who died when about fifty years of age. By her first marriage Mrs. Lightcap had the following children: James is a conductor with the Erie Railway, lives at Huntington, Indiana, and has two children; Orlando is married and lives in the West; Otis Irwin lives at South Bend, is with the Oliver Plow Company, and has three children. Mr. and Mrs. Lightcap are members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a republican, and has affiliations with the Grand Army Post.

ALFRED A. SPHUNG. Starke County in being the home of Alfred A. Sphung, "the frog man," has one unique distinction among all the counties of the United States. For thirty years he has been in business as a collector, distributor and general broker merchant in frogs especially, and also turtles, clams, crawfish and other kindred species of water animals.

The Sphung place is at North Judson, where he has provided facilities for the handling of his peculiar stock of merchandise, which is received from many states of the Union, and from his place is distributed everywhere over the country. He is not only in the business so far as it relates to the furnishing of frogs and turtles to hotels as edible commodities, but his most valuable customers are the scientific laboratories of hundreds of colleges and universities and even the United States Government has at different times placed large orders with him. Mr. Sphung has a specialty, and has made his reputation and his success through developing one line of industry, which to the average person would seem to give little promise of large things, but in the course of thirty years he has made it a business surpassing anything else in the line in America, and probably every caterer and provision merchant handle this class of products, and nearly every scientist in the country is familiar with "Sphung, the frog man."

Alfred A. Sphung was born near Port Sarnia, Canada, February 15, 1853. His parents were Henry P. and Christina (Simpson) Sphung. His father is of German stock, and his mother has a mingling of Scotch-Irish and Welsh blood, and was the sister of the noted Jerry Simpson, the Kansas statesman, known to fame as "sockless Jerry." The parents were married in New York State, and Henry P. Sphung for a time owned and operated two canal boats on the Welland Canal. After one child had been born to them in New York State, Charles H., they removed to Canada, and lived there for fifteen years. From there they returned to the United States, locating in the vicinity of Port Huron, Michigan, where the father was manager of shingle mills, and subsequently went to Saginaw, where Henry P. Sphung died in 1883 at the age of seventy-six. His widow, a woman of remarkable qualities of mind and character, and in that respect resembling her famous brother, was married again, but the marriage was an unfortunate one, and she finally went to Texas and died there when an old woman. Her father was James F. Simpson, who had a striking resemblance to William E. Gladstone, the English premier, and though a man of little education, possessed a fine memory, was distinguished for his knowledge of local history, and was frequently sought for counsel and advice.

Alfred A. Sphung was the second in a family of four sons and three daughters, two of whom are now deceased. He was reared and educated in Canada and Michigan, and in early life took to a vocation which had been more or less characteristic of his ancestors, a life on the water. He became a sailor on lake vessels, was advanced to second and first mate, and for a time was captain of a small boat. In 1879 Mr. Sphung first came to Starke County, and has lived here ever since with the exception

of about one year spent in Illinois. He took naturally to the profession of fisher and trapper, and for several years made a living along the Kankakee River and in the lakes of Northern Indiana. In 1883 he supplied a considerable quantity of frogs for the market, and that was the beginning of his present industry. Though Mr. Sphung's place is often referred to as the frog farm, he has never relied upon his own limited facilities for the raising, breeding and catching of frogs and other animals, and is rather a merchant than a frog raiser. He handles these water products by the thousands and by the tons, and in his place at North Judson has frequently had as high as thirty-five tons of frogs at one time. He has shipped as high as thirty dozen turtles at one time to Harvard University, and nearly every large college in the country has at different times applied to him for specimens. His place at North Judson comprises 17½ acres of land, situated within the city limits, and besides his own home on the place he has a large ice house.

Mr. Sphung was married at Knox in Starke County to Miss Elmira J. Adams, who was born in Everett, Pennsylvania, in 1861, and was reared and educated in Starke County. Her parents were Isaac O. and Elizabeth (Weith) Adams, her father from Kentucky and her mother from Pennsylvania. They became residents of Starke County many years ago, and her father died at the age of ninety-three and her mother at forty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Sphung are the parents of ten children, two of them, Carlos, who died at the age of fourteen, and Fay, who passed away at the age of one year, are the only ones who did not reach maturity; Frankford is the wife of Robert Miller, of North Judson, and has a family of six children; Christina E. is the wife of Defford Courier of North Judson, and they have one daughter; Nellie, who married David Sharer, is now a widow living in Chicago and has one daughter; May is unmarried and lives in Chicago; Ora, a railway man with home at North Judson; Lucian C. is employed by his father at North Judson; Violet is still attending school. All the children were educated in the grade and high schools.

It will be a matter of interest to quote from one of the many articles that have been published on the Sphung industry. A special correspondent of the Indianapolis Star a couple of years ago wrote an article on Mr. Sphung and his frog industry, and some paragraphs from this description will be pertinent to this sketch.

"Mr. Sphung owns today the largest frog and turtle industry in this country. He is proprietor over two farms. No frogs are raised at either place; they are shipped out as fast as they are caught. He has no trouble in finding either frogs or turtles. From early spring until late in autumn and through the winter his ponds and sheds are full of the little animals. The Indiana farm is not at all pretentious. One-fourth acre of ground is enclosed. Water is turned into it from the pond near Sphung's ice house. Here the turtles are placed when shipped in from the Wisconsin farm, where there are a score of men working all the time. There are long low sheds built over the ditches in places. These serve as protection for the frogs in cold weather. Philadelphia, Pittsburg and

Dayton, Ohio, demand more turtles and frogs for meat than any other cities on Mr. Sphung's list. As a rule he sends 2,700 pounds of turtles at one time to Philadelphia. However, the keynote of the frogman's wonderful success is struck when the universities and colleges are mentioned. There is scarcely a school in the United States that has not put in an order for a gross or more of Sphung's frogs. Some of the largest regular shipments of turtles, frogs, clams and crawfish are sent to Yale, Columbia, Harvard, University of Chicago, University of Texas, Leland Stanford University, University of California, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, University of Mississippi, University of North Carolina and the Ohio Northern University. The government also comes in for a goodly share of specimens. Recently Sphung shipped twelve dozen medium sized frogs to the hygienic laboratory at Washington for use in the public hospital."

This article also contains some information as to how Mr. Sphung built up his business. "There was a time when the frog man was unknown. The nation's universities and colleges purchased their specimens elsewhere. The frog man climbed to where he now stands principally through advertising. Not long after he had inserted display ads in several school journals his reputation was assured. He continued for some time to use about five hundred dollars advertising space annually. Thus his name and fame were spread abroad over the entire country."

Mr. Sphung is the recipient of almost daily letters from people inquiring about "frog farming," with a view to setting up an industry of their own. In response to these queries Mr. Sphung has prepared a formal circular letter, and it will be of interest to quote some of this as showing his own views on the subject and indicating the results of his experience. He says: "In the first place I did not cultivate frogs myself, and while I have given the matter a great deal of thought and study I have never tried to grow but very few to maturity. In my opinion I don't think frog farming would be a success where frogs do not thrive. Naturally, if conditions are right, frogs will be there. I have been catching and buying frogs of all kinds from a dozen different states for twenty-seven years and have learned something of their habits and have come to this conclusion: Frogs are good feeders and if you put more frogs in a piece of ground than there is food for them they will leave to find a place where they can get all they want to eat; therefore, you would have to fence your frog farm with a tight fence four feet high. They will jump over a three-foot fence. Frogs eat one another in their natural state and if penned up and starved to it they become cannibals more so, so you would be compelled to partition your frog farm and to keep the small frogs from the larger ones or in a short time you would have only the large ones left and if not fed they would starve to death. In freezing weather frogs lay dormant and do not eat, but when they do eat, they eat nothing but live food, such as bugs, worms, grasshoppers, etc., in fact, anything from a mosquito to the largest pinching bug or grasshopper.

"Nearly everyone who writes about frog farming asks the question,

'Is it profitable?' In reply I must say that I think it would be if run on a large scale and the problem of feeding the frogs could be correctly solved, but I do not think it would prove profitable if conducted on a small scale."

GUSTAVE NAPOLEON PETERSON. Cashier of the First State Bank of North Judson, Gustave N. Peterson is one of the best known bankers of Starke County, has been in the business many years, and is one of the live and energetic citizens of North Judson, a real power for good and prosperity to his bank and a man who has done much to assist in other enterprises in that section. He has been officially identified with the First State Bank since its organization on January 1, 1911. At that time the old Citizens and the Farmers & Merchants Banks were consolidated under a state charter, with a capitalization of \$25,000, and the surplus is now about \$15,000. The deposits in the First State Bank average about \$400,000. Mr. Peterson was formerly for thirteen years cashier in the Citizens Bank, and thus has had a long and thorough banking experience in Starke County, and for some years was active head of the Citizens Bank.

He has resided in Starke County since March, 1894, having previously lived in Chicago, where he was born August 13, 1874. His father, Heland Peterson, was born in Sweden, a son of Peter Solomonson. Heland Peterson grew up in Sweden, became an overseer of an estate, and was married in that country to Anna C. Larson. One child was born to them in Sweden, and it was buried at sea while they were coming to America in 1871. The parents took up their home in Chicago, and there a number of children were born to them, four sons and two daughters still living, while six others died in infancy. The family moved to Starke County in 1894, the father locating on a farm south of North Judson in Wayne township, and he died there the following year, April 21, 1895. The widow is still living, and now has her home with her son in North Judson, and is sixty-seven years of age. She has been a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, and her husband was of the same religious faith. The children living are: Gustave Napoleon; Nonna E., wife of W. A. Foust, of Chicago, and they have two sons, Chester and Heland S., the former now a writer on amateur sports for the Chicago Herald, being a graduate of a Chicago high school, while the younger son is still a student; John D. is a successful attorney in Chicago, having been educated in the Kent College of Law, and married Alice Morgan; Hattie E. is the wife of John H. Watts, a resident of North Judson, and they have a son John H. Jr., now eight years of age and attending school; Abe R., who is a Chicago attorney, is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Kent College of Law, and at the present time is a trial attorney for the Chicago Surface Railways; Louis H., who was educated in the North Judson High School, spent two years in Northwestern University, is now traveling out of Boise, Idaho, for the American Steel & Wire Company, and by his marriage to Rachel Ward of Las Vegas, New Mexico, has an infant daughter, Janet.

Gustave Napoleon Peterson has never married. For four years he has served as a member of the town board of North Judson, and is a man whose influence and active assistance can always be counted upon to forward any undertaking for local benefit. Politically he is a republican. He is especially well known in Masonic circles, being a past master of Blue Lodge No. 438, A. F. & A. M.; a member of Chapter No. 108, R. A. M.; and Council No. 69, R. & S. M., and at present is worshipful master of Lodge No. 438 of North Judson. He has twice been a delegate to grand lodge, and was a leader in the construction of the new Masonic Temple at North Judson, dedicated November 10, 1914. He was a member of the building committee and treasurer of the lodge while the temple was being constructed.

ALBERT FISHER, M. D. One of the best known physicians and surgeons at North Judson and in that vicinity of Starke County is Dr. Albert Fisher, who was graduated from the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis in 1904, and has been in active practice at North Judson since May 2, that year. He is an eager student, has active ability which adapts him to his profession, is a keen observer and keeps abreast of the times in his profession by constant study. He has taken post-graduate courses at the Chicago Post-Graduate School, one in the summer of 1906 and one in the summer of 1908. Besides a large and growing general practice he is physician for the Woodmen of the World, the Order of Gleaners, the Foresters, and is a member of the County and State Medical societies.

Dr. Albert Fisher was born at Warsaw in Coshocton County, Ohio, January 6, 1878. His early education came from the public schools of Roscoe, Ohio, and he also attended the Northern Ohio Normal University at Ada. He is of German parentage, his father, Louis Fisher, was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, March 4, 1837, and was of an old family of that kingdom. In 1853, after having gained the usual German education, and having learned the trade of shoemaker, he set out for the new world, at the age of sixteen, traveling alone. He passed through France, took passage on a sailing vessel, and after forty days was landed in New York City without a cent. In order to tide him over for a few days he got work of a butcher in New York City, and that paid his board until his uncle, a Mr. Mowery, living at Kilbuck, Ohio, could send him funds to come West. A week later he arrived in Ohio, and remained in the home of his uncle until his marriage. His first wife, whose name was Elizabeth, died in Ohio on the farm near Walhonding in Coshocton County when in the prime of life. She left the following children: Margaret, who died at Warsaw, Ohio, December 4, 1914, as the wife of John G. Kaser, and left two sons; Louise, wife of John J. Gamertsfelder, an Ohio farmer, and they have three sons and two daughters; Louis Jr., who lives at Warsaw, Ohio, and has a son and two daughters; John, who lives on the old home farm near Walhonding, Ohio, and has a family of sons and daughters; Louis Fisher, Sr., was married a second time at Zanesville, Ohio, to Margaret Christman. She was born in Germany

June 17, 1848, and came to the United States with her brother Nicholas, locating at Zanesville, Ohio, where she lived until her marriage. She died January 15, 1911, at the old home in Warsaw. She and her husband were active members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a radical democrat, quite active in local affairs, a man of considerable influence, and served Coshocton County two terms as county commissioner. By the second marriage there were the following children besides Dr. Albert Fisher; Lizzie, wife of Silas Bower, who is a retired farmer at Warsaw, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Margaret; Nicholas, a farmer at Walhonding, Ohio, married Savena Sowers, and their two sons Ralph and Burley are now in school; Jacob, a farmer at Newcastle, Ohio, married Madge Wintringer and has a daughter Lizzie C.; Charles, who died at the age of twenty-five, married Maggie Bowers, and had one daughter May.

Dr. Albert Fisher was married at North Judson, Indiana, to Noi Collins. She was born in Ridgeville, Indiana, September 24, 1885, and her family moved to North Judson when she was a child, and she was graduated from the North Judson High School in the class of 1904. Prior to her marriage she taught school several years. Doctor Fisher has one daughter, Emphia M., who was born April 17, 1910. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Methodist Church. Dr. Fisher affiliates with the blue lodge of Masons, with the Order of Gleaners and the Woodmen of the World. Politically he is a democrat, and is a man who naturally takes an active part in affairs and exercises an influence for good government and local improvement. He served two terms as county coroner, and for eight years was secretary of the local town board of health.

JACOB BURCH. The settlers in North Judson who came to this locality more than forty years ago are largely gathered to their final rest. Among the older citizens who still survive from that period and who are still familiar figures on the streets and in business affairs is Jacob Burch, whose home has been in this section of Indiana upwards of fifty years, and whose activities as a business man, property owner and citizen make him well known in North Judson and that community. He has passed the allotted age of three score and ten years, has had an industrious life, an unsullied reputation for business integrity and deserves a high place among the men who have made Starke County what it is.

Jacob Burch was born in the Province of Posen, a part of the old Kingdom of Poland, June 29, 1843. His father was Martin C. Burch, also a native of Posen, who lived there until past seventy-five years of age. By occupation he was a fisherman, and made a good living for his family by his operations in the lakes of his country. He married Paulina Zerkaski, who was born in Poland, and late in life came to the United States and died at North Judson in 1895. She and other members of the family were all communicants of the Catholic Church. Jacob was one of a family of twelve children. The others who are still living are John J., Antonia, Mary, Josephine, Cecilia and Frances. All these are married and have families.

Jacob Burch grew up in his native country, received an education, and was past his majority when he determined to seek his fortunes in the New World. It was in 1868 that he left Bremhoof, took passage on a sailing vessel on February 28th, and landed in New York City in the middle of May. His sister Frances had married and come to the United States some time before, and he went out to Indiana, joining his sister Cecilia at Wanatah in Laporte County. For four years he found employment as a laborer on the Pennsylvania Railway. He then went to the home of his sister, Cecilia, who had come to this country about two years before. Many years ago Mr. Burch began investing his surplus capital in lots at North Judson, and has been one of the large real estate owners and has done much to improve that town. In 1885 he built the large Burch Hall and business block, and this investment has proved the chief source of his prosperity. Later he bought other improved properties, which he leases on Main Street, and still owns considerable real estate. Mr. Burch is a democrat, and has been honored with the office of alderman in North Judson. He is a member of the Catholic Church.

CHRISTOPH SCHRICKER. One of the prominent old timers of North Judson is Christoph Schricker, who has been identified with Wayne Township in one useful capacity or another for upwards of half a century. Mr. Schricker is now one of the oldest merchants in point of continuous business at North Judson, and for the past twenty years has conducted a well appointed and stocked grocery establishment on Main Street. He built the store he now occupies twenty-one years ago, and his place has been the favorite trading center for customers not only in North Judson but from the country for miles around. He has a building of brick veneer on a foundation 22 by 50 feet, and has it well stocked with staple goods. His name in this section of the country is a synonym for square dealing, and that is the source of his prosperity.

Christoph Schricker was born in Bavaria March 2, 1843. He comes of a good family of Bavarian people. His grandparents spent all their lives in that country as farmers, and were communicants of the Lutheran Church. There was only one child born to the grandparents, Henry, who was born in 1807, and in early life learned the trade of shoemaker, but subsequently became a weaver. He was married in his native land to Johanna Neupert, who was born in the same general locality about 1810. Her father, Jacob Neupert, spent his life in Bavaria as a farmer and a member of the Lutheran Church. Henry Schricker and wife after their marriage located at Thierstein, and in that place were born their seven children, four sons and three daughters. All except the youngest son grew up and married. This son, Adam, was a soldier during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and was killed in one of the battles with the German armies in France. Two of the daughters, Barbara and Elizabeth, came to the United States. Barbara married Fred Redline and died in Pulaski County, Indiana; leaving a family of four sons and two daughters. Elizabeth, whose home is in North Judson, is the widow

of John Neupert, who died a number of years ago, and she has two daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine.

In 1867 Christoph Schricker, after having been reared in Bavaria with a substantial education, set out for Bremen, where he took passage on the steamship Baltic and was landed at New York City on the 5th of June. From there he came west to Chicago, and soon afterwards located in Starke County. For seven years Mr. Schricker worked in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and then invested his savings in a small farm in Wayne Township. The period of his life devoted to active agriculture was about six years. His home has been at North Judson, and for eleven years he was employed by the late Jacob Keller in the latter's grist mill. On leaving Mr. Keller's service Mr. Schricker bought the lot and built his first and only store building, and that has been the chief object of his business energies for the past twenty years.

In Wayne Township Mr. Schricker married Miss Elizabeth Soelluer. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, and when a young woman came to this country and to Starke County. She died in March, 1880, on the farm in Wayne Township, being then twenty-four years of age. Her only son, George William, who was born in 1878, was well educated in the parochial and in the English high schools, and since leaving school has been assistant to his father in the store. George W. married a daughter of William Miller of California Township, where she was reared and educated, finishing in the North Judson High School. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schricker have two children, Grant and Hazel June.

Mr. Schricker married for his second wife Magdalena Meyer. She was born in Germany April 18, 1852, a daughter of Lawrence Meyer, who spent all his life in Germany. When she was a young woman she ventured alone to make the trip to the New World, and was living in Wayne Township at the time of her marriage to Mr. Schricker. Mr. and Mrs. Schricker are the parents of the following children: Catherine, who married Edward Smith of Chicago, her husband having by a former marriage two children, Raymond and Leslie; Annie is the wife of Ira V. Latta of Chicago, and they have a daughter Bertha; Henry Schricker is a well known citizen of Starke County, whose sketch is found on other pages. Mr. Schricker is a democrat in politics, and he and his family are communicants of the Lutheran Church.

ANTON J. LINTZ. In North Judson one of the best known real estate and insurance offices is that of Anton J. Lintz, who has been in business there since 1895. Mr. Lintz is a man of broad experience in land matters, trained in that business in the State of Iowa, and since coming to North Judson has acted as broker in a large aggregate of real estate transactions, and has himself owned and sold several different farms in the county. An important feature of his business is fire insurance, and he represents five of the large and well known companies. Mr. Lintz also has a commission as notary public. After coming to Starke County Mr. Lintz built a large eight-room brick house, where he has his office, and an adjoining building known as the Lintz Block, besides other properties

about the town which he rents. It is recalled that he laid the first brick sidewalk in the Village of North Judson, and has been one of the live and enterprising factors in the growth and development of this town.

Anton J. Lintz was born in Pilsen, Bohemia, October 6, 1852. His parents were Anton and Barbara (Jezek) Lintz, both of whom spent all their lives at Pilsen. The father was a carpenter contractor by business occupation, but possessed the true Bohemian love of music and was very well known for his talent as a general musician and particularly as a violinist. He played in his native country both as a soloist and in orchestras, and his favorite instrument, now more than one hundred and ten years old, is owned by Mr. Anton J. Lintz of North Judson. It is a violin of remarkable beauty of tone, and valued for that reason as much as for its associations in the family. It is now used by the daughter of Anton J. Lintz, granddaughter of its former owner. Anton Lintz, Sr., died in Bohemia at the age of fifty-six, followed some years later by his wife, who was seventy years of age. They were a Catholic family, and the children are all communicants of the same faith. Two of the daughters, Josephine, a widow, and Mary, still live in Bohemia, and both have children. One son, Albert, came to the United States, was a merchant and musician, and died in Colorado, leaving a family. Another son, Frank Lintz, is well known in Chicago as one of the firm of department store owners, and is also married but without children. Joseph, another son, is a carpenter and builder and musician, still lives in the old country and has three living daughters.

Anton J. Lintz grew up in Pilsen, completed his education in the gymnasium, or high school, and was well trained in music, and has a thorough appreciation of that art. In 1870 he first came to the United States, being alone, and was eighteen days in the passage from Bremen to New York. His first employment was in the store of an uncle, Frank Lintz, at Richmond, Iowa. He was clerk there two years, later for two years clerk in a store at Washington, Iowa, and was also in business at Iowa City. In 1879 he returned to Europe, spent one year there, and married Mary Egermeyer. She was born in Bohemia in 1858 of a Catholic family, and her father was an extensive farmer.

On returning to this country in 1880 Mr. Lintz located at Colonial, Iowa, and for five years was agent for a land company owning the town-site. He was also engaged in farming in Iowa, and from that state came to North Judson. Mrs. Lintz died at North Judson in November, 1904. Of their four children one died in infancy, and Edward died at the age of twenty-five. He was a well educated young man, was assisting his father in the land business, and a promising career was cut short in his death. The two living children are: Christianna, who was well educated in the North Judson High School, is married, and has a daughter Bessie. Emma, now eighteen years of age, has finished the course of the eighth grade at the North Judson School and is a student in Josephinum Academy on Oakley Avenue, Chicago. It is this daughter, Emma, who has shown special talent in the art which is present in nearly all the family, and is a very skillful and proficient violinist. All the family are members

of the Catholic Church at North Judson. Mr. Lintz is a democrat in politics.

CHRISTIAN E. HOLDEMAN. An enumeration of those citizens to whom credit is due for the great growth and development of Starke County would be sadly incomplete did it not contain the name of Christian E. Holdeman, of Oregon Township. During a residence of more than thirty-eight years Mr. Holdeman has seen pioneer conditions disappear under the activities of the settlers, and has played a helpful part in bringing his share of the land under a state of cultivation. Through careful and well-directed management he has accumulated a handsome competence, and at this time is the owner of 100 acres in section 26, forty acres in section 25, forty acres in section 36, and eighteen acres at Grovertown Village, and all of this property is under cultivation save eighteen acres of natural timber. While his private interests have been large, Mr. Holdeman has not neglected the duties of citizenship, and at times he has ably filled positions of trust to which he has been called by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Holdeman was born March 8, 1847, in Wayne County, Ohio, and was a child in arms when, early in 1848, the family removed to Elkhart County, Indiana. The father, George, went to that section as a pioneer, cutting his way into the natural forests until he located under a white oak tree and then went to Winamac to make entry of his land with the Government. He was one of the earliest settlers of Olive Township, where he found wild game plentiful enough to supply the family table with meat at all times, but the hardships were many, the conveniences few and the comforts none. Indian trails there were, but no roads or ditches. The heavy timber defied the axe and the stretches of marsh bred insects by the millions. Neighbors were miles away, and churches and schools were unheard of, while the pioneer home was a rudely constructed hut of logs, barely large enough for the family's uses. Yet somehow this family of pioneers managed to make their way, to thrive and prosper and to establish a comfortable home. George Holdeman had been born in Pennsylvania, and had gone to Wayne County, Indiana, in young manhood, there marrying Miss Eicker, who had been born in that county. On coming to Elkhart County they settled down to the hard and laborious work of the pioneer, and managed through energetic effort to clear and cultivate a farm of 120 acres. The brave mother, who had courageously borne her share of the trials and hardships, died at the age of forty-four years, at the birth of twin sons, who survived her and lived to grow to maturity. The father also lived for a number of years, passing away at the age of sixty-four. They were for a long period active members of the Mennonite Church, and after their home had been the accepted meeting place of the congregation for some time they assisted in the building of the first log cabin church. They also helped to build the first log cabin schoolhouse, which had a log cut out to let in the light, and this became known as the Holdeman church and schoolhouse. The neighborhood was known by the same name, for while the



THE WALNUT FARM

Residence of Christian E. Holdeman

family has since scattered, Mr. Holdeman sent ten of his children to this school at the same time, including Christian E. Holdeman, who had fifty-three cousins living all at one time. The male members of the family were originally whigs in the older days, but with the birth of the republican party transferred their allegiance to that organization. George Holdeman and his wife were the parents of ten sons and six daughters, of whom eleven grew to maturity and are married, except one, and three sons and several daughters are still living, although Christian E. is the only resident of Starke County. During the Civil war the father and two of the boys, Samuel and Abraham, served as soldiers, all being in different Indiana regiments. During the father's one year of service, in which he was wounded, the mother died. Samuel was in numerous hard-fought battles, and at the sanguinary fray at Missionary Ridge was seriously wounded, and carried the musket ball in his body until 1871, when it was removed by a surgeon. Abraham was also wounded, in the calf of the leg, but his injury was not serious.

Christian E. Holdeman received only a limited public school education, and since the year 1861 has done a man's work, running a threshing machine thirteen out of fourteen years. He was seventeen years old, and had been working for three years, when he was drafted for service in the Union army, in 1864, and shouldered his musket to march to the front. The regiment, however, was found to not be needed and never got past Indianapolis, and Mr. Holdeman returned to the home farm, where he worked until April, 1870. In 1876 he migrated to Starke County, Indiana, and located in Oregon Township upon a tract of eighty acres of practically wild land, where the experiences which had been undergone by his father were duplicated. The first few years were ones of tireless labor and persevering activity, but he soon saw his efforts bear fruit, and as time passed he added to his comforts as well as to his holdings, so that he has now developed an excellent property, comparing favorably in every way with any other to be found in the township. His present residence has three rooms on the upper floor, five on the lower floor, and a basement, and his other buildings include a barn 24x42 feet, with wing in which are sheds and cribs, and a cattle barn 20x50 feet. The land, all under a high state of cultivation, consists of a good sandy subsoil, favorable for the production of any of the standard crops. Mr. Holdeman carries on general farming and stockraising, and in both lines has met with excellent success. He is as good a business man as he is a farmer, and through a long life of honorable and straightforward dealing has established an admirable reputation for integrity.

Mr. Holdeman was married in Olive Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, to Miss Emaline Bell, who was born in St. Joseph County, Indiana, January 26, 1846, and reared in Elkhart County, where she attended school in the same class with her husband. She is a daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Drake) Bell, natives of Ohio, who were married in St. Joseph County, and in 1848 moved to Elkhart County, settling in Olive Township, where they cultivated a home farm and there passed away, the mother at the age of forty-three years, and the father when

seventy-seven years of age. They were the parents of fourteen children, including four pair of twins, of whom two died in infancy, the others grew to maturity, and four sons and three daughters were married and had children. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Bell was first a whig and later a republican and took an active and influential participation in public affairs in his community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Holdeman there have been born the following children: Orlando, who died at the age of forty years, was married and left a daughter, Sylvia, who married Harry Kraft and had a son, Harry, Jr., and lives in Oregon Township; Linden, who is single and lives at home with his parents, assisting in the work of the homestead; Janette, who is the wife of William Beach, a farmer of Oregon Township, and has a son, Howard, who is attending school; Josephine, who is the wife of Thomas Walsh, of Grovertown, and has four children—Marvin, Sybil, Catherine and Graydon, the last named attending school; Austin, who never married, died at the age of thirty-two years; Melvin, who died aged three years and five months; Alvira, who became the wife of Oscar Anderson, a steel worker of Gary, Indiana, who served four years and one month in the engineering corps of the United States Navy and saw active service in Manila Bay; and Nellie, who died in early infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Holdeman are consistent members of the United Brethren Church. He and his sons are stanch adherents of republican principles and candidates, and Mr. Holdeman served as justice of the peace of Oregon Township for six years during the early days. The pretty homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Holdeman is known as "The Walnut Farm."

HENRY W. MATHEWS. As nearly everyone knows one of the most important public offices in an Indiana County is that of township trustee, which carries with it the responsibilities of supervision of schools, roads, bridges and other facilities and conveniences which directly affect the daily life of the people. Recently Henry W. Mathews was elected trustee of Wayne Township in Starke County, and the citizens of that locality have congratulated themselves on the excellence of this choice. Mr. Mathews has been identified with North Judson for the past fifteen years as a business man and citizen, and has all the necessary qualifications for the office which he now holds. In 1899 he opened a meat market on the main street of North Judson, and until he sold his business recently his shop was a center for reliable provisions. In 1909 Mr. Mathews added to the little city the Mathews Block, a brick business structure 29 by 60 feet.

Henry W. Mathews was born in Cass Township of Pulaski County, Indiana, February 8, 1873. His early life was spent on a farm, his education came from the public schools, and at the age of twenty he went to Chicago and learned the butcher's trade and was employed in that line until he brought his experience to North Judson and engaged in business for himself. Mr. Mathews is a son of August and Augusta (Glove) Mathews, both of whom were born in Germany, and when quite young came to the United States. The father came from the vicinity of Berlin,

where he had recently been honorably discharged after six years of service as a German soldier. After landing in New York City he came on to Pulaski County, Indiana, acquired 120 acres, was married, and with the help of his good wife began developing a farm. Before he died his estate comprised 240 acres of valuable land. With his wife he retired to San Pierre in Starke County, and there lived until his death on April 7, 1905, when nearly seventy-nine years of age. He was a republican in politics, and both he and his wife were communicants of the Lutheran faith. His widow subsequently came to North Judson, and is now living hale and hearty in her home at Wilson and Garden streets. The family comprised nine children, eight of whom are living, seven married, and six have families.

Henry W. Mathews was married in North Judson December 22, 1901, to Florence Tucker. She was born in Wayne Township of Starke County March 7, 1883, was reared on a farm and educated in the district schools and finished her education from the North Judson High School. Her parents are James M. and Hannah (Lane) Tucker. Her father was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, in 1828, and her mother in Bartholomew County, Indiana, in 1851. They met and married in Starke County, became farmers in Wayne Township, where the father died in 1891 at the age of sixty-three and the mother on June 6, 1914. Mr. Tucker was a democrat, and while living the life of Christian principle adhered to no one church. The Tucker family is of English ancestry, and the tradition is that three brothers of the name were sailors on an English vessel and on coming to America deserted their ship and found homes in the New World. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews are the parents of three children: Geneva Lois, born May 17, 1903, and now attending the sixth grade of the public schools; Raymond Powell, born August 13, 1905, and in the fourth grade; and Glen Devon, who died when eight months old. Mr. Mathews is a Lutheran, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SIMON BYBEE. One of the oldest and best known members of the bar of Starke County was the late Simon Bybee of North Judson, where he had been in active practice for the past quarter of a century, and where he died January 14, 1915. He had been the city attorney since the incorporation of the town, also a justice of the peace and a notary public, and was the attorney who did so much in this locality to secure the right of way for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, serving as local attorney for that road several years. Mr. Bybee was admitted to the bar at Knox twenty-five years ago, and had studied law for several years previously with the assistance of several Knox lawyers. His fellow lawyers had a high regard for him in his professional character, and as a man and citizen he "stood four-square to every wind that blows."

Simon Bybee was identified with Starke County since August 19, 1884. When he came to the county North Judson was a small hamlet, without sidewalks, with rough, unkept streets, and there were very few houses in the entire township. He has himself seen as many as a hun-

dred yoke of oxen on the streets at one time. He was a witness and a factor in practically the entire development of North Judson from a cross-roads town to one of the thriving villages of Starke County. He came to North Judson to establish the North Judson Banner on the debris of the North Judson Cyclone, which had only a brief existence in newspaperdom. Mr. Bybee was proprietor of the Banner for several years, and it was then changed to the North Judson News, which has since been one of the leading papers of Starke County. Mr. Bybee was connected with this paper until 1899, when he sold it to Donald Gorrell, and at his death the paper went from his estate to Harry L. Warvel, who later sold to the McCormicks, the present owners. Mr. Bybee and his newspaper and his law office have been institutions in North Judson for thirty years. His newspaper was conducted in the rear of his present office building, which he occupied continuously for a score of years or more. This office was also the office home of the late Jacob Keller, probably the best known citizen in Starke County. One end of the building was at one time the headquarters of the first bank, the Citizens Banks of North Judson.

Simon Bybee was born in Kosciusko County, Indiana, February 21, 1851. When he was a young boy his father moved across the line to Fulton County, Indiana, and there he grew up to manhood and acquired his education in the public schools and in Franklin College. For six years he was engaged in teaching, chiefly in Fulton County, and was always a man both useful and influential in any community where he resided. Mr. Bybee was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and both his paternal and maternal grandparents located in Kosciusko County, Indiana, among the pioneer settlers, living at Mentone in that county, where they had farms and spent the rest of their days. Mr. Bybee's father was Pleasant Bybee, who married Nancy A. DeWitt. Pleasant Bybee, a son of John, was born in Pennsylvania in 1826 and was brought to Kosciusko County during the '30s when a small boy. His wife was born in Ross County, Ohio, about 1830. She was a cousin of DeWitt Talmage, the eloquent preacher and divine. Pleasant Bybee's father was a stock drover before railroads were built through this section of the country, and often sent his son Pleasant to handle cattle for him, and it was on such a mission that Pleasant Bybee was engaged when he stopped in Ross County, Ohio, at the home of John DeWitt, and there met his future wife. He was married there, and brought his bride to Kosciusko County. After some years as a farmer in that county he moved to Fulton County, and died there at the age of fifty-one years. His widow passed away some years later when seventy-four years old. Both were well known and good people and were almost from childhood identified with the United Brethren Church. Pleasant Bybee was a republican in politics. There were thirteen children born to their household, and all but two of them grew up and married and had families. Nine of them are still living. Simon Bybee's brother Cornelius is janitor of the North Judson High School and another brother Melvin is a member of the North Judson Lumber Company.

Simon Bybee was the third son and child of the family. He was married in Fulton County April 27, 1875, to a neighbor girl, Melissa Bryant, whose home was on an adjoining farm, and who was born in the same month of the same year as her husband. On April 27, 1915, they would have lived together as faithful husband and wife for forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Bybee became the parents of two children: Cevilla, who was born February 11, 1876, was married November 5, 1904, to Bert B. Smith, and they now live in North Judson, where he is proprietor of a hotel. They have a son Devon who was born September 25, 1906, and is now attending school. The second daughter Lulu, who like her sister is a graduate of the North Judson High School and was also a teacher for some time, was born February 12, 1878, and was married September 8, 1901, to A. L. Dilts. To their marriage have been born two children: Helen M., born April 17, 1903; and Dariel A., born May 12, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Dilts now reside at Fort Benton, Montana, on a farm. Mrs. Bybee is a member of the United Brethren Church, while her daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bybee adhered to the faith of the Missionary Baptists. He was a republican, as are all his brothers, and had affiliations with the local lodge of Masons at North Judson.

FRANK G. EATINGER. In his native town, the thriving and attractive Village of North Judson, Mr. Eateringer has achieved success and prestige as a representative business man of marked progressiveness and enterprise. Here he is not only the owner of a well-equipped jewelry store, but conducts also a general undertaking business, with stock and all accessories of approved and modern order and with proper facilities for assuming all responsibilities as a funeral director. His jewelry business was established by him in 1904 and he has been an undertaker and funeral director since 1912. In 1910 he received from the Haskins Training School for Embalmers his diploma, and in this excellent Indianapolis institution he was at that time graduated as a member of a class of thirty-eight persons. He holds a state license as an embalmer and in his undertaking business his scrupulous care and consideration have made him one of the successful representatives of this line of enterprise in his native county. In his establishment are kept in stock a select line of caskets and all consistent accessories, and he has provided also a hearse of modern type.

The jewelry store of Mr. Eateringer controls a substantial and appreciative patronage, with its complete stock of jewelry, silverware, watches, clocks, etc., and he is personally a skilled and practical jeweler, having learned his trade in the horological department of the Bradley Institute of Technology, in the City of Peoria, Illinois. After availing himself of the advantages of this institution Mr. Eateringer was employed as jeweler and clerk in his father's drug and jewelry store, in North Judson, in which, in fact, he initiated his services when he was a lad of fourteen years, and with which he continued to be associated until he instituted his independent business enterprise, his success having been on a parity with his ambition and well directed endeavors.

Mr. Eatinger was born at North Judson on the 20th of May, 1882, and is a son of Milo D. and Olive E. (Allen) Eatinger, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. Milo D. Eatinger is a son of John L. and Anna (Coy) Eatinger, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Pennsylvania, the lineage of both being traced back to staunch German origin; their marriage was solemnized in Ohio and not many years later they numbered themselves among the pioneer settlers of Cass County, Indiana. In 1868 they came to Starke County, where John L. Eatinger purchased a tract of land belonging to the Lightcap estate. This was shortly after the completion of the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad through Starke County and the Village of North Judson had not as yet been platted. Of the very appreciable tract of land purchased by his grandfather the subject of this review now owns a part, the original tract having included a portion of the site of the present Village of North Judson. After coming to Starke County, John L. Eatinger continued to work at his trade, that of carpenter, and he was one of the first contractors and builders at North Judson, where he continued to reside until his death, on the 23d of December, 1891, his age at the time having been sixty-five years. His wife survived him by several years, and was about sixty years old at the time of her death.

Milo D. Eatinger was born on the 1st of May, 1860, and was a boy at the time of the family removal to Starke County, where he was reared and educated and where as a youth he found employment in the drug store of Louis Foust, of North Judson. He became a practical pharmacist, and finally became sole proprietor of the store in which he had been employed. Later he amplified his business by installing a stock of jewelry, watches, and clocks, and he continued as one of the prominent and honored business men and influential citizens of North Judson until 1910, when he sold his interests here and removed to the City of Chicago, where he was identified with the same lines of business until 1914, when he engaged in the jewelry business at Wray, Yuma County, Colorado, where he now maintains his residence. His first wife was summoned to eternal rest in 1891, at the age of thirty-three years, and her gentle and gracious personality was in consonance with her abiding faith as a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is survived by three children: Mabel, who was born December 13, 1879, is the wife of William Slidinger, the leading merchant tailor at Knox, judicial center of Starke County, and they have one daughter, Thelma; Frank G., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; and George E., who was born on the 30th of May, 1889, learned the jeweler's trade in his father's store, and is now associated with the latter in business at Wray, Colorado; he wedded Miss Mamie Dadgner, of Chicago. A few years after the death of his first wife Milo D. Eatinger contracted a second marriage, no children having been born of the present union. He is a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party and while still a resident of North Judson he served in various public offices, including those of justice of the peace, county coroner and member of the school board. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

Frank G. Eatinger likewise accords unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party and he is serving as county coroner at the time of this writing. He is a member of the North Judson lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is keeper of seals in the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is also a past chancellor.

On the 1st of January, 1908, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Eatinger to Miss Nellie C. Horton, who was born at North Judson on the 6th of March, 1889, and who is a daughter of William F. and Olive (Enyart) Horton, the former of whom was born in Ohio on the 28th of February, 1851, and the latter of whom was born in Fulton County, Indiana, August 17, 1861. In 1885 Mr. Horton came to Starke County and established his residence at North Judson, where he engaged in business as a dealer in wall paper, paints and other supplies and also became a successful house decorator. In 1913 he and his wife removed to the City of Hammond, this state, where he is now engaged in the confectionery business. He is a republican in politics, is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity is a Baptist in his religious faith and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Eatinger have no children.

FRANK J. VESSELY. The initiative and executive ability of Mr. Vessely have gained for him distinctive prominence and influence as one of the most progressive and substantial business men of the Village of North Judson, and his activities and service have extended beyond the limits of industrial and commercial enterprise, as evidenced by the fact that he is the efficient and popular postmaster of his home village and is known as one of the most liberal and public-spirited citizens of this thriving town. Mr. Vessely is president of the North Judson Electric Company and also of the North Judson Milling Company, which represent important and flourishing industrial enterprises of Starke County. The milling company was organized in 1894 and the present corporation has owned and operated the well equipped and essentially modern flour mill since 1904. The electric and milling enterprises were conducted conjointly until 1912, when the interests were separated and the individual companies formed, with Mr. Vessely as president of each. He has been identified with the two enterprises from the time of their inception, and the electric company furnished both light and power facilities to North Judson. In May, 1914, Mr. Vessely received commission as postmaster and he assumed the duties of this office on the 22d of the following month. With characteristic enterprise and ability he has made many admirable improvements in the service and facilities of the local postoffice, which is of the third-class and which is the headquarters for three important rural free-delivery routes. As his able deputy postmaster Mr. Vessely is fortunate in retaining George W. Schricker, who proves a most effective coadjutor in handling the business of the office.

Mr. Vessely was born in the Province of Bohemia, Austria, on the 16th of March, 1874, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Fitel) Vessely, who immigrated to the United States in 1881, being accompanied by their

five children, the subject of this review having been at the time a lad of seven years. At Hamburg the family embarked on the ship *Salva*, and fourteen days were consumed in making the voyage from that port to New York City, where the family disembarked on the 21st of June, 1881. From New York the journey was continued to the City of Chicago, Illinois, where the family home was maintained for the ensuing eleven years and where all of the children were afforded the advantages of the public schools. In 1892 the entire family came to Starke County, where the father purchased the Butterfield farm, of 240 acres, in section 23, Jackson Township. He became one of the substantial and honored agriculturists and stock-growers of the county and continued to reside on his homestead farm until his death. He was born on the 13th of June, 1845, and thus was nearly sixty-four years of age at the time of his death, on the 29th of May, 1909. His widow now resides in the Village of North Judson, her birth having occurred on the 23d of May, 1849. Mrs. Vessely is a devout communicant of the Catholic Church, as was also her husband, and in the faith of the great mother church of Christendom they carefully reared their children, three sons and five daughters, all of whom are living except one son, Wenselous, who died at the age of ten years. All of the surviving children except the youngest are married and well established in life, their names being here entered in respective order of birth: Mary, Lizzie, Frank J., Rosa, Annie, Joseph, Bessie and Thomas.

The present postmaster of North Judson was reared to adult age in the City of Chicago and was eighteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Starke County. He continued to be associated with the work and management of the extensive home farm until 1904, when he removed to North Judson, where he has since been prominently and worthily identified with business interests of special importance, as already noted in a preceding paragraph of this article. He is a most zealous supporter of the cause of the democratic party, has served for four years as a member of the town board since his removal to North Judson, and while still on the farm he was the incumbent of the office of assessor of Jackson Township for four years. Both he and his wife are active members of the North Judson parish of the Catholic Church, of which they are earnest and influential communicants and of which he is a trustee, besides which he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

In the City of Chicago was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Vessely to Miss Annie Prochaska, who was born in that city on the 19th of July, 1879, and whose parents, James and Mary (Kral) Prochaska, still maintain their home in the great western metropolis, both having been born and reared in Bohemia, Austria. Mr. and Mrs. Vessely became the parents of seven children, all of whom are living except the second, Annie, who died at the age of four years. The names of the surviving children are here designated, with respective ages at the opening of the year 1915, and the older children are attending the parochial school of the local Catholic Church: Mary, eleven years; Wenselous, eight years;

Rosa, six years; Frank, four years; Joseph, two years; Elizabeth, four months old.

AUGUST POHRTE. The lineage of this well known citizen of North Judson traces back to sterling German and French origin, and on the paternal side representatives have for many generations been prominently identified with pastoral pursuits in Germany, where the father of Mr. Pohrte not only followed this vocation but also served as a valiant soldier in the war between Prussia and Denmark and also in the Franco-Prussian war.

Mr. Pohrte has been a resident of the United States for more than thirty years and has maintained his home in Starke County since 1891. He came from Germany to America as a youth of eighteen years, and though he was a stranger in a strange land, unfamiliar with the language of the country, and with financial resources of most meager order, he was amply fortified in integrity of purpose, ambition, determination and self-reliance, so that, with an excellent knowledge of the tailor's trade, he found ample opportunity for applying his energies and making his way forward to the goal of independence and worthy success. He followed his trade in the City of Chicago for nearly a decade and then came to Starke County and engaged in agricultural pursuits, in connection with which he developed a fine farm. He is now living virtually retired in the Village of North Judson, where he is the owner of a fine brick residence and where he still finds pleasure and profit in devoting considerable time to his trade, as an expert designer and cutter of men's apparel. He has won a host of friends in the county and is a citizen to whom it is pleasing and consistent to accord recognition in this history.

William Pohrte, father of him whose name introduces this review, passed his entire life in Germany. He was born in the Province of Brandenburg, Germany, not far distant from the City of Berlin, and the year 1833 was the date of his nativity. He was a son of William Pohrte, Sr., who likewise was a native of Brandenburg, and whose entire active life was given to service as a shepherd on large government estates, this line of enterprise having also been followed by the latter's father, and undoubtedly by representatives of earlier generations. William Pohrte, Jr., was afforded excellent educational advantages and in early youth became associated with his father in pastoral activities, his entire active career in times of peace having been one of close identification with the work of a shepherd and he having become an overseer or superintendent in this field of industry, as had been his father before him. He became an authority in all things pertaining to sheep culture and was prospered in his earnest endeavors as one of the world's productive workers. In 1864 he was a soldier in the German-Danish war, and the great Franco-Prussian war again called him into the military ranks. In this historic conflict he rendered faithful and gallant service, participated in numerous engagements and endured hardships that permanently shattered his health, though he escaped wounds. After the war his health continued to be much impaired until his death, ten years later,

and he was fifty-four years of age, when summoned to the life eternal, having been at the time a resident of West Prussia. His widow later came to the United States in company with her youngest daughter and one of her younger sons, who had succeeded his father as a shepherd. Upon their arrival in the port of New York City they forthwith made ready to continue their journey to the West, and they established their home on a farm in Pulaski County, Indiana, where the venerable mother passed the remainder of her life and where she passed away at the age of seventy-three years; she was a devout communicant of the Lutheran Church, as was also her husband, and virtually the entire family in present and past generations has held to the faith of this religious denomination.

August Pohrte was born in West Prussia, on the 18th of August, 1863, and he profited fully by the advantages of the excellent schools of his native land, besides acquiring in his boyhood and early youth much experience as a shepherd. There also he served a full apprenticeship to the tailor's trade, in which he became a skilled workman. In 1882, at the age of eighteen years, he embarked, in the City of Hamburg, on the ship Weiland, by which he found passage to the United States. He landed in New York City on the 22d of March and soon afterward made his way to Chicago, in which city he arrived at noon. Before an hour had elapsed he there found employment at his trade, and such was his ability in this line that, with his fidelity and earnest application, he never was compelled to seek a position during the nine years of his residence in the great metropolis of the West. His sight finally became impaired through his close attention to his trade and in the meanwhile he had carefully conserved his earnings, so that under these conditions he determined to seek a radically different vocation. Accordingly, in 1891, he came to Starke County, where he purchased 160 acres of land, one-half of the tract being in Richgrove Township, Pulaski County, and the remaining half in Wayne Township, Starke County—all in one body. He remained on this homestead ten years, within which each successive season gave evidence of his energy, industry and progressiveness. He developed the property into one of the finely improved and productive farms of the county. Much of the land was cleared by him, good fences were built and an effective drainage system installed, besides which he erected on the place a substantial and attractive residence and other good farm buildings. Definite prosperity came to him and in 1894 he made an advantageous disposal of his farm, in connection with the sale of which he acquired his present fine brick residence of eight rooms, the same being one of the best in the village of North Judson, where he has since lived retired save for handling more or less work along the line of his trade, as previously noted. Mr. Pohrte is a loyal and public-spirited citizen, is now aligned in politics as a supporter of the principles of the progressive party, is affiliated with the local lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in their home village.

In White County, this state, was solemnized the marriage of Mr.

Pohrte to Miss Della R. Shafer, who was there born on the 5th of February, 1881, and who is a daughter of Jonathan and Margaret (Townseley) Shafer, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, of German lineage, and the latter in Ohio, of Scotch ancestry. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer was solemnized in White County, Indiana, where Mr. Shafer, has long and successfully been identified with the great basic industry of agriculture and where he celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary on the 13th of October, 1914. His cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal upon her sixty-ninth birthday anniversary and her funeral was held on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. She was a gentle and noble woman and devoted mother, was a Presbyterian in her religious faith and her husband is a member of the Dunkard Church. Of their nine children only three are now living: Clara, who is the wife of George W. Lucy, of Logansport, Indiana; Blaine, who is a bachelor and now residing in the West; and Della, who is the wife of the subject of this review.

By a former marriage Mr. Pohrte became the father of six children, concerning whom the following data are entered: Otto died at the age of twenty-one years; Louise is the wife of Percy Rothschild, of Chicago; Edward is in the employ of the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. of that city; William is employed in the office of a large Chicago manufactory of fashion plates; Frank holds a clerical position in the offices of the Chicago Telephone Company; and Erna is a student in the high school at North Judson. Mr. and Mrs. Pohrte have one son, George D., who was born October 19, 1905, and who is attending the public schools.

OTTO ALTMANN. In an eligible location on Lane Street, in the business center of the village of North Judson, is situated the well-appointed hardware store and harness shop of Mr. Altmann, who is one of the progressive and representative merchants of this part of the county and whose sterling honesty and fairness have combined with effective service to develop his business enterprise into one of substantial and important order. He erected his excellent business building and has been numbered among the enterprising merchants of North Judson since 1894. In his establishment is carried a complete and select stock of heavy and shelf hardware, stoves, ranges and farming implements, and he handles also the best of farm machinery, including threshing machines and gas engines, besides a stock of harness and saddlery goods, with a well-equipped repair shop in connection with this department of his business.

In 1894 Mr. Altmann came from the City of Hammond, this state, where he had been employed for two years, and he initiated business in North Judson as a harnessmaker, his original establishment having been one of modest order. He had immigrated from Germany to this country in 1892, in which year he engaged in the work of his trade at Hammond, and North Judson has been favored in gaining him as a popular and able member of its business community. He has been in the most significant sense the architect of his own fortunes and has found in the United States the advantages and opportunities that have enabled him to achieve

definite independence and prosperity, the while he has fully assimilated the American spirit and is a loyal and public-spirited citizen, though he consistently retains a deep affection for his fatherland across the sea.

Mr. Altmann was born in the fine little Kingdom of Saxony, Germany, on the 7th of August, 1868, and the house in which he was born, at Eisleben, was directly across the street from that in which was born Martin Luther, the great religious reformer whose zeal has left enduring influence on the history of the world. Mr. Altmann was baptized in the same ancient stone church in which Luther was christened, and his father, Christian Altmann, was the able and honored director of the music of this ancient place of worship. Christian Altmann was a man of liberal education, having received high academic discipline during seven years of collegiate work, and he was not only a successful and popular teacher in the schools of his home village, but was also a specially talented musician, with much ability in playing the pipe organ, piano and violin. He continued to reside in his native kingdom until the time of his death, at the age of sixty-eight years, and during the last three years of his life he received from the German Government an appreciable pension, in recognition of his ability and effective services. His father, Gotfried Altmann, had been the owner of a large landed estate in Saxony, had been prominent and influential in his community and had served thirty years as mayor or burgomeister of the Borough of Zobigke, where he continued to reside until his death. In Saxony the family has long been notable for zealous association with the Lutheran Church, of which its members in each succeeding generation became devout communicants.

The maiden name of the mother of Otto Altmann was Amelia Feffhauser, and she was born and reared in the same place as was her husband, whom she preceded to the life eternal. She likewise was a member of a sterling old Saxon family and was a lifelong communicant of the Lutheran Church. Of the five children, Otto, of this sketch, is the only one who came to the United States, the other four children having attained to maturity, married and reared children, and one of the number, Clara, being now deceased. The three surviving children still reside in Saxony, namely: Carl, Paul and Willhelm. Carl is a bookbinder by trade and vocation, Paul is a wood-turner, and Willhelm is a successful school teacher.

As may well be understood from the foregoing statements concerning the family, Otto Altmann was reared in a home of distinctive culture and refinement and received an excellent education, largely under the able preceptorship of his honored father. As a youth he worked two years in a military supply house and he then served a thorough apprenticeship to the trade of harnessmaker, in which he became a specially skillful artisan. Becoming convinced that wider opportunities for advancement through personal effort were offered in the United States, in 1892 he severed the gracious ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth for America. At Hamburg he embarked on the steamer Kansas, and on the 20th of June he landed in the City of Boston. He thence made his way to Chicago and shortly afterward estab-

lished his residence at Hammond, Indiana, where he was engaged in the work of his trade until his removal to Starke County, as noted in a preceding paragraph. He is one of the progressive citizens and enterprising business men of North Judson, in politics is aligned with the progressive party. Mrs. Altmann is a representative of an honored pioneer family of Indiana and being a gracious and popular figure in the social activities of her home village.

On the 27th of February, 1896, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Altmann to Miss Nettie Wightman, who was born in Jay County, this state, on the 15th of April, 1871, and who was there reared and educated. She is a daughter of Judge George C. and Lucinda (McFarland) Wightman. Judge Wightman was born in the year 1807 and became one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Jay County, where he was a pioneer settler and where he served as the first judge of the probate court, besides which he was for a number of years representative of that county in the State Legislature. His widow, who celebrated her eighty-third birthday anniversary in January, 1915, now resides in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Altmann, and is one of the loved and venerable women of North Judson. Mr. and Mrs. Altmann have three children: Margaret, Paul and Hazel. Margaret was graduated in the North Judson high school as a member of the class of 1914 and at the time of this writing is a successful and popular teacher in one of the district schools of Davis Township. Paul is a member of the class of 1916 in the local high school and Hazel likewise is attending the public schools of North Judson.

CHARLES HRUSKA. A reliable and progressive young business man and loyal citizen who has played an important part in the development and upbuilding of one of the extensive and valuable industrial enterprises of Starke County, Mr. Hruska has shown much initiative and executive ability, and since coming from the City of Chicago to North Judson, Starke County, he has here made his influence felt in a benignant and emphatic way. He is one of the interested principals in the extensive creamery business that has been developed at North Judson under his personal direction and which is supplemental to a most important and prosperous produce business that is conducted with headquarters in the City of Chicago. He is manager of the well-ordered interests of the concern in Starke County and the enterprise in general is conducted under the title of Hruska & Co., though the local enterprise in Starke County is carried forward under the title of the Judson Creamery and Produce Company.

Mr. Hruska has not only shown marked energy and ambition in the upbuilding of the splendid industrial enterprise with which he is identified, but has also shown deep interest in furthering the general civic and material progress of the community in which he maintains his home and in which he commands unqualified popular confidence and esteem. Prior to assuming the position of general manager of the creamery business at North Judson he had given to the same a personal supervision

from the offices of the company in Chicago, and at this time Thomas Atherton, a well-known blacksmith and popular citizen of North Judson, was the active superintendent of the local enterprise. In connection with the operation of one of the finest creamery plants in Indiana the company has, near North Judson, a tract of ten acres of land and on the same has made the best of provisions for the raising and feeding of high-grade swine, about six hundred pure-bred Poland-China hogs being bred at this model little stock farm each year and the by-products of the creamery contributing largely and effectively in supplying feed to the swine. Mr. Hruska personally is greatly interested in the breeding of high-grade livestock of all kinds and has shown this in a practical and effective way during the period of his residence at North Judson, where he has insistently advocated and urged the policy of general cooperation in the improving of livestock, and at both local and outside stock shows he has won the blue ribbons on his exhibits of swine, as well as on the exhibits from the fine creamery which is conducted under his able supervision.

Under the general title of the Judson Creamery and Produce Company the business has been conducted in Starke County since 1905, and though the concern has the title of company it is virtually a partnership organization and an adjunct of Hruska & Co., the headquarters of which are 842-44 West Randolph Street, Chicago. The other interested principals in the business are August Hruska, elder brother of the subject of this review, and a brother-in-law, Albert M. Hodek, and these two are in charge of operations at the Chicago headquarters of the extensive business.

At North Judson the substantial creamery building, 34x100 feet in dimensions, and constructed of cement blocks, was especially erected for the company, by the late Jacob Keller, and two years later the property was purchased by the company, the plant having the most approved modern equipment and being known as one of the best in the state. During the first four years the creamery based its operations principally upon the consumption of local milk products, but at the present time separated cream is now received at the plant from fully two hundred towns, in Indiana and Illinois, the business as thus expanded proving of still greater value to the community in which the plant is established. The creamery at North Judson converts all of its separated cream into high-grade tub butter, which is shipped to the Chicago market. The output is now about three hundred thousand pounds of butter a year, and the plant has capacity for the manufacture of three times this quantity. In connection with operations at North Judson a corps of thirteen employes is constantly retained and the plant is in operation throughout the entire year.

Mr. Hruska is a native of the Badger State and a scion of one of its sterling Bohemian pioneer families. He was born on the homestead farm of his father, in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin, on the 3d of October, 1886. He was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and has never abated his interest in the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-

growing. Mr. Hruska attended the public schools of his native county until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, and he supplemented this training by attending the Lewis Institute, one of the admirable educational institutions of Chicago. At the age of eighteen years Mr. Hruska became associated with his brother August in the farm produce business in Chicago, which from a modest inception has been built up to the extensive business now controlled by the company in which he is a principal.

John and Annie (Ouradnik) Hruska, the honored parents of him whose name initiates this article, were born and reared in the Province of Bohemia, and both came to America in the year 1858, their marriage having been solemnized in Kewaunee County, Wisconsin, in the same year. They were pioneers of that county, where they established their residence on an embryonic farm, having been the very first to settle in Pierce Township, where the father reclaimed a farm from the wilderness, the fine old homestead being situated on the shore of Lake Michigan. Energy, industry and good management brought to John Hruska merited independence and prosperity, and he marked the passing years with worthy achievement. His first domicile was a log cabin of the primitive pioneer type, and in the early days his financial income was derived principally from the felling of the pine timber, which was transported down the lake shore to a mill in large rafts drawn by a horse on the bank, the lumber having been manufactured at Kewaunee, which was then a mere village. In later years was constructed a 600-foot pier, from which the logs were loaded directly onto lumber barges for transference to the mills. Through operations in this line Mr. Hruska not only received profit, but also completed the clearing of his well-improved farm of 120 acres. On the homestead he finally erected, in 1900, his third house, this being a modern building of attractive architecture. Here he and his wife continued to live in peace and comfort until 1908, when they removed to Chicago and became members of the family circle in the home of one of their daughters. There John Hruska died on the 15th of November, 1910, at the age of seventy-six years and five months, and there his widow still resides, she having celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary in 1914. She is a devout communicant of the Catholic Church, as was also her husband, and both were born in the vicinity of the historic old City of Pilsen, Bohemia. They became the parents of thirteen children, all of whom attained maturity, and of the number five sons and five daughters are now living, all being married and the subject of this sketch being the youngest of the number.

Charles Hruska is progressive and public-spirited as a citizen, is a democrat in his political allegiance, served for several years as a member of the Democratic Township Committee of Wayne Township, this county, and is at the present time a member of the board of education of North Judson.

On the 11th of November, 1910, at North Judson, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hruska to Miss Daisy E. Netherton, who was born in McLean County, Illinois, and who was about ten years old when her

parents established their residence at North Judson, where she was reared and educated. Mrs. Hruska is a daughter of H. C. Netherton and Susan (Burris) Netherton, both natives of Indiana, the former having been born in Bartholomew County and the latter in Wayne County. Mr. and Mrs. Netherton were for twenty years residents of McLean County, Illinois, and he and his wife are now residents of North Judson, each having passed the age of threescore years and both being members of the Christian Church, as is also their daughter, Mrs. Hruska. Mr. and Mrs. Hruska have two sons, Howard Ellsworth, who was born on the 12th of March, 1912, and Charles Stanley, who was born on the 6th of February, 1915.

CHRISTIAN SAUTTER. The attractive and progressive Village of North Judson has its due quota of steadfast, enterprising and popular merchants, and of the number Mr. Sautter may consistently be designated as one of the pioneer business men now actively identified with local interests, for he has here been a representative shoe merchant for nearly thirty years, known for his fair and honorable dealings and effective catering to the demands of a large and appreciative patronage. He has the distinction of being the oldest shoe merchant in Starke County and merited prosperity has attended his well-ordered endeavors. In 1907 he erected the fine brick block in which his well-equipped shoe establishment is located. This building, which is an ornament to the business center of North Judson, is situated on Lane Street, opposite the First State Bank, is two stories in height and 44x68 feet in dimensions—one of the best and most modern business buildings in the village. Mr. Sautter is the owner also of a substantial frame building that is likewise utilized for business purposes and that is located in the same block as is his commodious and pleasant residence. During the entire period of his career as a shoe merchant in North Judson, Mr. Sautter has maintained his store on its present corner location, and the same is now one of the veritable landmarks of this village. He has witnessed and materially aided in the development and upbuilding of North Judson, and its status at the time when he here initiated business may be realized when it is stated that on the side of Lane Street that his store is located he constructed in front of the same the first sidewalk on that side of the now attractive business thoroughfare. Lane Street is now well paved and the village has other modern improvements and facilities of the best order. During the long years of his business career in Starke County Mr. Sautter has been the leading practical shoemaker of North Judson, is known as an expert artisan and still maintains in his store a well-equipped repair shop.

Mr. Sautter was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 23d of May, 1859, and was there reared and educated. There also he served a thorough apprenticeship to the trade of shoemaker, and as a journeyman workman he finally went to Switzerland, in which fair little republic he followed his trade about four years. He then returned to his native place and thereafter found employment as a journeyman

shoemaker during his somewhat extensive travels in Baden, Austria, and other parts of the fatherland.

In 1881, shortly after attaining to the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Sautter severed the ties that bound him to his native land and set forth to seek his fortunes in America, where he felt assured of better opportunities for the achieving of independence and prosperity, his faith having been fully justified by his achievement during the period of his residence in the land of his adoption. He embarked at Antwerp, Belgium, and the vessel on which he took passage stopped at English ports, crossed the Atlantic, touched Canadian ports and finally, after the lapse of eighteen days on the ocean, he landed in New York City in September, 1881. After working one year as a journeyman shoemaker in the national metropolis, Mr. Sautter came to Indiana and located in the City of Lafayette, where he remained one year. He then went to Canton, Ohio, but nine months later returned to Lafayette, where he was employed at his trade for the ensuing three years. He then came to Starke County and made ready to engage in business in an independent way. After remaining six months in the Village of San Pierre, he decided that the new and progressive Village of North Judson offered a better field, and he accordingly established here his permanent home. His career has been marked by earnest industry and unremitting application, and none has better deserved success and popular esteem.

In politics Mr. Sautter accords allegiance to the democratic party and while he has had no ambition for public office he gave effective service as a member of the board of trustees of Wayne Township, an office of which he was the incumbent two years. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and has passed the various official chairs in the same.

While a resident of Lafayette, this state, Mr. Sautter formed the acquaintance of Miss Louisa Runkroff, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and who as a young woman left the parental home and came to America. Three months after he had established his residence at San Pierre, Starke County, Mr. Sautter returned to Lafayette and wedded this earnest and worthy young German woman, who has proved a devoted companion and helpmeet and whose circle of friends is limited only by that of her acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Sautter have two children, Dr. Carl M. and Lydia. Dr. Carl M. Sautter was born at North Judson on the 8th of July, 1886, and after his graduation in the Indianapolis High School he entered the Indiana Medical College, in the City of Indianapolis, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1910, and from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, this being the medical department of the University of Indiana. The doctor established himself in the practice of his profession in the City of Logansport, where he is now giving special attention to the treatment of the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, after having completed a recent post-graduate course along these lines. He is a bachelor. Lydia is the wife of Owen Schuyler, of North Judson, and they have one son, Loren, born in 1914.

WILLIAM H. REPLOGLE. At the present time, when the world is "in the midst of wars, and rumors of war," and Europe is being devastated by the sword, the citizens of the United States may well congratulate themselves that here abide peace and prosperity, but incidentally must come to them freshened appreciation of the services of the noble "boys in blue" who here fought valiantly and with all patriotic ardor for the preservation of the Union during the climacteric epoch of the Civil war. The ranks of these soldiers of the Republic are being rapidly decimated by the one invincible foe, Death, and those who remain now feel the weight of years, the majority of them with silvered crowns and feeble steps. Well may we pause again to pay deep tribute of honor to the valiant soldiers who thus perpetuated the nation's integrity, and in this history of Starke County it is specially gratifying to be able to enter a brief review of the career of William H. Replogle, a venerable and honored citizen of North Judson, for he was a gallant defender of the Union in the long and weary struggle between the North and the South and is one of the comparatively small contingent of Civil war veterans still claimed by Starke County, as is shown by the fact that the Grand Army post of which he was a member recently resigned its charter by reason of the fact that its membership had dwindled to only four of the old comrades, he having been one of this number. Mrs. Replogle likewise merits special tribute in this connection, by reason of her loyal and devoted services in nursing and otherwise caring for Union soldiers during the war and for her deep and abiding interest in that noble and patriotic organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. She has the honor and distinction of being a full member of the Fifteenth Regimental Association, having been elected to that honor at the meeting of the association at Attica, Indiana, in August, 1912; she is the only woman in the state being so honored. This honor was bestowed for feeding and caring for the soldiers during the strife and for her consideration of them in the years since. Ever true is the statement that the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and Mr. Replogle has been one of the world's productive workers in the past, so that he well merits the rewards that are his in the gracious twilight of his life, while he lives in peace and comfort and well earned retirement from active labors, sustained and comforted by the presence and loving companionship of his cherished and devoted wife.

William H. Replogle was born at Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, on the 1st of May, 1842, and was but sixteen months old when his parents came to Pulaski County, Indiana, and established their home on a pioneer farm in Franklin Township, contiguous to Starke County. There he was reared under the invigorating influences of the farm and made due use of the advantages afforded in the pioneer schools of the locality. Mr. Replogle was a vigorous and industrious young farmer of about nineteen years at the time when the dark cloud of civil war cast its pall over the national horizon, and his intrinsic patriotism and loyalty caused him to respond to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers.

The thundering of the southern guns against the ramparts of old Fort

Sumter, on the 13th of April, 1861, roused the sons of the North to responsive protest and action, and on the 22d of that month Mr. Replogle enlisted as a private in Company B, Fifteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Wagoner. His enlistment took place in the City of South Bend, and he proceeded with his command to West Virginia, where they arrived shortly after the battle of Rich Mountain. The regiment participated, however, in the spirited engagement at Philippi and thence proceeded to Huttonsville, that state, where the command remained entrenched until October, 1861. The regiment took part in an engagement with the enemy at Greenbriar, West Virginia, on the 31st of that month. At the time this gallant Indiana regiment appeared for enlistment for the stipulated term of three months the quota had been filled, so that its members were permitted to enlist for the full term of three years, so that they girded themselves bravely for a prolonged conflict.

From West Virginia the Sixteenth Indiana proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, where it became a part of the command of General Buell, with which it proceeded into Tennessee, where it took part in the battles of Pittsburgh Landing and Shiloh and where it assisted in driving the Confederate forces farther to the south. A short time thereafter Mr. Replogle suffered an attack of illness, and after he had partially recovered he was detailed to hospital service, with which he continued to be identified a few months. He was then detailed as a private detective in connection with the secret service, and in this hazardous and responsible position he had innumerable adventures, severe hardships and many narrow escapes. He assisted in the capture of many desperate men, especially those engaged in the guerrilla service of the Confederacy, and he continued on this detail, under Major Fitch, of Michigan, the provost marshal, besides receiving special orders from Major-General Burbridge, of the Department of Kentucky, to devote his energies particularly to the capturing of guerrillas. Mr. Replogle thus gave most effective and gallant service in the detective department during the major part of the war, and was on active duty during the entire period of the great conflict. After peace was declared he was honorably retired, on order of the secretary of war, his record having been such as to reflect enduring honor upon him as a patriot and soldier.

After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Replogle returned to Indiana, and shortly afterward, at Winamac, Pulaski County, he wedded Miss Mary A. Gallagher, of Louisville, Kentucky, whose death occurred six years later and who was survived by two sons—Rev. William A., who is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Chaffee, Cass County, North Dakota, his wife being deceased and being survived by one child, Clarence; and Charles G., who resides at North Judson and is one of the successful contractors and builders of Starke County: he and his wife have six children—Eunice, who is the wife of Prof. Lloyd Kingman, principal of the high school at Ora, this county; Tussie, who is married and resides in the City of Hammond, Indiana; and Ruth, Charles, Orville and Gertrude, who remain at the parental home.

On the 12th of December, 1870, Mr. Replogle contracted a second marriage, having then been united in wedlock to Miss Elizabeth Gallagher, a sister of his first wife. Mrs. Replogle was born at Corning, New York, on the 16th of June, 1853, and her early education was received in her native town and at Providence, Rhode Island. Of the children of this marriage Nettie D. is the wife of Edward Marsh, no children having been born of this union. By her marriage to the late Edward Nix, Mrs. Marsh has one child, Goldie. Goldie, the younger of the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Replogle, is the wife of Howard Enoch, of Fairmount, Grant County, and they have two children, Gertrude E. and Laverne.

After the close of the Civil war Mr. Replogle became a carpenter and millwright by trade and vocation, and he continued his activities along these lines until his removal to North Judson, in 1883, since which time he has lived virtually retired, though he served as village marshal during the early period of his residence here. In 1890 he erected his present attractive residence, on East Main Street, and the home is known for its generous hospitality. Both he and his wife are earnest members of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Replogle vitalizes the more gracious memories of his military career through his active affiliation with the Fifteenth Indiana Regimental Association, of which he is an appreciative and popular member. He was identified also with Daniel Lake Post, No. 571, Grand Army of the Republic, until this honored North Judson organization surrendered its charter, in 1914, owing to the fact that it had come to have only four active members. From a newspaper article published at the time of its dissolution are taken the following extracts: "Daniel Lake Post was organized in North Judson on the 3d of March, 1890. The flag under which this post was organized was presented to Mrs. William H. Replogle at the time of the surrender of the charter. She has always been a faithful friend of the post. It is to be hoped that the public will not grow lax in doing honor to the departed members and bringing joy to the surviving members on each Memorial day."

Relative to the political views of Mr. Replogle, no better conception can be conveyed than through the reproduction of excerpts from a letter written by him under date of December 13, 1914, and originally published in a Starke County paper:

"In 1860 I cast my first vote for Abe Lincoln. Since that time I have never missed a chance to vote a straight republican ballot, except for one democrat county treasurer in Elkhart county and one town marshal. But two years ago the republican party, I thought, had drifted so far from the Lincoln principles, by its bossism and machines, that I could no longer be one of them, so I cast my lot with the progressive party, which I thought might be the means of teaching the republicans a much needed lesson. I believe it did, that is, by many others doing the same thing. Not only the republicans but also the democrats have taken heed. The republicans have been making away to some extent with the old, worn-out machine, and dropped a few of the bosses, so now, like

the Prodigal Son, I will arise and go back to my G. O. P., that I may be able, after eating husks, to be at the feast of 1916 and partake of a good share of the fatted calf which will be slaughtered at that time."

FRANK REISER. The only representative of his immediate family to come to America and establish a home, the late Frank Reiser became a most loyal and public-spirited citizen of the United States and ever marked his appreciation of the advantages and attractions of the land of his adoption, where he found ample opportunity for successful and worthy achievement, though he ever treasured the traditions of his German fatherland. In earlier years he was long and actively identified with railroad work and he finally came to Starke County and turned his attention to farming. He passed the closing years of his long and useful life in his attractive home in the Village of North Judson, where his death occurred May 4, 1909, the site of this home being now occupied by the First State Bank. Mr. Reiser was a man of sterling character and ever commanded the confidence and high regard of those with whom he came in contact in the various relations of life.

Mr. Reiser was born in one of the beautiful Rhine districts of Germany, in the year 1828, and had thus passed the age of eighty years when he was summoned from the stage of life's mortal endeavors. He was a scion of a sterling and honored German family, many of whose representatives were concerned with the weaving industry in their native land. His parents attained to advanced age and passed their entire lives in their native province, both having been earnest communicants of the Catholic Church.

In the place of his birth Frank Reiser was reared to manhood, and there he availed himself fully of the advantages of the excellent national schools, besides which he learned the family trade of weaver, in which he became a skilled artisan in the weaving of fine grades of linen. When about thirty years of age Mr. Reiser, an ambitious young bachelor, decided to try his fortunes in the United States, and soon after his arrival in this country he came to Indiana and located in Laporte County. There he obtained employment as a trackworker on the line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. While thus engaged he established his residence at Holmesville, Laporte County, in which village he engaged board and room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Booth, both natives of England. This arrangement he ever afterward looked upon as one of the fortunate events of his life, for here he met the daughter of the household, Miss Catherine Adelia Booth, and the outcome of their mutual friendship and affection was that their marriage was solemnized in the City of Laporte, a little more than forty years ago. Mr. Reiser thereafter continued to serve as foreman in connection with track supervision on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for a period of eight years, and he then removed with his family to Elm Grove, Wisconsin, in which state he was a track foreman for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company for the ensuing 3½ years. He then returned to Indiana and the family home was established at Denham,

Pulaski County. After being in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company three years at this point he removed with his family to Chicago Heights, Illinois, but soon resumed his residence and old position at Denham. About two years later, in 1888, Mr. Reiser came to Starke County and purchased a farm of 120 acres, in Wayne Township. He made good improvements on the place and became a successful farmer, but finally he sold the property and removed to the Village of North Judson, where he lived virtually retired until his death. Here he accumulated valuable real estate, and his widow still owns three good residence properties in the village, the same being rented, as well as an attractive property near the corporate limits of the village. Her home is an attractive and modern residence of nine rooms and is known for its generous hospitality and good cheer. She is a popular figure in the social activities of the community and has a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Reiser was born in the State of New York, on the 11th of June, 1840, and is a daughter of William and Sarah Booth, both of whom were born and reared in England, where their marriage was solemnized. After coming to the United States the parents resided in the State of New York until 1843, when they came to Indiana and established their home in Laporte County. At Holmesville, Mr. Booth purchased village lots and there erected a house in which he and his family took up their abode, the locality having been at the time thinly settled and he having been a pioneer of that section of the state. Both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives in Laporte County, honored by all who knew them, and each was about seventy years of age at the time of death. They became the parents of one son and six daughters, all of whom attained to maturity and married. Of the number the only ones now living are Mrs. Reiser and her brother William, who now lives with her in the pleasant home at North Judson, his wife being deceased. Mr. Booth has three children—Henry, Edward and Alberta. Edward and Alberta are married and have children, and the elder son is still a bachelor. Mrs. Reiser has no children, but that she has the true mother heart is evident in the affection accorded to her by the children of her neighborhood.

BENJAMIN F. HAY. A resident of Indiana from infancy and of Starke County for virtually a quarter of a century, this well-known and high esteemed citizen of North Judson was a representative of a sterling pioneer family of this state and his paternal grandparents were numbered among the sterling element of Pennsylvania stock that went to Stark County, Ohio, in an early day and became prominently identified with the pioneer development and upbuilding of that section of the Buckeye State. These worthy ancestors were John and Elizabeth Hay, both of whom were born and reared in Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized and where their older children were born, several having been added to the family circle after the removal to Stark County, Ohio, where John Hay became a substantial pioneer farmer; he later obtained a homestead claim of Government land in Starke County, Indiana, and he died prior to the Civil war, his birth having occurred within the last

decade of the eighteenth century and his widow, who survived him by a number of years, having passed the closing period of her life in the home of one of her daughters, at Elkhart, Indiana.

Abraham Hay, father of him whose name introduces this article, was born in Pennsylvania in 1820, and was reared to manhood in Stark County, Ohio, where he became closely associated with the development of the home farm. There was solemnized his marriage to Miss Louisa Deible, who was born in Germany and who was a child at the time of her parents' immigration to the United States. Settlement was made first in Pennsylvania, whence the family later removed to Stark County, Ohio. Benjamin F. Hay, of this review, was born in that county on the 16th of June, 1847, and incidentally it may be noted that he was undoubtedly a kinsman of the late Judge Hay, who was a prominent and influential citizen of that county at the time of his death. Benjamin F. Hay was not yet one year old when, in the spring of 1848, his parents came to Indiana, making the trip by canal and by means of team and wagon, and establishing their residence on the land, in Miami County, that had previously been obtained from the Government by John Hay, father of Abraham. That entire section of the state was still a virtual forest wilderness and not even a pioneer hamlet marked the site of the present City of Peru, the county seat. On this homestead occurred the death of John Hay, grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

Though he assisted his father in the initial work of reclaiming the farm in Miami County, Abraham Hay, as early as 1848, obtained a tract of wild land on the banks of Lake Maxinkuckee, Marshall County. Of his original tract of 160 acres he finally sold one-half, with the intention of joining the great exodus of goldseekers making their way to California, in the memorable year 1849. The man who had agreed to accompany him to the New Eldorado finally declined to set forth on the hazardous journey across the plains, and so disappointed was Mr. Hay that he became dissatisfied with conditions in Marshall County and sold his remaining eighty acres of land at a loss. He then came to Starke County and purchased a tract of wild land in North Bend Township, where he set himself vigorously to the work of reclamation and improvement. In 1858 his spirit of adventure again became rampant and he made his way to Pike's Peak, Colorado, at the time when the gold excitement was at its height in that section. Upon his arrival he made a survey of conditions and opportunities and became convinced that his long journey had been futile, so that he soon returned to Indiana and resumed his residence on his farm. He became one of the prosperous agriculturists and exceptionally respected and popular citizens of the county and he passed the closing years of his life at Winamac, Pulaski County, where he died on the 14th of October, 1905, at the venerable age of eighty-six years, his wife having preceded him to eternal rest, while the family home was in Fulton County.

In many ways Abraham Hay was a remarkable man. His physical strength and endurance were almost unlimited, and no hardship or inclemency of weather daunted him in the least. He was strong in mental

powers, generous and kind in his association with his fellow men, earnest, sincere and upright in all of the relations of life, and direct and energetic in his services as one of the world's productive workers. For many years he gave an appreciable part of his time and attention to mechanical pursuits, particularly that of carpenter. His political faith was that of the democratic party, his father having been an old-line whig, and both he and his wife were communicants of the Lutheran Church, with which the respective families had been identified for a number of generations.

Benjamin F. Hay manifested in his boyhood a marked talent for and facility in mechanical work, and when but twelve years of age he gained no little local distinction by reason of his ability to whittle out patterns of all kinds and to construct various articles by means of his mechanical skill. He acquired his early education in the common schools of the pioneer days in Indiana and finally served a practical apprenticeship to the trades of carpenter and cabinetmaker. He was known as an expert artisan and in the early days he found wide demand for his services in the manufacturing of coffins, all of which he made to order after the decease of a neighbor rendered prompt provision necessary. To meet such emergencies he frequently worked all night to manufacture suitable receptacles for deceased persons, and even in later years his skill in this line of work was frequently called into requisition, in connection with his activities as a carpenter and contractor and as a cabinetmaker of the fine ability promoted by service when all work was done by hand. The largest coffin ever made by Mr. Hay was for the late Joseph Schoo, a farmer of Marshall County, who died of dropsy and who weighed 300 pounds, his coffin having been 61½ feet in length and 30 inches wide.

Mr. Hay long controlled a representative business as a contractor and builder and erected many attractive residence buildings and other structures in Starke County. He had been a resident of North Judson since 1896 and during virtually this entire period occupied his late home, which is one of the attractive residences of this place. He became known as one of the most skillful carpenters and builders of Starke County and the estimate placed upon him is shown by the fact that he was frequently referred to as "the honest carpenter." He was scrupulously honorable and insistently lived up to all provisions of every contract into which he entered, with an earnest desire to give full value received. He was loyal and public-spirited as a citizen and his political allegiance was given to the democratic party. Mr. Hay's encroaching years prompted him in late years to abate somewhat his activities as a contractor, but he showed no desire for indolent ease, as he believed in the consistency of the old aphorism that it is better to wear out than to rust out.

At Rochester, Fulton County, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hay to Miss Flora Ault, who was born in Wayne County, Ohio, on the 19th of June, 1842, and who has been a devoted wife and mother, zealous and efficient in caring for her home and in the rearing of her children. She is a daughter of Henry and Susan (Young) Ault, who were born in Pennsylvania but married in Ohio. Mrs. Hay is the youngest in a family of five daughters and was nineteen years of age at the time of her

mother's death, after which she lived in the home of an aunt until her marriage. The names of her sisters are here given, with respective dates of birth: Elizabeth J., August 12, 1830; Catherine, December 21, 1833; Mary A., December 26, 1835; and Susan, July 9, 1838. All of the sisters married and all are living except the eldest.

In conclusion is given brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hay: Mary J., who was born June 6, 1876, became the wife of William Quinn, and was summoned to the life eternal on the 25th of September, 1899. She is survived by one son, Harry R., who was born July 22, 1892, and who was reared in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hay, his educational advantages having been those of the public schools of North Judson; he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, under the direction of his grandfather, in whose home he still remains. William A. Hay was born April 20, 1877, and has been for the past four years a motorman in the street car service of the City of Chicago, his two children being Opal and Martha. Daisy was born April 30, 1880, and her death occurred September 26, 1906. She became the wife of John Trinoskey, who survives her, as does also their only child, Arthur, who was born June 17, 1900. Burt C. Hay, who is a successful contractor and builder at North Judson, where he is associated in business with his nephew, Harry Quinn, mentioned above, married Miss Dorothea Joblitz and they have one son, Carl, born December 25, 1910.

Benjamin F. Hay died at his residence in North Judson, Tuesday, May 4, 1915. He was found by his venerable wife in his workshop unconscious, the morning of the 4th, where he had been at work. He never regained consciousness and passed away about five hours after he was stricken.

OWEN DALY. One of the oldest and most prominent families in the western part of Starke County is represented by Owen Daly, who for many years has been identified with the Village of San Pierre and has been one of the chief factors in its growth and development. Mr. Daly is known both locally and among the traveling public as a hotel man, liveryman and farmer, and in a public way has completed about six years of service on January 1, 1915, as trustee of Railroad Township. For the past eighteen years he has owned and operated the popular Daly House at San Pierre, and has also maintained an excellent livery service for the benefit of that community. As a farmer his interests comprise the ownership of 192 acres of land in Railroad Township, and with the exception of thirty acres in pasture land all of this is improved and productive and highly valuable. As a farmer he grows all the staple cereals and also onions and potatoes. It is fine land, sandy loam, and has been put in the best of condition under Mr. Daly's management. It has no house improvement, since the land lies within half a mile of the Village of San Pierre. In his livery Mr. Daly maintains six good horses and rigs, an equipment thoroughly adequate for the community uses.

The Village of San Pierre is one of the younger communities of

Starke County, and no one individual has interested himself in a more public-spirited manner in its growth than Owen Daly. The village has three general stores, a drug store, meat market, grain elevator, three churches, the Catholic, Evangelical and Lutheran, and is the center of a prosperous and thrifty community of people, many of them of foreign birth or ancestry. With the different enterprises which have successively come into San Pierre Mr. Daly has kept in close touch, and can always be relied upon for assistance in any worthy undertaking.

Mr. Daly has had his home in the Village of San Pierre since 1871. He was born near here in Railroad Township, February 14, 1864. His education came largely from the village schools of San Pierre, and in his office of trustee he has done much to furnish the present generation of children with unexcelled school facilities. Under his administration a substantial 6-room schoolhouse was completed at San Pierre, furnishing a course through eleven years and with a corps of six efficient teachers. This is a central school, and Mr. Daly has used his official authority and influence to consolidate in a measure the schools of Railroad Township, having secured the abandonment of four country schools, and the pupils from these districts are now picked up by wagons and brought daily to and from the central school at San Pierre. In the outlying districts are five other schools, one of them having a stone schoolhouse and four of them frame houses.

Mr. Daly is a son of Patrick and Ann (McCaffrey) Daly, whose names should go down in the history of Starke County as worthy pioneers, who were here before the county was organized and who contributed their share of labor to the improvement of this wilderness. Both were born in Ireland, the father in County Cork, and before their marriage they left the old country and located in Canada. The father came over in a sailing vessel, spending eight or nine weeks on the ocean, and arrived in this country in 1842. After their marriage they came to Indiana, locating in Michigan City, and during 1846-47 transferred their home to the unorganized and wilderness section of Starke County. They located on a little tract of land in Railroad Township. Their first home was a log cabin, with very few comforts and conveniences. The cabin home was surrounded by a wilderness of marsh land and dense forests, abounding in wild game of every description, and the father supplied much of the provisions for his table with gun and fishing rod. The second railroad in Indiana was then being constructed, and it was the first road to cross Starke County. At that time it was called the Chicago, Salem & New Albany, and for the past twenty-three years has been the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, or better known as the Monon. In the early days of the Daly settlement the nearest milling and market town was Lafayette, nearly sixty miles to the south. Later a mill was established at Westville, twenty-two miles away. The Daly log cabin, which furnished the first home for the family in Starke County, as a matter of history, is still standing, and now used as a poultry house. Patrick Daly owned eighty acres surrounding this home and had paid \$100 for it. He kept improving it, was a man of thrift and industry, and lived

there until 1871, when he moved into the newly established Village of San Pierre. There he bought and conducted a hotel for the rest of his years. His death occurred in 1884 at the age of fifty-four. His widow survived him and died at the age of eighty-six in 1911. Up to the very last she did her own work in the home, and was a woman of unusual energy and intelligence. Both parents were devout communicants of the Catholic faith. Owen was the youngest of the family of six children. The son James died a bachelor at the age of fifty-two. Mary is the wife of Frank Iten, of Indianapolis, and the mother of a family. Ella is the widow of John Welsh, who died at San Pierre, leaving two children, and she now lives in Fort Wayne. Patrick, Jr., is a resident of San Pierre and by his marriage to Mattie Stowball has five sons and daughters. One child, Sarah, died at the beginning of young womanhood at the age of seventeen.

Owen Daly was married in San Pierre to Maggie Welsh. She was born in Starke County in 1868, daughter of Irish parents, Edward and Margaret (Welsh) Welsh, both of whom died when quite old at San Pierre. Mrs. Daly died at her home in the Daly Hotel in 1898 at the age of thirty years. Her children were: Irene, who was well educated in the San Pierre public schools and died at the age of twenty-one; Nellie, who is now twenty-four years of age, was educated in the high school, and is living at home; Thomas, aged twenty-two, was educated in the public schools and in the South Bend Business College and is now employed with the National Biscuit Company at Danville, Illinois; Owen E., Jr., aged twenty, received his education in the local schools, and is living at home. On September 26, 1900, at San Pierre, Mr. Daly married for his second wife Miss Annie Koza. She was born in the State of Minnesota thirty-six years ago and received her education there and in North Judson. She was fifteen years of age when she came to Starke County with her parents, Thomas and Barbara (Smithmeyer) Koza. Her parents were both natives of Bohemia, and six months after their marriage, in 1871, emigrated to the United States, lived in Chicago at the time of the big fire, and two or three years later went out to the northwestern frontier, living a time in Dakota, and later taking up the homestead claim in Minnesota, and improving a farm in the Red River Valley. After some years in Minnesota the Koza family returned east, lived a time in Virginia, and finally located in North Judson, where the parents are still living, the father at the age of sixty-nine and the mother at sixty-three. Mr. Koza is quite active in local affairs as a democrat, and both he and his wife are active in the Catholic Church. They have eight living children, one son and seven daughters, and all but two of the daughters are married.

Mr. and Mrs. Daly are the parents of three children: Leona, who was born June 23, 1902, and is now in the eighth grade of the village schools; Henrietta, born March 4, 1904, is now in the sixth grade; Elnora, born March 2, 1908, is in the second grade. The family are members of All Saints Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. Daly is a democrat.

WILLIAM J. SOLT, M. D. Not only in his profession as a physician and surgeon, in which he takes rank with the best in Starke County, but also as a public-spirited citizen, Dr. William J. Solt has been one of the leading factors in the village of San Pierre and Railroad Township since he arrived there on June 28, 1900. Doctor Solt is a leader in everything of a community nature, possesses a strong personality, is a strong and vigorous and efficient worker in everything he undertakes, and in the past fifteen years has built up a large and valuable practice, both in and surrounding the village of San Pierre. He is examining physician for a dozen or more local organizations and insurance companies, and outside of his professional work finds time to work with other local citizens in matters affecting the general public interest.

Doctor Solt is a physician of nearly twenty years' active experience, and was in practice at Buck Creek in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, from September 1, 1896, until February 1, 1900. At the latter date he went out to Oklahoma with a view of locating in that territory, but after spending three months looking for a location was dissatisfied with the prospect and returned to Indiana and permanently identified himself with the growing little village of San Pierre. Doctor Solt is a graduate from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore with the class of 1896. He entered the Baltimore college from Carbon County, Pennsylvania, where for some months he had carried on his medical studies with his brother, Dr. T. J. Solt, now deceased.

Doctor Solt comes of an old and prominent Pennsylvania family and was born in Carbon County, that state, February 22, 1870. His early education came from the public schools. His great-grandfather was born in the wilds of Carbon County. His birthplace was in the famous Lehigh Valley near Fort Allen, an eastern post built under the supervision of Benjamin Franklin. The well dug by Franklin at Fort Allen is still open for use. Fort Allen was close to the scenes of the Gnadenhuetten massacre, one of the bloody deeds that stained the annals of Eastern Pennsylvania while the white race was struggling for a foothold in the realms of barbarism. Doctor Solt's great-grandfather was one of the defenders of Fort Allen at that time, and later served as a private in the Revolutionary war. He and his wife spent all their lives in Carbon County, and he died when ninety years of age. His son Daniel, the grandfather of Doctor Solt, also lived in Carbon. The first name of his wife was Maria, and both were born some time after the Revolutionary war. Daniel Solt died in Carbon County at the age of seventy-four and his wife at the age of seventy-three. They were farming people. In religion the Solts were among the early Lutherans of Carbon County, and that religion has been the faith of most of the descendants. Daniel Solt and wife were very active in church affairs. Their children were Francis, who was killed at the battle of Antietam during the Civil war, being unmarried; Paul was also a soldier in the Civil war, returned and married and had a family; Stephen was likewise one of the honored veterans of the war between the states, and is now living in Carbon County at the advanced age of eighty-six. There were several other sons and daughters in the family, all of whom were born in Carbon County.

Solomon Solt, father of Dr. W. J. Solt, was born at the old homestead in Carbon County, April 11, 1826, and died there in 1876, after a career as a farmer. He married Eliza (Young) Ash, who was born in Carbon County, April 26, 1834, of parents also natives of the same state. She died there in October, 1908. Both parents were active members of the Lutheran Church, and were known and held in high esteem all over Franklin Township of their native county. Franklin Township was the scene of the family activities for many years. Politically the men of the Solt family were at first whigs and later republicans.

Solomon Solt and wife were the parents of twelve children, all of whom grew up, as follows: Henry M., who is a trained nurse at Philadelphia, and is married and has children; Eliza is the wife of H. D. Suyner, a real estate man at Parryville, Pennsylvania, and has a family; Samuel D. lives in Oklahoma City, and has two sons, one of whom is in the postoffice department of the Federal Government at Washington; Sarah E. is the wife of Oliver J. Biege, living near Frankfort, Indiana, and has a family; Dr. T. J., who has been previously mentioned; Francis D., who was killed about fifteen years ago in a railway accident, leaving a family of three children; Maria A. is the wife of Irving H. Kresge of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and they have a family of children; Eugene E. lives unmarried at Altoona, Pennsylvania; Laura J. died at the age of twenty-three; William J., who was the tenth in the family; Lillie is the wife of A. F. Youngkin, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and two of her sons are physicians in the United States Navy; George W., who lives at the old Carbon County home.

Dr. William J. Solt was brought up as a republican and was active in that party, but in 1912 joined the new progressive organization, and was recently nominated and elected township trustee of Railroad Township, taking office in January, 1915. He is progressive in citizenship as well as in politics and was the best possible choice for such an important office as that of trustee. Doctor Solt was one of the first of the new progressive party in his township.

Doctor Solt was married in his native county of Pennsylvania to Hattie A. Kresge. She was born in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, August 19, 1871, was reared and educated there, and is a woman whose intelligence, devotion to home and family and active work in social matters have made her a valuable partner to her husband. Her parents were Francis S. and Annetta (Hauk) Kresge, both natives of Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Her father was a Union soldier, one of five brothers, all of whom served through the Civil war. His service continued for four years, and at Fredericksburg he was seriously wounded, but later rejoined his regiment, when he was again wounded and lost a leg in the battle of the Wilderness. He returned home to bring the body of a brother who had been killed in action, and with this sad token of the horror of war presented himself before his widowed mother. The mother of Francis S. Kresge died in 1907 at the extreme age of ninety-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Kresge are still living in Carbon County at their old home, and are now respectively seventy-four and seventy-two

years of age. Mr. Kresge is likewise a supporter of the progressive party in politics.

Doctor Solt and wife are the parents of two children: Ethel M. was born May 1, 1892, is now living at home, having received a good education in the local schools and the Weidner Institute at Mulberry, Indiana. Guy L., who was born February 25, 1895, is a graduate of the high school at Wheatfield, Indiana. Doctor Solt and wife are both members of the Lutheran Church.

JOSEPH A. BYERS. In the death of Joseph A. Byers, which occurred June 5, 1914, Starke County, and particularly the community of Knox, lost a citizen who had contributed largely to its material growth and advancement, to its agricultural prestige, and to its wealth of character and purpose, and who, because of a trained mind and more than ordinary abilities, became a valued factor in the promotion of beneficial movements. He was one of the forecasters of the present prosperity of Knox, and as far as lay in his power lent his hands and brain in aid of a realization of his faith.

Mr. Byers was born in Noble County, Ohio, February 15, 1854, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Beatty) Byers. His father was born in Pennsylvania, February 22, 1799, and belonged to that sturdy and dependable class known as the Pennsylvania Dutch, while the mother came of an honest Irish family and was born in Ireland, August 16, 1818, and came to the United States with her parents when still a young woman, settling in Ohio. In that state she was married to John Byers, February 15, 1838, he having migrated thence as a youth, and there their eleven children were born. In 1863 the family moved to Indiana, taking up their residence in Bartholomew County, but two years later moved to Starke County, locating on new lands in Railroad Township. There the father built the first home, a little log cabin with only the barest necessities. Even at that late day this little home was surrounded by the wildest kind of conditions, and for some years the family larder depended in large part upon the wild "razor-back" hogs that fed upon the moss in the forest and that could be killed by the men of the family. Here the parents and their growing children experienced the various hardships and vicissitudes incidental to pioneer life in any community, but eventually after many hard and laborious years their efforts won success, their little farm of forty acres was put under cultivation, and there Mr. and Mrs. Byers continued to make their home during the remainder of their lives, the father passing away February 2, 1883, and the mother August 7, 1886. They were honorable, Christian people and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his latter life Mr. Byers suffered from the long and arduous toil which had been his portion, and for the last six years was helpless, while during the last three years he was blind. The mother also was an invalid, but both were tenderly cared for by their son, Joseph A., who was with them to the last. Nearly all of their eleven children grew to maturity and were married, but only three are now living. One of the children, William, served

as a private in the Union army during the Civil war, and met a soldier's death on the field of battle. He was unmarried. By a former marriage, John Byers had eight children, making him the father of nineteen in all, but all of these eight children are now deceased.

The youngest but one of his parents' children, Joseph A. Byers was reared on the homestead place, received his education in the district schools and remained at home to care for his father and mother, who were getting feeble in the evening of life. Taking charge of the old homestead in Railroad Township, through good management and energetic effort he was able to increase the family holdings, purchasing three other farms, all of which, however, he sold in 1896. In April of that year he came to Knox and purchased forty acres located near the town, but this he also sold and then purchased an improved property on Main Street, as well as five acres in the Garner Addition, where he was living at the time of his death. He was a man of the strictest integrity in all his business dealings and won and retained the confidence of the people of his community. A republican in politics, he was not an office seeker, but served Railroad Township very efficiently for two terms in the capacity of township trustee. His religious connection was with the Methodist Church. Mr. Byers was a man of superior intelligence, good practical information and strength of character. He possessed remarkable energy and tenacity of purpose, and whatever he undertook he carried through to a successful conclusion. He contributed his full share toward laying the foundations of the material prosperity of Starke County, and during his stirring and busy life the sterling qualities recognized in him commanded the respect of all within the circle of his acquaintance.

On February 5, 1891, Mr. Byers was married in Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Anna Vanek, of Railroad Township, who was born in Bohemia, May 13, 1867, a daughter of James and Anna (Sirpe) Vanek, also natives of Bohemia, and members of old families of that country. Mrs. Vanek died in Bohemia in April, 1875, at the age of thirty-three years, having been the mother of three children who died young and three who survived, the latter being: Mrs. Byers; John, foreman of the coal docks at North Judson, Indiana, who married Elizabeth Vesley and has six children—Joseph, Frank, John, Mary, James and Anna; and Mrs. Mary Bicek, who resides on West Twentieth Street, Chicago, and has nine children—Frank, Anna, Alvina, Mary, Rose, Martin, George, Laddie and Edward. In 1876 James Vanek was married a second time in Bohemia, being united with Barbara Babora, and after the birth of two children, Tony and Josephine, the family in 1880 all came to the United States, making their way via Bremen to New York and thence to Chicago. After seven years they came to Wayne Township, Starke County, Indiana, where the father purchased 123 acres, to which he later added forty acres, and put the land under cultivation, making numerous improvements of a valuable character. This he later traded for Chicago property, and in the latter city he died February 9, 1910, at the age of sixty-eight years, while the widow still survives and is a sixty-year-old

resident of Chicago. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church, and their children were reared in that faith, and in his political views after coming to this country Mr. Vanek was a democrat. Three children were born to them after coming to America: James, Barbara and Frank, all of whom are now married and have children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Byers there were born seven children: Elizabeth, born December 14, 1891, educated at Knox, and now the wife of Earl Bonta of this city; Mary, born April 9, 1893, educated at Knox, married Aloy Morrissey of Fort Recovery, and has one child—Morris W.; Anna, born June 17, 1894, educated at Knox, now the wife of Roy Cox, and a resident at Wheatfield, Indiana; Josephine, born June 14, 1896, who lives at home and is a student in the high school; Jacob, born March 10, 1898, who lives at home and is also a high school student; and Joseph, born November 28, 1899, and John, born May 7, 1905, who are pupils of the graded schools of Knox. Mrs. Byers and two children are members of the Methodist Church.

W. FRED MARQUARDT. A resident of Starke County since his boyhood, Mr. Marquardt has become an honored and influential figure in connection with the furtherance of the industrial and commercial progress and prosperity of this favored section of the state, and is one of the representative business men and public-spirited citizens of the thriving village of North Judson, where he is president and manager of the People's Grain Company, which he maintains and operates as an excellent grain elevator of ample capacity and modern facilities. He is also a successful dealer in coal and wood and in this line controls a substantial business.

Mr. Marquardt has been the general manager of the elevator and grain business at North Judson since October, 1897, the elevator itself having been erected twelve years previously, by the Churchill & White Grain Company, which was succeeded by the present corporation. The elevator has a capacity of 6,000 bushels, with a capacity for the handling of a carload of grain a day, though the average annual shipments of the company are not in excess of fifty carloads. The plant also includes a feed mill of the best modern type, and the company handles and grinds an average of two tons of feed a day. The company has amplified its operation also to include the handling of potatoes and onions by the carload, these being specially important products of Starke County. The business was incorporated under the present title in 1907, the company being a closed corporation and basing its operations on a capital of \$5,000. Its board of directors includes representative and substantial citizens of the county and Mr. Marquardt has been president and manager of the company from the time of its incorporation. He had previously been numbered among the progressive and successful farmers of Wayne Township and left the farm to identify himself with the important business enterprise of which he is now the executive head.

Mr. Marquardt was a lad of five years at the time his parents established their residence on a farm in Wayne Township, and there he was reared to manhood, the while he gained practical and valuable experience

in all departments of farm enterprise. He eventually became the owner of one of the excellent farms of that township, and he sold his property at the time of assuming his present business associations.

Mr. Marquardt was born in Altpitsin, West Prussia, on the 1st of February, 1876, the family having been established in that part of the great Empire of Germany for many generations and the major number of its representatives having been prosperous exponents of the great basic industry of agriculture, while the family has held to the faith of the Lutheran Church from the time of the Reformation. Mr. Marquardt is a son of Frederick and Caroline (Saske) Marquardt, the latter having been at the time of her marriage to Frederick Marquardt a widow. Her first husband was John Grabav, and concerning their children the following brief data are entered: John, Jr., was a resident of Dolton, Illinois, at the time of his death; Charles died in the City of Chicago; Tillie is the wife of Augustus Spenner, of North Judson, and they have two sons and two daughters; Tilda is a widow and she and her only son, Victor Heine, reside at New York City. Frederick and Caroline (Saske) Marquardt have but one child, W. Fred, of this review, and they are now nearing the age of fourscore years, being sterling and popular citizens of North Judson, where they are living in gracious quietude and in the enjoyment of the rewards of former years of earnest endeavor.

In 1882 Frederick Marquardt came with his family to America, the children of his wife by her first marriage having all accompanied them on the voyage from Hamburg to New York City. After their arrival in the United States they soon came to Starke County, Indiana, and here Frederick Marquardt purchased a farm of eighty acres in section 3, Wayne Township, his only son, W. Fred, having eventually purchased a tract of equal area in the same locality. There they were associated in the carrying forward of a most progressive enterprise in diversified farming and stockgrowing until 1907, when the son accepted his present official position as manager of the elevator and grain business at North Judson, where his parents simultaneously established their residence and where his father has since lived retired. This venerable citizen is a staunch adherent of the democratic party and both he and his wife are devout communicants of the Lutheran Church. Their only son, to whom this sketch is dedicated, remains with them and accords to them the deepest filial solicitude and, as a bachelor, being specially appreciative of the gracious home associations. He likewise is a communicant of the Lutheran Church but holds different political faith from that of his father, as he gives his allegiance to the republican party.

HERMAN A. HINE. One of the public-spirited citizens of San Pierre is Herman A. Hine, who has been closely identified with business interests at that village since March, 1890, a period of a quarter of a century. San Pierre is one of the centers of foreign population largely in Starke County, and Mr. Hine, who himself was born in Europe, has taken a ranking position as one of the leading men in that section. He is the owner of land and houses and in many ways has made himself a useful factor.

Herman A. Hine was born at Kalmar, Posen, Germany, March 18, 1859. His father, John Hine, was born and reared and married in his native Province of Posen, and all the four children were born in that country. The other three children are named: Julius, who is married and is one of the successful citizens of Jasper County, Indiana, and has a family of two sons and two daughters; Henrietta is the wife of Julius Blasine, who is a veteran of the Civil war, and is now living at Michigan City, Laporte County, where he and his wife have four sons and two daughters; Christine is the wife of Gus Reetz, and they now live at Michigan City in Laporte County, where Mr. Reetz is a carpenter and has a family of two sons and three daughters.

It was in 1863 that the Hine family left Germany and in a sailing vessel crossed the ocean to New York City. They came direct to Indiana, locating first in Michigan City, but several years later settled on land in Laporte County, and in 1875 removed to Jasper County, where the father continued his work as a farmer until his death in 1879 at the age of sixty-three. His wife died some years later when past sixty. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was in politics a democrat.

Herman A. Hine was still young when his parents located in Jasper County, and after getting his education he went to Chicago, and passed his twenty-first birthday in that city. During 1880-81 Mr. Hine was a resident of Chicago, and then went out to the State of Minnesota and homesteaded land and followed farming for a year. In 1882 returning to Indiana he located in Marshall County and found employment with the Nickel Plate Railway. Eighteen months later he went to Garrett in DeKalb County, and finally to Andrews in Huntington County, and for more than seven years was a faithful and efficient employe of the Wabash Railway. He lived for two years in the City of Lafayette, and while there, in 1888, married Cena Luken. Mrs. Hine was born in Oldenburg, Germany, in 1868, and a year later her family emigrated to the United States and located near San Pierre in Starke County. Her father, Herman Luken, was one of the early settlers in Railroad Township of Starke County, locating on a brush farm and improving and clearing and providing a home for himself and adding something to the area of cultivated farm land in this county. He was seventy-one years of age at the time of his death, and his wife had passed away some years before. The Lukens were Lutherans in religion and in politics he was a democrat.

Mr. Hine and wife are members of the Lutheran Church and he is a democrat. Their children are: Mary, the wife of Arthur Marshall, ticket agent for the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railway at Snyder, Indiana, and they have a daughter aged eighteen months; Elizabeth, who like her sister was well educated in the public schools, is now eighteen years of age; Raymond is fourteen years old and is now attending the seventh grade of the public schools. Practically everyone in Railroad Township knows and esteems Mr. Hine and his family, and he is readily recognized as one of the leaders of that little community.

JOHN DOLEZAL. The largest general merchandise store in San Pierre is conducted by John Dolezal & Company, the company consisting of Mr. Dolezal's enterprising young sons, who are both well trained and efficient young business men. Mr. Dolezal throughout his active career in business has believed in honest merchandise and honest methods of handling it, and with this statement the cause of his success is not far to seek. At San Pierre he carries a large line of staple stock of every variety of goods for the local demand. His merchandise is well arranged and he has brought to this thriving little village of Starke County the commercial methods and system acquired by his long metropolitan experience in Chicago. His store building is 32 by 100 feet and his merchandise has 6,000 feet of floor space, besides a ware room. Most of his stock is carried on the main floor, while the second floor is devoted to house furnishing supplies. Besides other goods he carries shelf hardware, farm implements and other supplies for the farming trade. In a nearby plant the firm manufacture drain tile and cement blocks.

Mr. Dolezal came to San Pierre and bought the large store and its stock in 1898. The business had previously been conducted under several ownerships, but for more than fifteen years Mr. Dolezal has been the active head and has built up a business which in proportions and value of trade will compare favorably with any establishment of the kind in Starke County. Prior to his coming here Mr. Dolezal was twenty-five years a merchant tailor in Chicago, having a fine business on the West Side. He was a custom tailor, and being a practical workman in that line himself developed a paying business and had a large trade in his district of Chicago.

John Dolezal came to Chicago in 1874, when a very young man. He learned his trade in Bohemia, and was employed as a journeyman for several years before setting up in business for himself. John Dolezal was born near the City of Prague August 19, 1859, and was reared and educated there and served a thorough apprenticeship. His father, Albert Dolezal, spent all his life in Bohemia and was of a good substantial family of that country. He died in 1867 when forty-five years of age. Albert Dolezal married Anna Sima. After his death she and her son and a daughter, Anna, took passage at Bremen and after a long voyage landed at Baltimore and went direct to Chicago. The mother died ten years later at Freeport, Illinois, at the age of seventy-five. She and her family were all communicants of the Catholic Church. The daughter, Anna, is the wife of Frank Gray, a carpenter and mechanic, and a number of years ago they left Chicago and now live in Idaho, having a family of three sons and five daughters, seven of whom are married.

John Dolezal was married in Chicago to Sophia Rouch, who was born in Illinois and died at San Pierre in 1904 at the age of thirty-five. She was a member of the Catholic Church. Her children were seven in number: Josephine is the wife of Joseph Cesal, a farmer near San Pierre, and their children are George, Blanch, Otto and Ellen. Henry, who is a bookkeeper in Chicago, married Antoinette Welsh and has a son Elmer aged five years. Rosa is the wife of John Kehler, of San Pierre,

and they have a daughter Monica. Otto, who was well educated, is now his father's partner, a busy young man of twenty-three, and a member of the Masonic order in both the Lodge and Royal Arch chapter. Bessie, who like her brothers and sisters was educated in the public and parochial schools, married Harry Stalbaum, lives at Tefft, Indiana, and has a son Virgil. John, who is now twenty years of age and has been well trained in business and is associated with his father and brother in the merchandise establishment at San Pierre was educated in two different schools and gives promise of a bright career as a business man. The younger child, Helen, is now sixteen years of age and has finished her education in the local schools.

Mr. Dolezal married for his second wife at San Pierre Mrs. Anna (Gray) Dousek, the widow of Frank Dousek. She was born and reared and educated in Milwaukee and lived in Chicago until after the death of her husband. By her first marriage she has a daughter Pauline, now twenty-five years of age, and the wife of Jesse Eberhardt of San Pierre. Mr. and Mrs. Dolezal have one son Robert, aged nine years, and now attending the local schools. Mr. Dolezal and his grown sons are republicans in politics, and fraternally he is affiliated with the lodge of Masons at North Judson and with the subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows in Chicago. The family is well known in Railroad Township, and Mr. Dolezal through his success in business and his well known public spirit was elected by the vote of his fellow citizens in November, 1914, to a seat in the county council.

FREDERICK J. WEINKAUF. One of the most highly esteemed citizens of Railroad Township is Frederick J. Weinkauf, who for more than twenty years has been a resident of San Pierre, and in business at that village. Mr. Weinkauf recently surrendered the office of postmaster of San Pierre, to which he was appointed as a fourth class postmaster under President McKinley's administration in 1900. A good business man, he exercised his duties as postmaster in such a manner as to please all the patrons of the office, and left a clean record behind him. The San Pierre office has one rural delivery route which was established in 1907. Since that time the mail has been carried by Mr. F. M. Smith, who has made his daily journey of twenty-six miles for the past eight years, the only irregularity in the operation of the route having been during the first two or three weeks. In July, 1914, Mr. Weinkauf turned over the affairs of the office to the present postmaster, Mary I. Dolezal. Mr. Weinkauf came to San Pierre in the fall of 1893, and established himself in business as a general merchant. He now has a good store, carrying a stock of groceries and general notions.

Frederick J. Weinkauf was born in New York City November 13, 1874, but has lived in Starke County since he was two years of age. His education came from the public schools near San Pierre in Railroad Township. His parents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Weinkauf, who were born in Germany, of an old and respected family that for several generations had lived at Setnow. Fredrick Weinkauf Sr. and

wife came to America as young people and at about the same date, locating about 1868 at Wanatah in Laporte County, where they were married. They had been acquainted with each other in Germany. After the birth of two children, Emial and Alvina, they left Laporte County and went east to New York City. While living there Frederick J. and his sister Elizabeth were born, the latter on May 8, 1876. In the fall of the latter year the family returned to Indiana, locating on a small farm in section 18 of Railroad Township. In this township the other five children were born, namely: Emma, who died young; Ida, now the wife of H. A. Smith, who lives near the old home in Railroad Township and has one son; Lydia, wife of John Hanke, a farmer in Railroad Township, and they have three children; William, who died when fourteen years old; Samuel, who is married and has a family of sons and lives at Courtenay, North Dakota. The oldest child, Emial, is a prosperous farmer living on the old home in Railroad Township, and has two sons and four daughters. Alvina, the second child, died when a girl, and the daughter Elizabeth died at the age of sixteen. The father of this family died on the farm in Starke County in the fall of 1898 at the age of fifty. His widow subsequently married a Mr. Michael, and they live in San Pierre. In religion the Weinkaufs were Lutherans in Germany, and are now associated with the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

Frederick J. Weinkauf was married in Railroad Township January 25, 1900, to Julia Luken, who was born on the old Luken farm in Railroad Township June 4, 1879, and was reared and well educated in the local schools. Her parents were Herman Luken and wife, and her brother Henry Luken is now county treasurer of Starke County, and the family have been prosperous farmers in Railroad Township for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Weinkauf have one son, Kenneth Willard, who was born December 3, 1913. Mr. Weinkauf and wife worship in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and politically he upholds the republican party.

WILLIAM SWEITZER, Sr. Hardly seventeen years have passed since William Sweitzer located in Starke County. At that time he was a young man of twenty years, possessed an education somewhat above the average, had had some training as a farmer and possessed a general knowledge of business, but so far as position and capital were concerned was on the bottom-round of the ladder. In the little Village of San Pierre he has made a success as a hay dealer, also in the handling of agricultural implements, and the surplus from business has gone from time to time in land investments, and he now owns and operates one of the valuable farms of Railroad Township. From every consideration his has been an exceedingly successful career.

William Sweitzer, Sr., was born on the banks of the Mississippi River at Winona, Minnesota, January 1, 1878. His earlier American ancestors lived in Pennsylvania, but his father, Mathew Sweitzer, was a native of Minnesota and spent all his career in that state, where he was a farmer and later in the hotel business. He died when past sixty years of age, and his wife lived to about the same age.

William Sweitzer grew up and was educated in Minnesota, completing his schooling at a college in Teutopolis, Illinois. In 1898 he came to San Pierre and began dealing in hay and supplying agricultural implements to the surrounding farming district. The hay industry has been an important factor of activities at the Village of San Pierre. It is the market point for the thousands of tons of wild hay raised on the marsh land in that section of the county, and there has been a growing demand for this commodity both for feeding and for packing purposes. Mr. Sweitzer carries on a large business in the buying and shipping of baled hay, and has handled between 100 and 250 carloads annually. He is the chief dealer in that locality in agricultural implements, and carries a large stock representing the standard machinery suitable to the needs of this section. In addition to his business in town Mr. Sweitzer owns and operates 390 acres of land in Railroad Township.

Mr. Sweitzer married at San Pierre Ida Zabel, who was born thirty-four years ago in Chicago, grew up and was educated there, and was still a young woman when her parents located in San Pierre. Both her parents were of German birth and ancestry, were married in the old country, and on coming to the United States settled in Chicago, and finally moved to San Pierre. Mrs. Sweitzer's mother died at San Pierre in 1908 at the age of fifty-five. Her father, Frederick Zabel, a few years ago went South and is now living at Mercedes in extreme Southern Texas, being now past sixty years of age. The Zabel family were members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweitzer have a fine family of growing children: Evelyn, fifteen years of age and now in the first year of high school; Esther, aged fourteen, and also in the first year of high school; William, Jr., attending the seventh grade of the public schools; Leroy, a first grade pupil; and Frederick, aged four years. Politically Mr. Sweitzer is a republican.

SIMON E. CLAWSON. One of the younger citizens of Starke County, Simon E. Clawson, is furnishing a capable and energetic service in San Pierre as the passenger and freight agent for the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railway. This road is one of the numerous branches of the New York Central Lines, and San Pierre is one of the busy traffic centers in Starke County. Mr. Clawson has spent practically all his active career in railroad service, and has been located at San Pierre for eight years. The first three years were spent as telegraph operator, and since then he has also performed the duties of freight and passenger agent. He is a well disciplined railroad man, is industrious, quietly efficient, and has the thorough fidelity and dependableness which are the best qualities in a railroad man.

Simon E. Clawson was born at San Pierre March 12, 1891, and was reared and educated in the local public schools. He was sixteen years of age when he went to work for the railroad company and soon proved himself worthy of responsible duties. Mr. Clawson is a son of Jesse W. and Augusta (Miller) Clawson. Both parents are natives of Indiana,

his father born in Jasper County in October, 1868, and his mother in Pulaski County in January, 1873. Both came from Ohio parentage. The Clawson grandparents came from Preble County, Ohio, and were early settlers in Jasper County. Grandfather Clawson finally removed from Jasper to Starke County, and died here. Grandfather Miller lived in San Pierre until his death about twenty-five years ago, and his widow is still living there, and in 1915 will pass her seventy-second birthday. The Clawsons were members of the Methodist Church while the Millers were German Lutheran people.

After their marriage in Starke County Jesse W. Clawson and wife engaged in farming for several years, but since 1906 he has been section foreman for the railway, having supervision of the repair and upkeep of five miles of the railroad in the vicinity of San Pierre. He has his home in that village. Both are members of the Methodist Church, and he was formerly a republican but is now identified with the progressive movement in politics.

Simon E. Clawson is the oldest of six children. The others are mentioned as follows: William A., who died in infancy; Bertha L., who was educated at San Pierre, in the North Judson High School and in Terre Haute State Normal, and is now a teacher; Orlyn J., who graduated from the North Judson High School in the class of 1915; Elizabeth C., in the second year of high school; and Guy L., attending the public schools in the fifth grade. The four older children are members of the Evangelical Church. Simon E. Clawson is independent in his political activities, and is affiliated with the blue lodge of Masons at North Judson, and with the Modern Woodmen of America at Tefft.

JOHN H. WATTS. One of North Judson's progressive and enterprising business men is John H. Watts, of the firm of Peterson & Watts, druggists. This firm succeeded Frank Eatinger in the business and have a well stocked and equipped store on Lane Street, in a building 24 by 75 feet, filled with standard lines of drugs, also sundries and other stock usually found in a modern drug store. They have built up and maintain a fine trade and the business is now in its tenth year under the present management. Mr. Watts is a licensed pharmacist, having attended the pharmacy department of Valparaiso University, and is an expert in his line, and a good business builder and public spirited citizen.

Mr. Watts received his early education in the high school at Bristol, Indiana, with the class of 1895, and since leaving school has had a varied and active career. He learned the trade of cigar maker, and worked as a journeyman and also as an individual manufacturer for several years. In January, 1899, he enlisted in the regular army, with the Nineteenth Regiment of Infantry, as a private. This regiment went to Porto Rico, and he remained there four months under Colonel Wood and General Chaffee. Under the command of another colonel he went with the regiment to the Philippine Islands, and remained on duty in the Pacific until his return to San Francisco and honorable discharge February 24, 1902. He thus had three years of army life. In Porto Rico his regiment per-

formed mostly general garrison duty, but after its transfer to the Philippines had some hot skirmishes with the revolutionists in those islands. Though engaged in several frays in the Philippines Mr. Watts escaped unhurt, and with the exception of one month spent in hospital was on duty all the time. After leaving the army Mr. Watts engaged in cigar manufacturing at North Judson and Nappanee, Indiana, and from that graduated into the drug business.

John H. Watts was born in Elkhart, Indiana, February 14, 1874, and when five years of age his parents, John G. and Harriet (Zahner) Watts, removed to Bristol in Elkhart County. His father was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio, and the great-grandfather Watts came from England and established the name in Pennsylvania in the early days. John G. Watts was a son of Pennsylvanians, and his father died there when the son John G. was quite young. John G.'s mother lived to be eighty-nine years of age, and died in Pennsylvania. After removing to Bristol John G. Watts followed his trade as carpenter and also engaged in farming in that section of Elkhart County and died at Bristol in 1893 at the age of sixty-seven. His wife passed away in March, 1902, when about three score years of age. They were members of the Methodist Church and in politics he was a democrat. There were four sons and two daughters in the family, and one of the daughters died at the age of four years, while the rest are all married and have children of their own.

John H. Watts, who is the third child and son, was married in North Judson December 23, 1905, to Miss Hattie Peterson. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 13, 1887, but was reared and educated in North Judson. She is a sister of Gustave Napoleon Peterson, a sketch of whom and his family will be found on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Watts have one son, John H. Jr., born February 7, 1907, and now attending school at North Judson. Mrs. Watts is a member of the Methodist Church, and he is affiliated with North Judson Lodge No. 484, A. F. & A. M., and politically is identified with the republican party.

SAMUEL BEATTY. Three decades have passed since the death of Samuel Beatty, October 22, 1884, yet evidences of his sojourn abound in Starke County, where during his day he was one of his locality's best known and most influential citizens. His was a singularly successful career, characterized by active and prosperous participation in a number of fields of endeavor, as well as by faithful public service over a period of years when the rapid development and many needs of the county necessitated the presence of strong and conscientious men in public positions. His life is now but a wholesome memory, but the things which he accomplished are still benefiting the present generation, and his record on the history of Starke County will live as an example worthy of emulation.

Mr. Beatty was born in Carroll County, Ohio, April 7, 1819, a member of an old family of Pennsylvania, in which state his parents were born. Their names are not now remembered, but it is known that they

were married in the Keystone State, went to Ohio shortly thereafter, and there spent long and useful lives. Among their children were: Samuel, Robert, Cassandra, who married a Mr. Van Horn; and Rachel, who became the wife of Harrison Wyant, all born and reared in Ohio and there married. There Mr. Van Horn died and left his wife with eight children, and she, with her sister and brothers, came to Grant County, Indiana, and settled in or about Marion. There she married a second time Scott Freeman, and like her brothers and sister settled down to farming in Grant County, and there died when past middle life. Robert Beatty was married three times, and had children by both his first and second wives.

Samuel Beatty was one of the younger of his parents' children, some of whom had died in Ohio, and grew up on the home farm in his native county, where he was married the first time to Mary Cogan, who died after coming to Indiana, leaving a family of children including Mrs. Austin Dial; and Oliver, who met an accidental death in falling from a train at Indianapolis, Indiana. After the death of his first wife, in 1840, Mr. Beatty was married the second time, September 17, 1855, to Mrs. Margaret (Jones) Morris, who was born in Whitley County, Kentucky, on the Cumberland River, November 7, 1827, and was one year old when taken to what is now Grant County, Indiana, by her parents William and Nancy (Conner) Jones. Nancy (Conner) Jones was a daughter of Lewis Conner, a native of South Carolina, and of Irish parentage, the name in Ireland having been spelled O'Conner. He married Margaret McClarren, who was born in Scotland, of the old clan of that name and of a fine family belonging to the gentry. Mrs. Conner, who was a woman of exceptional qualities, came with her parents to America as a child of seven years, the family locating in South Carolina, where she met and married Mr. Conner. After their union they came with their children to Grant County, Indiana, in the late '20s, being among the earliest pioneers of that part of the state, where they were well and favorably known, and where they passed away well advanced in years. Mrs. Conner was known as a woman of much genius in her work at home, planning her own looms and making many kinds of woven cloth by hand after the manner of the early days, and of the finest texture. She was also noted for her bright, clear eyes and active mind, characteristics inherited by her granddaughter, Mrs. Beatty.

When Mr. and Mrs. Jones came to Grant County, Indiana, that part of the country was still a reserve, and they settled down to live among the Indians. The father secured wild land where the present City of Marion now stands, although at that time there was little to indicate that this would be one day a center of thriving business activity. They were still young people, the father having been born November 10, 1803, and the mother July 22, 1804, both in North Carolina, and the latter had come to Wayne County, Indiana, when young. The father had come up to visit a sister, and thus met and married, and they later returned to Kentucky, where their son, Nelson, and their daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Beatty), were born. The first home in the new and wild territory, sur-

rounded by the forests filled with game of all kinds and the tribes of friendly Indians, was a little, one-room log cabin. The father was noted for his industry and energetic habits, and when he had cultivated a property replaced the original residence with a more pretentious structure. He also purchased a second farm, and when this land was all given over to building lots for the city, he bought a third farm in Franklin Township, and there continued to follow farming during the remainder of his active career. Mr. and Mrs. Jones died within a week and a day of each other, in 1880. They were devoted Methodists all of their lives, and the father was a leader in the music of the church and was a man so beloved that it is said he did not have an enemy in the world. For years a whig, when the republican party was formed, he joined that organization and remained faithful to its principles as long as he lived.

After their marriage and the birth of six children, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty came to Knox, in 1859, he having traded for land in the corporation and a store, stock of goods, home and cattle. From that time he was engaged in trading, farming and practicing law until his death. At one time probably every man in the county was personally acquainted with Mr. Beatty, so extensive had been his trading interests among them, and his name was at all times synonymous with honorable dealing and strict integrity. He was for long years an active republican, represented Starke, Pulaski and St. Joseph counties in the State Legislature for two terms, was a justice of the peace for a number of years, and held various other offices. His religious connection was with the Methodist Church, and he lived up to its teachings.

Since the death of Mr. Beatty, Mrs. Beatty has continued to make her home at Knox, residing in a handsome nine-room house on South Main Street. She is probably the best known woman in the city, is kinswoman to a great many of the best known people of Starke County, and is affectionately known everywhere as Aunt Beatty. She has contributed materially to the development of this section of the country by improving and cultivating farming lands, and has also been active in religious work, being the oldest member of the Methodist Church. A woman of true Christian character, her declining years are being passed in peace, joy and happiness, and although now eighty-seven years of age is still enjoying excellent health. By her first marriage she was the mother of four children, namely: Alva, who is the widow of Robert Bender Leander, who died in 1914 in Seattle, Washington, leaving a widow and four children; Arena, who is the wife of Joseph Lansing Garner, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and has a family; and Louise, who is the wife of George Swartzel, of Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Beatty were the parents of the following children: William, who married and is deceased, as is his wife, and left one son, Ora, a druggist and prominent oil operator of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, who is married; Rachel, who became the wife of Frank Robinson, and is now deceased; Ella, who is the wife of George Treaver, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Betty, who resides with her mother; and Charley, who was employed on the C. I. S. Railway, and was accidentally killed when eighteen

years of age, when his foot caught in a frog switch and his own train ran him down. Miss Betty Beatty has been in the bondage of deafness from early childhood, but this remarkably active woman has not allowed this handicap to interfere with her usefulness or her enjoyment of life. She is excellently educated and is a fluent conversationalist, having perfected herself in the art of lip reading.

WILLIAM C. SPOOR. For nearly three-quarters of a century one of the best-known families of Starke County has been that bearing the name of Spoor. Its members braved the hardships and privations of the wild, unbroken land among the earliest settlers of this part of the great Hoosier State, and have at all times been looked upon as men and women of industry and honorable dealings, who have contributed in large degree to the development and growth of this section.

A worthy representative of this family was the late William C. Spoor. Four years of age when brought to Starke County, the remainder of his active career was passed here in the pursuits of the soil, and when he died, June 16, 1907, his community lost one who in many ways had helped in the advancement of its movements. During a long and honorable career he watched the remarkable and interesting transformation of the wilderness into a center of agricultural, educational and religious activity, and faithfully he played his part in the labor that made this development possible. Mr. Spoor was born in Ohio, January 30, 1836, a son of Thomas and Marilda Spoor, also natives of the Buckeye State, of German ancestry. Several years after their marriage they came with their small family to Indiana, settling first in North Bend Township, and then on a wild property in section 7, California Township, where the father had taken up land about 1840. Here they found wild game in abundance, and soon the father and sons developed into excellent marksmen, thus being able to contribute to the family larder all manner of fresh game. One of the feet of the last deer to fall before William C. Spoor's unerring aim is still a highly-prized trophy of the family. The life of the family in the early days was similar to that of other pioneers. Only the barest of necessities of life were obtainable, and comforts and conveniences were not to be thought of. Yet the early settlers were a sturdy, rugged and cheerful lot, laboring onward, happy in the knowledge that they were making a home for their families and that they were aiding in the work of civilization. As the years passed, Thomas and Marilda Spoor, with the aid of their children, succeeded in developing a good farm and furnishing a comfortable home. Of a very hospitable and generous nature, they entertained their many friends from all over this part of the county, and also reared many poor children who sought their place as a home, some of the latter being married from the Spoor homestead. It is doubtful if any of the pioneer couples of Starke County were more generally esteemed and beloved. Devout members of the Universalist Church, they lived as such, and their lives proved an inspiration to all with whom they came into contact. Mr. Spoor was always a stanch friend of education and built the first schoolhouse in California Town-

ship, a wooden structure known as the Spoor schoolhouse, which still bears his name although the original building has been replaced by a modern brick edifice, which is now known as Spoor School District No. 3. Mr. Spoor was prominent locally as a republican, and served very capably in the capacity of justice of the peace for eighteen years. The first ballot-box of the township election, used when he was judge of election, is still in the family's possession, a wooden receptacle about the size of a shoe box, unpainted and unvarnished, with a slot in the top and a lock on the side. Six children were born to this worthy and sturdy old pioneer couple: William C., of this review; Mrs. Lovisa Hepner, the wife of Mathias Hepner of Knox, both among the oldest born people of Starke County; Thomas Filmore, a resident of the State of California; Helen, who is the widow of A. C. Wilhelm, now residing with Mrs. Spoor, at Knox; Della, deceased, who was the wife of J. West Seagraves, living at Knox; and Clara, who is the wife of Daniel Hildrebrand, a farmer of California Township.

William C. Spoor was reared on the home farm, amid pioneer surroundings, and secured his educational training in the primitive hewed log and frame schoolhouses so familiarly known to the pioneers of Indiana. He was married in this township to Miss Henrietta German, who died when between thirty-five and forty years of age, leaving six children: Julius, Clarence, Hilda, Thomas, Verna and Orris, of whom all are living, and all are married and have families. Mr. Spoor was again married in this township to Miss Lois I. Loring, who was born at Indianvillage, Miami County, Indiana, October 9, 1858, residing there when the Indians of the Miami tribe were numerous at that point and were near neighbors of her family. When she was seven years of age she was brought to Railroad Township, near English Lake, Starke County, by her parents, Edward and Rhoda (Harshman) Loring, who located on a new farm as pioneers and there made a good home and continued to reside upon it until their deaths, the father passing away in his fifty-sixth year, while the mother was fifty-three at the time of her demise. They were members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Loring was a democrat, his good education leading him to be chosen as a campaign speaker on many occasions. He was a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wiley) Loring, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ireland, who were married in Ohio and not long thereafter located among the Indians of Miami County, Indiana, but in the '50s removed to Starke County, where they became widely and favorably known. He died there during his eightieth year, while Mrs. Loring was ninety years of age when she passed away. They were members of the Christian Church, and Mr. Loring was an active democrat in his political views.

Not only did Mrs. Spoor rear the six children of her husband's first marriage, but also six children of her own, the latter being as follows: Everett L., a widower, has two children, Merle and Helen; Forest, also at home and engaged in cultivating his mother's 55-acre farm, married Chloe Tannehill, and has three children, Wade and Lyman and Linas, twins; Della, who is the wife of Ernest Coleman, of South Bend, Indiana,

and has a son, Darwin; Madge, who is the wife of Lloyd Lamberson, a bookkeeper in South Bend, Indiana, and has a son, Wayne; Benjamin, who is a stone mason contractor of Knox, married Laura Lewis, the daughter of William Lewis, and has one little daughter, Methol; and Orpha, sixteen years of age, who graduated from the graded schools in the class of 1913. The mother of these children is a devout member of the Free Methodist Church, and has been active and helpful in its movements. She has many friends throughout this part of the county.

JAMES M. WHITE. The career of a dutiful, honorable and upright man, a gallant soldier, a thorough and diligent business man and a useful, intelligent and patriotic citizen, is illustrated in the enviable life record of James M. White, one of the old and honored retired residents of Knox. The great prosperity which, on the whole, has attended the Union during the past half a century, is principally due to the fact that this comparatively long period of peace has enabled the various branches of industry to develop the natural wealth of the country. Following the close of the great struggle between the North and the South the nation has been united, each part contributing to the prosperity and advancement of every other section. So it is that great honor is due to those who upheld the country in its hour of need and made the supremacy of the country possible in various fields of endeavor. Of this class of men James M. White is a worthy representative.

Mr. White was born in the southeastern part of Chester County, Pennsylvania, about eight miles from the states of Delaware and Maryland, October 8, 1834, and is a son of Seneca and Sarah (Miller) White. His father was born April 28, 1799, in Pennsylvania, of Irish ancestry, while the mother was born of German stock, in Chester County, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1802. Her father, Solomon Miller, was a soldier during the Revolutionary war, through which he was the driver of the headquarters team of Gen. George Washington. When the war was closed he returned to Pennsylvania and there passed the remaining years of a long and active life in following the trade of stone mason.

Seneca White grew to manhood in Chester County, where he learned as a youth the trade of shoemaker, married in his native county, and there resided until 1872, when he came to Porter County, Indiana, making his home at Hebron until his death in January, 1874, while Mrs. White survived him until October, 1885, and died in the faith of the Methodist Church. The father was originally a whig and later a republican, but was not an office seeker, being content to round out his life as an industrious business man and good citizen. Seneca and Sarah White became the parents of the following children: Joseph, born in 1825, became a blacksmith and died in advanced age in Pennsylvania, leaving a family; John, a wheelwright and carpenter, and a soldier in the Civil war, died in Pennsylvania, leaving a family; William, a blacksmith, who died at Hebron, Indiana, left one foster child; Richard, a blacksmith and farmer, lived and died in Pennsylvania, had ten chil-

dren and numerous grandchildren; James M., of this review; Mary J., who died at the age of fourteen years; Washington, who learned the blacksmith trade and early left home; and Rachel Ann, who married for her first husband Thomas Hill, and had one child, and now lives with her second husband, Jacob Hill, a brother of Thomas, at Chester, Pennsylvania.

James M. White was given ordinary educational advantages in the schools of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and was seventeen years of age when he embarked upon his career. Going to Maryland, he there learned the tinner's trade, which he completed at Wilmington, Delaware, and following this for some years did journeyman work at various places. In 1860 he came to Porter County, Indiana, where with his brother William he entered land, but in the following year went to Chicago to follow his trade and was located in that city when the great Civil war broke across the country in all its fury. At the first call for troops Mr. White enlisted in Company E, Nineteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, known as the Highland Guard, a Scotch organization of Chicago. Companies A, C, D, E, G and K, as subsequently designated in the Nineteenth Regiment, Col. John B. Turchin, all of them from Chicago, were sworn into the state service at Springfield, May 4, 1861, and being thence ordered to Chicago, June 3, were organized with other companies as a regiment, and sworn into the United States service for three years, June 17. The Nineteenth Regiment was first under Col. John B. Turchin, afterwards brigadier-general, in various expeditions in Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee, scouting, guarding railroads, engaging the enemy, and doing good service. Its first regular battle was that of Stone River, where its brave commander, Col. Joseph R. Scott, who had succeeded Turchin, was mortally wounded. It lost in this bloody engagement, including Capt. Knowlton F. Chandler, fourteen killed, eighty-three wounded, and eleven missing. Among the wounded were Captains Murchison and Garriott, and Lieutenants Hunter and Bell. At the stubborn conflict of Chickamauga the Nineteenth was in the thickest of the fight, and sustained a loss of ten killed, forty-five wounded and sixteen missing. It also lost two killed and fourteen wounded at Missionary Ridge. It participated in the Atlanta campaign until June 8, 1864, when it returned to Chicago and was mustered out June 9th. General Stanley said of this regiment, in a communication to Governor Yates of Illinois: "It has done its whole duty—has borne its share of danger and toil and come off the field with honor."

After its enlistment the regiment was sent at once to Missouri, thence to Kentucky, and then on to Cincinnati and Louisville, Kentucky. It was while on this trip that occurred one of the great tragedies of the war, for while the second section of the train bearing the regiment was crossing Beaver Creek, in Indiana, the bridge went down under the strain, precipitating many of those in the second section into the waters below, and killing thirty-two soldiers, who were buried the following day at Cincinnati. In this accident Mr. White had a very narrow escape. The moving order having been countermanded, the regiment went to Chicka-

mauga, participating in that battle under General Rosecrans, and later to Chattanooga, where the regiment was bottled up by the enemy and compelled to battle its way out. The great part taken by the Nineteenth in the battle of Missionary Ridge is shown in the bas-relief on the monument of that point. After being mustered out of service Mr. White went to Wilmington, Delaware, and veteranized in Philadelphia, becoming a member of the Third United States Veteran Volunteers, in the regular service. Enlisting for one year, the greater part of this time was spent in guard duty at Springfield, Illinois, and there he was mustered out of the service in March, 1866. In all his service to his country covered a period of four years and three months, and was characterized at all times by devotion to duty and brave and gallant behavior during action.

Returning to Porter County, Indiana, Mr. White was engaged in following his trade until 1891, when he came to Knox and established a tin and hardware store, which he conducted until 1904, when he retired to his pleasant home which he had built on coming here, a comfortable residence at the corner of Shields and New York streets. He also contributed to the building growth of Knox by the erection of a good business block, 20 by 100 feet, next to the Fitz Hotel, on Main Street, the lower floor used for store purposes and the upper part by a hotel. During his long and active business career, Mr. White established a reputation for honorable dealing and adherence to the highest business ethics, and everywhere he is held in high esteem because of his honorable career. He is a republican in his political views, but has not sought public preferment, and was member and officer of Hebron Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and a member of the Nineteenth Regimental Club, of Chicago. With his family he attends the Methodist Church at Knox.

Mr. White was married in Porter County, Indiana, in 1867, to Miss Margaret J. Margeson, who was born in Decatur County, Indiana, August 4, 1855, and was brought to Porter County when seven years of age by her parents, Isaac and Mary (Lemmon) Margeson, natives of Ohio, who were married in Decatur County, Indiana, where their six children were all born, and two sons and two daughters were subsequently born after the parents removed to Porter County, Indiana. Mr. Margeson bought a farm just across the line into Lake County, and continued to operate it until his death, August 4, 1881, when sixty-eight years of age, Mrs. Margeson dying at the age of fifty-eight years, May 2, 1872. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years and Mr. Margeson was a democrat. Their children to grow to maturity were: Sarah Ann, who died at the age of twenty-four years, unmarried; Mary Ellen, twice a war widow, her first husband, Elvin Ketchens, being killed during an engagement on the battlefield, and her second husband, Capt. Thomas Little, who served through the war, later becoming a merchant of Valparaiso, Indiana, where he died in 1898, leaving six children, while Mrs. Little still survives and resides with her daughter at Oak Park, Illinois; Rebecca, who resides at Valparaiso, is the mother of three children: Jefferson J., who met his death during the

Civil war as a cavalryman, and was buried on a southern battleground; Mrs. White, and George W., who died and left a widow and ten children.

Mr. and Mrs. White have had two children: Charles Leslie, a hardware merchant of Westville, married Mabel G. Paul, and has two daughters, Gertrude B. and Lillie M., both high school graduates; and Lillie May, the wife of Ruhlan D. Hays, of Knox, and the mother of two children, Dorothy Dean, born December 10, 1912; and James Leslie, born May 2, 1914.

DUDLEY M. WELLS. In the person of Dudley M. Wells is found a sample of that material which has brought Starke County to the forefront in the field of agricultural endeavor. Endowed with more than the average ability, backed with shrewd business judgment, he has prospered eminently in the affairs of life, and is now living in comfortable retirement, enjoying the well-merited rewards of his years of industrious labor. He has always been a stirring and public-spirited citizen, lending his aid to those movements which have made for progress and development, and the honorable methods which he has pursued in his dealings have won for him a high place in the esteem of the people of his community.

Mr. Wells was born at Rome, Oneida County, New York, March 15, 1841, and comes of good old New England stock, the family having descended from ancestors who came to America on the second trip of the Mayflower, there being four brothers of the name who landed here. Justin Wells, the grandfather of Dudley M. Wells, was born at Georgia, Vermont, and married Miss Sarah E. Hull, a sister of Ammon Hull, the well-known coffee manufacturer and dealer of Lowell, Massachusetts, in which city she was born. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were married at St. Albans, Vermont, and there were born all of their eight children, including Justin Wells, Jr., the father of Dudley M. Wells, whose birth occurred in December, 1804. From their native state the family traveled by ox-team overland, taking all their earthly possessions in wagons, and after a journey of six weeks arrived at Rome, some time between the years 1818 and 1820. There the grandfather died at the age of seventy-six years, as did his first and second wives, who were not so far advanced in years, and the latter of whom was the mother of several children. All were members of the Universalist Church and were devoted to that faith; the grandfather was first a democrat and later a whig in his political views.

Justin Wells, Jr., grew to manhood at Rome, New York, where he was engaged in farming for several years, but subsequently turned his attention to the manufacture of pails at Buffalo, New York, and there built up a substantial business through his energetic spirit, progressive ideas and good business management. During the great wave of financial distress which swept the country during the administration of President Jackson, however, Mr. Wells lost so heavily that he was compelled to close his plant, his capital being swept away in the crash of bad

banks, and this so embittered him against the administration that he changed his politics, and became so active in his work and so outspoken in his views, that he was widely known as "Whig" Wells, later giving his support to the newly-organized republican party. Mr. Wells later gathered together what capital he could and established himself in business as the proprietor of a boat line on the Erie Canal, although he still made his home at Buffalo, where four of his children were born. In 1840 Mr. Wells sold his boat line and returned to Rome, New York, there accepting a position as pattern maker for what is now the Rome, Waterton & Ogdensburg Railway, continuing thus engaged until 1864, in which year he turned his face to the West in search of new opportunities and settled in Laporte county, Indiana. There from 1864 until 1869, Mr. Wells was employed by the Lake Shore Railroad, then going to Porter County, Indiana, and retiring from active life to live with his son, Dudley M., who removed with his parents to Chesaning, Saginaw County, Michigan, on the Shiawassee River. There the father died in August, 1881. Mr. Wells was as strong in his religious beliefs as he was in his political views, knew the Bible from cover to cover and was a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Universalist Church. A large and powerful man, weighing 220 pounds, he was a familiar figure in the streets of whatever community he resided, and was always held in the greatest respect by his townspeople who realized his uprightness of character. Mr. Wells was married at Canandaigua, New York, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Clark, who was born at that place January 17, 1803, and came of good, strong-hearted pioneer stock of the Empire State. She accompanied her husband in his various struggles, bearing good and bad fortune with a cheerful optimism that did much to assist him in his efforts. She survived him some years, and after his death went back to Oneida, New York to live with Burton H. Wells, who was known in the early days in connection with the New York & Western Railway. There she died in 1896, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Like her husband, Mrs. Wells was a devout member of the Universalist Church, and was active in its work.

Justin and Elizabeth Ann Wells became the parents of eight children, as follows: Cornelia A., who was married and had one child, and is now deceased; Frank J., also deceased, who was the father of one child; Morgan and Leroy, who died in infancy; Burton H., of Oneida, formerly noted; Dudley M., of this review; Mary E., who is now deceased, was married and had one child, now also deceased; and Frederick N., a resident of Harvey, Illinois, who is married and the father of eight children.

Dudley M. Wells secured his education in the common schools of his native state, and there grew to manhood, being connected with a number of his father's business ventures. On coming to Indiana he accepted a position as a locomotive fireman with what is now one of the branches of the Pennsylvania system, and subsequently went to Chesaning, Michigan, and also worked on the Michigan Central Railroad. Mr. Wells retired from railroading in 1889, at which time he came to Starke County

and began to work on a farm, continuing thus employed for two years, when he took up his residence at Knox. Later he purchased eighty acres of land in Center Township, on the Yellow River, and continued to operate this until his retirement, making many and valuable improvements. He still owns this property and supervises its operation although he takes no active part in its work. Mr. Wells is now living at his home on East Washington Street, Knox, where he has an acre of land.

Mr. Wells was married at Owosso, Michigan, to Miss Sarah E. Farrar, who was born at Mount Clemens, Michigan, July 12, 1856, and died January 4, 1913. She was reared in Michigan in the faith of the Christian Church, and belonged to that denomination throughout her life. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells: May, born in 1875, married George Newman, and died in 1910, her husband surviving her only one year, and both being followed to the grave by their only daughter; Guy M., educated at Valparaiso, a good business man and the owner of a large coal, grain and provision business at Knox, as well as a strong worker in the Christian Church; and Edna V., who married James Folwell, a railway inspector on the Wabash Railway, living at Forest, Illinois. Mr. Wells is a Spiritualist in his religious belief. His political views are those of the republican party.

CLARENCE M. FULLER. One of the best known among Knox's business men is Clarence M. Fuller, whose progressive spirit and brilliant ideas have led him into progressive fields of endeavor, in which he has won a full measure of success. Since 1906 he has been identified with the automobile business, as agent for the Buick car, and in 1914 accepted the Ford agency at Knox, and prior to this time was widely known throughout Starke county as a piano salesman. He is also the owner of valuable farming lands which are operated under his superintendency, and in each field of endeavor in which he has engaged has proven himself a man of excellent business abilities and great initiative.

Mr. Fuller was born May 1, 1874, on his father's farm in Davis Township, Starke County, Indiana, and grew to manhood on his father's Oregon Township farm, where he resided for seventeen years, and in which community his education was secured in the district schools. Mr. Fuller came to Knox in 1891 as deputy county treasurer, under his father, and this city has since continued to be his home. Mr. Fuller is a son of Oratio D. and Sarah (Thomas) Fuller, the former born at Lowell, Indiana, in 1851, and the latter at Rochester, New York, in 1857. They came to Lake County, Indiana, as young people, and were there married in 1872, immediately after which they came to Starke County and located on a farm in Davis Township. Two years later the father purchased land in Oregon Township, on which he settled in 1874, and continued to reside there until his retirement, at which time he took up his residence at Knox, and here passed away February 3, 1914, the mother having died here in 1894, when in middle life. Few men were better or more favorably known in business circles of Starke County than Oratio D. Fuller, and none bore higher reputations for fidelity and in-

tegrity. Possessing the power of organization, he was the moving spirit in the founding of several substantial financial organizations, being a director and first president of the First National Bank of Knox and one of the first directors of the Hamlet State Bank, both of which he helped to organize, and of which latter Daniel H. Stanton, the first president, is still serving in that capacity. Wherever it was in his power to do so, Mr. Fuller assisted the interests of Knox, and at all times was to be found in the front rank of the men who were forwarding progressive and beneficial movements. It was but natural that a man of this kind should be found actively engaged in politics. An uncompromising democrat he served two terms as county treasurer, and as county commissioner six years from the rural communities and three years from Knox, and died one year and two months after the expiration of his last term. He also served in various township offices, and at all times had the respect and esteem of men of all political parties, while the people knew him as a man in whose hands their interests were safe. Mr. Fuller's fraternal connection was with the Knights of Pythias.

Clarence M. Fuller was seventeen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Knox, and here he received his introduction to business and public life in the capacity of deputy county treasurer under his father. In 1894 he began his career among the people of Starke County as the representative of a large piano concern, and his success in that line immediately stamped him as a born salesman. In that connection, during the next twelve years, he averaged sixty piano sales a year, while during one year he sold as high as ninety instruments. In 1906, realizing the important place the automobile had taken in the life not only of the city, but of the rural communities, he accepted the agency for the Buick car, and since that time has averaged forty sales annually, and in 1914 became the agent also for the well-known Ford automobile, of which he sold thirty-one within three months. Mr. Fuller has proven to himself and to his customers that he has the right kind of cars, and has demonstrated his ability in selling them. At a time when competition is fierce he has been able to hold his own with the capable men who are representing other makes, and even to do a little better than the most. With his father's name he has inherited much of his ability, as well as his respect for a high order of business ethics and his unswerving integrity. Like him, also, he is a democrat, and has taken an active part in the ranks of his party ever since attaining his majority. For four years he has been chairman of the Democratic County Committee. Mr. Fuller is somewhat interested in fraternal work, being a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has numerous friends, as he has also among his fellow-members in Knox Blue Lodge No. 639, A. F. & A. M., North Judson Chapter, R. A. M.; North Judson Council, Fort Wayne Consistory and Mizpah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Fort Wayne. Mr. Fuller is likewise a member of the Mizpah band.

In 1897, at Knox, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage with Miss Harriet R. Robbins, daughter of Henry R. Robbins, an attorney of this city, a sketch of whose career will be found on another page of this work.

The birthplace of Mrs. Fuller was the City of Laporte, Indiana, her natal year being 1878. She was reared at Knox and here received a good education in the public schools while growing to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have one son: Clarence Wade, born July 26, 1898, who is now in his freshman year at the Knox High School. Mrs. Fuller is a member of the Christian Church, and is widely known for her religious and charitable work.

In addition to his beautiful home of brick and frame, located on the corner of Lake and East streets, one of the most exclusive residence districts in Knox, Mr. Fuller is the owner of three farms in Oregon Township, which aggregate 340 acres. There are located three sets of buildings and the land is in part well improved, bringing to its fortunate owner a handsome revenue. He also owns a good farm in California Township, the land being cleared, but as yet there have been erected no buildings on this property.

JACOB KEISER. A record of the agricultural upbuilders of Starke County would be decidedly incomplete were not extended mention made of the career and achievements of Jacob Keiser, who came to this county as early as 1876 and for thirty-four years was engaged in the various branches of agricultural effort. As aids in his intelligent pursuit of success, Mr. Keiser has had the substantial traits of a long line of industrious agricultural forefathers. Although he has now retired from the activities of life and is living in comfortable retirement at his home at Knox, Mr. Keiser still takes a lively and intelligent interest in matters that affect the welfare of the county in the development of which he took such an active part.

Jacob Keiser was born on the Whetstone River, near Strafford, Delaware County, Ohio, May 5, 1847, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Shisler) Keiser, natives of Pennsylvania, and each the youngest child of the Keiser and Shisler families. The parents were married at Reading, Pennsylvania, and there four of the children were born. The father was a moulder in his native state, but in Delaware County, Ohio, began a career as a farmer, and on settling in Whitley County, Indiana, purchased a tract of 120 acres of land in Troy Township, on which he carried on operations until his death in 1870, Mrs. Keiser passing away ten years later. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father was a republican in politics.

The public schools of Delaware County furnished Jacob Keiser with his education, and there he grew up on his father's farm. He was only seventeen years of age when he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Union army during the Civil war, and continued with that organization 114 days, the greater part of this time being passed in guard duty at the Arlington Heights, Washington, D. C. Two of his brothers, Adam and Levi, were members of the Fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving three months in 1861 and then reenlisting for three years. Both were seriously wounded at the awful battle of the Wilder-

ness, yet both recovered and are still living, Levi being a bachelor and a resident of the National Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, Ohio; and Adam being a married man with a family and a resident of Columbus City, Indiana. In 1864 Mr. Keiser went to Whitley County, Indiana, with his parents, and was there engaged in farming with his father until 1868, in which year he was married to Miss Myria Shoemaker, who was born in Troy Township, Whitley County, Indiana, February 18, 1847, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jenkins) Shoemaker, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Ohio, who were married at the bride's home in Delaware County, the latter state. Most of their children were born there, but in 1844 they made removal to Troy Township, Whitley County, Indiana, and there rounded out long and useful lives, Mr. Shoemaker being eighty-six years of age at the time of his death, and Mrs. Shoemaker one year older. They were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Shoemaker was a republican, but was content to discharge his duties as a private citizen and never sought the doubtful rewards of the political arena. Mrs. Keiser has one brother and two sisters, namely: Edward, a resident of the State of Washington, is married and has two sons and two daughters; Julia P., the wife of George Kisler, a retired farmer of Columbia City, Indiana, has one son and two daughters; and Sophia ("Tot"), the wife of Henry Keiser (brother of Jacob), living on a farm in Washington Township, Starke County, and has a son and a daughter, both of whom are married and have children.

Mr. Keiser was a resident of Whitley County, Indiana, until 1876, when he removed to Starke County and settled on a property of 100 acres located in section 17, Washington Township. Engaging in general farming and stock raising, he soon began to specialize to some extent along several lines, and won success in each of his undertakings because of well-directed and earnest effort and industrious application of high principles of whatever task he undertook. In his swine he raised largely Poland-China hogs, for which he found a ready and profitable market, while in his poultry his experiments with the White Leghorn chickens proved eminently satisfactory. He commenced his operations in a modest and unassuming manner, but as the years passed and his finances allowed he made various improvements of a substantial character, developing his farm into one of the most valuable in the township, and erecting a good six-room residence and large feed and stock barns. In 1910, feeling that he had earned retirement, Mr. Keiser turned his operations over to younger hands and took up his residence at Knox, where he has a comfortable home on East Lake Street. Mr. Keiser is large of body and large of heart, genial in disposition and disposed also to be cheerful and optimistic. He has attracted to him a wide circle of friends, who have appreciated his numerous excellencies of mind and heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiser are the parents of the following children: Omer J., a successful farmer of Washington Township, married Emily Van Kirk, and they have six children, Earl, who graduated in 1915 in the

Knox High School; Edna, in the third year of high school; Frank, Robert, Clifford and Everett. Frank M., living on the homestead farm in Washington Township, married Ella Foote, of Starke County, Indiana, and has three children, Gladys, in the third year of high school, Raymond and Wallace. Lulu G. is the wife of Oliver Wilson, a farmer of Washington Township, and has one child, Ruth, and a child by a former marriage to Charles Murphy. Mildred Clyde died at the age of eighteen years and Herbert died when five years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiser are members of the Church of God, which they attend regularly and support liberally. He is a republican in his political views, and takes a keen interest in matters affecting the public welfare, although he has not been an office seeker.

WILLIAM A. LEWIS. To no one man is the City of Knox more indebted for a practical demonstration of effective and substantial building than to William A. Lewis, senior member of the firm of Lewis & Spoor. Energy, initiative, skill and resource have combined to make the constructive machinery of this master builder, while he has the natural pride of the true artisan in his accomplishments. Mr. Lewis entered upon his career as a contractor when he was only twenty-one years of age, and for a quarter of a century has occupied a leading place among the business men of his line in Starke County. With characteristic energy, he has lost no time in useless idleness, but has attracted work to himself by his ambition and determination, and has made it of lasting good to the community.

William A. Lewis was born at Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, September 1, 1865, and was there reared and educated, and in Monroe County, Michigan, from whence he came to Indiana as a youth of eighteen years. He is a son of George Alfred and Mary E. (Myers) Lewis, natives of Ohio, where they were married, residing in that state until their removal to Monroe County, Michigan. There, in 1881, the mother passed away when still in middle life, while the father subsequently came to Knox, Indiana, and resided at the home of his son, William A., for seven years, and here passing away at the age of seventy-six years. He was a republican in his political views, but was primarily a business man and farmer, and did not seek the rewards and prominence of the political arena. Mr. Lewis has one sister: Mrs. Bertha Deeman, widow of the late Hon. George W. Deeman, who for years was one of the most prominent attorneys of Northern Indiana. He long held a place on the bench, being circuit judge for the counties of Starke, Pulaski and Marshall, and died several years ago, leaving his widow and one son, Thurman, who are now residents of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

William A. Lewis early displayed his determination to make a place for himself in the business world, and his early successes were as rapid as they were well deserved. He was eighteen years of age when he came to Knox, and here applied himself to the trade of brick and stone mason, in the employ of a general contractor, under whose teachings he made rapid strides so that he had just reached his majority when he decided

to engage in business on his own account. From the very first he attracted a high class of work, and as the years have passed he has continued to advance, until he now stands at the head of the building contractors of his part of the county. Mr. Lewis has been the builder of the largest business houses, the finest private residences, the major portion of the public buildings both in Knox and in Starke County, and various churches, schools, factories, grain elevators, etc. During the year 1913 he completed five brick schoolhouses in Pulaski and Jasper counties. Probably no man has in greater degree built up this part of the state, and his work is the kind that will serve as a monument to his skill and good workmanship for many years to come. To his superior trade qualifications Mr. Lewis adds the advantages of keen intelligence, broad, general information, and a pleasing and confidence-inspiring personality. He has not found the time nor the inclination to engage actively in politics, but takes a keen interest in all things that affect his community, and refuses his support to no measure that promises to make for progress and advancement.

Mr. Lewis was married in Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Harriet Basney, who was born in Connecticut in 1869, of New England stock, and reared and educated largely at Knox. Her parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth Basney, are well-known residents of this city, where for more than thirty years Mr. Basney has been the town blacksmith. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, namely: Laura, who was well educated in the schools of Knox, like the other children, and became the wife of Benjamin F. Spoor, who is Mr. Lewis' business partner, and has one daughter, Metha; Viola, who is the wife of Don Baldwin, who is conducting an automobile garage at Knox; Iris, who is a well educated and accomplished young lady and resides with her parents; and William A., Jr., the baby, who is four years old. Mr. Lewis has been active in fraternal circles for some years, and is now a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Foresters, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, all of Knox, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Valparaiso. He has held a number of local offices, and at the present time is trustee of the Eagles lodge.

JOHN KRIEG. Eligibly situated in section 27, Center Township, and on rural mail route No. 1, from Knox, the county seat, is the well improved forty-acre farm owned and ably conducted by Mr. Krieg, who is known as one of the progressive and energetic agriculturists of Starke County and also as a specially successful raiser of high-grade poultry of the White Leghorn type. He receives from his farm excellent yields of the various cereals best adapted to the soil and climate of this fine section of the Hoosier State and has also made a reputation in the raising and marketing of vegetables, his gardens being of model order, and his enterprise along this line including the propagation of the finest of celery and onions. His poultry yards are equipped with the most modern and approved facilities and he has more than two hundred White Leghorn hens that are prolific layers. Mr. Krieg came to Starke

County in 1908, from Madison County, Illinois, where he and his two sisters are the owners of a valuable landed estate of 220 acres, in Foster Township, this old homestead having been the place of his nativity and his birth having there occurred on the 9th of December, 1858, a date that indicates that his parents were numbered among the pioneer settlers of Madison County. Mr. Krieg was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, and is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early educational advantages. Appreciative of the independence and excellent opportunities afforded in connection with the great basic art of agriculture, he has never failed in his allegiance to this industry, and he has stood exponent of that energy and careful management of affairs that have so clearly typified the staunch German stock of which he is a scion.

Mr. Krieg is a son of John and Barbara (Raifstinger) Krieg, both of whom were born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, the father in January, 1824, and the mother in June, 1829. Each of the parents was reared to adult age in the fatherland, but they were unknown to each other until after they had come to the United States, when young. Landing in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, John Krieg there learned the cooper's trade, as a skilled workman at which he made barrels for the use of sugar and molasses manufacturers of the great Southern plantations. After remaining thus engaged for several years Mr. Krieg voyaged up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where he engaged in the work of his trade and where he formed the acquaintance of Miss Barbara Raifstinger, to whom his marriage was there solemnized. After being employed at his trade in the Missouri metropolis for several years he removed to Madison County, Illinois, where he made his first purchase of land, utilizing for this purpose the money which he had earned at his trade and which he had carefully saved. With increasing prosperity he added to his landed possessions, and by his industry and energy he developed a fine farm of 128 acres. He continued to reside on his old homestead in Illinois until his death, in 1878, his widow still surviving him and being now eighty-six years of age. After the death of her husband this noble woman bravely assumed the heavy responsibilities devolving upon her in rearing her children and managing the farm, to the area of which she added until she developed the same into a fine farm of 220 acres—her present place of abode. She is one of the revered pioneer women of Madison County, Illinois, and both she and her husband were communicants of the Lutheran Church until after their marriage, when they united with the Baptist Church, of which she has continued a devout member during the long intervening years. Mr. Krieg was a democrat in politics but was strongly opposed to the institution of slavery and was in full sympathy with the cause of the Union during the climacteric period of the Civil war. Of the six children three died in early childhood, and of the three now living the subject of this review is the eldest; Louisa is the wife of Alexander Isch, residing on the old Krieg homestead, and they have two daughters, Lulu and Anna L., both of whom are married; Mary, the younger sister of Mr. Krieg, is the

wife of Henry H. C. Scheldt, a prosperous farmer of Macoupin County, Illinois, and they have one son, Roscoe, who has but recently attained to his legal majority.

John Krieg continued in virtual supervision of the work of the old homestead farm until his removal to his present home in Indiana. In his native county was solemnized his marriage to Miss Eliza Young, who was there born in the year 1860 and whose death there occurred in 1890. She was survived by two children, Walter W. and Esther E., but the former died at the age of five years and the latter at the age of nineteen years. In 1907, in the City of Chicago, Mr. Krieg wedded Miss Elizabeth Scheldt, a sister of the husband of his younger sister. Mrs. Krieg was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, on the 29th of August, 1866, and was there reared and educated. Her father, Philip Scheldt, was a native of Germany and was a successful farmer of Macoupin County, Illinois, at the time of his death, his venerable widow, likewise a native of Germany, now residing in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Krieg, and having celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday anniversary in 1914, her marriage having been solemnized in Illinois. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Krieg have no children.

Mr. Krieg is found aligned as a staunch democrat in national politics, but in local affairs he maintains an independent attitude and is not constrained by partisan lines. He served as tax collector of his native township for a number of years, but ambition for public office has never been one of his characteristics. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM J. B. FENIMORE. Among the men whose careers are eminently worthy of notice in a history of Starke County, mention may be made of the late William J. B. Fenimore, of Knox, who is well remembered by the older generation as a lawyer who for thirty years was one of the prominent and successful practitioners at the Miami County bar, and as an orator and debater who took a leading part in many of the campaigns that served to make Indiana history. Mr. Fenimore was born in Ross County, Ohio, June 9, 1839, and died at his home at Knox, May 12, 1901.

William M. Fenimore, the father of William J. B. Fenimore, was born in Pennsylvania, August 11, 1794. He was little more than a lad when the War of 1812 broke out, but offered his services to his country, and for twelve months or more was employed by the Government as a spy, rendering valuable services and passing through numerous exciting experiences. He was married to Mariah Hurst, who was born in Maryland, March 29, 1798, and soon thereafter moved to Ross County, Ohio, where the most of their children were born. During the early '30s the parents again turned their faces toward the West, making their way overland to Miami County, Indiana, and settling on a farm fifteen miles north of Peru. Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore experienced all the hardships and privations that were the lot of the pioneers. Neighbors were few

and far between; roads there were none; the original home was a primitive log cabin which could boast of only the barest necessities and none of the comforts of life, and the family larder was largely supplied by the game which fell through the skill of Mr. Fenimore with his rifle; yet these sturdy pioneer people industriously labored to make a home, accepting conditions as they found them and bettering them when they could, and eventually succeeded in cultivating a farm, establishing a comfortable home, and rearing their children to lives of industry and honorable effort. When the Civil war broke out, Mr. Fenimore had reached the age of sixty-seven years, but he managed to be accepted as a soldier, shouldered his musket in an Indiana regiment of volunteers and marched away to the front. After nine months he was stricken with an attack of lung fever and was honorably discharged on account of disability, and he never fully recovered from this disease, dying March 13, 1871. He was an early whig and later joined the republican party, and at all times took an active and helpful part in the affairs of the county which he played such an important part in developing. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, in the faith of which she died July 4, 1882. Their children who grew to maturity were: Cyrus, who married and left a family at his death; Emily, who married Derrick Fenimore and had a son—Derrick, Jr.; Mariah, deceased, who was the wife of the late Thomas Littleton, and had one daughter; Julia, who became the wife of John Shackelford, both now deceased, and had a large family; Harriet, who married Thomas G. Horton, and died leaving a daughter and four sons, Mr. Horton still living at a very advanced age; and Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of the late Abraham Neff, and had a large family of children.

William J. B. Fenimore grew to manhood in Miami County, where he was well educated in the local schools, and as a youth adopted the vocation of teaching. While thus engaged he prepared himself for the law, and after his admission to the bar practiced for a period of thirty years, becoming widely known as an able, thorough and energetic legist and building up a practice of the best kind that can come to an attorney. An excellent speaker, he was at his best when addressing court or jury, and his talents in this line were continually being sought in campaign work, in which he gained a high and widespread reputation all over this part of the state. He was also famous as a participant in debates, and on one notable occasion held an all-night debate with a Mormon preacher in the courthouse at Knox, in which he signally defeated his antagonist. For some years Mr. Fenimore was a preacher of the Christian Church, but in later years joined the Adventists, and in that faith he died. A stalwart republican in his political views, he was for many years a justice of the peace in Miami County, and fraternally he was connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. In every walk of life he was esteemed as a good and helpful citizen, and in his death his community sustained a severe loss.

Mr. Fenimore was married in Allen Township, Miami County, Indiana, July 28, 1862, to Miss Hattie A. McMillan, who was born in Carroll

County, Ohio, January 27, 1844, and educated there. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Louisa Adams, was born in Ohio, and died in Carroll County, Ohio, in 1856. There she married Thomas McMillan, who was born in Virginia, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and came early to Ohio as a pioneer farmer, in which vocation he was engaged all of his life. His first wife was a Miss Clark, who died in middle life, leaving five or six children. Mr. McMillan was married a third time to Matilda Hennings, and reared a large family. Subsequently he came to Indiana and died in Fulton County, May 16, 1864, his widow dying later in Miami County, when past forty years of age. Mr. McMillan was a republican in politics, and was allied with no religious organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore became the parents of the following children: Belle, who became the wife of Edgar Chapin, and died in middle life, having been the mother of two children, Maude and Dessie, both now deceased; Edward, of Miami County, a section foreman for the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, married Sarah Clemens, and has seven children; Florence, who died in infancy; Louie, who died at the age of fourteen months; Cora, who is the wife of R. Renview Green, of Knox, and has one child, R. Renview, Jr.; Frank P., a successful tile ditcher and layer of Logansport, married Amanda Marcus, of Cass County, and has four children—Teddy, Lulu, Grace and Bessie, the first two in school; Louie E., of Miami County, the widow of Philip Kindig, and the mother of three children—Forest, Mary and Harold; and Lena M., who married Harry Wellhelm, of Chicago, and has one son—William Rex. The children have all been given excellent educational opportunities.

Mrs. Fenimore is one of Knox's well-known ladies, and has a wide circle of friends in this city. She is a devout member of the Advent Church.

HENRY F. SCHRICKER. Editor and proprietor of the Starke County Democrat, Mr. Schricker is one of the younger native sons of Starke County who have been actively identified with business and public affairs since early manhood. The Starke County Democrat is the outgrowth of the first paper published in Starke County. It was started under the title of the Starke County Press by J. A. Berry, and after undergoing several changes and various ownerships in January, 1869, it became the property of C. O. Musselman & Son. Up to that time and later too the paper was published on an old-fashioned Washington press. This old Washington press has an interesting history. It was formerly employed in getting out the old Toledo Blade, and in spite of its many years of hard usage, is still in active service at the Democrat office in Knox, where it is used in running off galley proofs.

In the meantime, in 1869, the name was changed to the Starke County Ledger, and its editor was C. Oliver Musselman from about 1872 until 1892. In May, 1892, two new owners appear, Joseph J. and J. Don Gorrell. At that time the name was changed to the Starke County Democrat. In 1893 Samuel M. Gorrell came into the partnership and was active manager of the Democrat for sixteen years. In this time it acquired special influence as a county newspaper, and enjoyed a period of marked

prosperity. In September, 1908, Mr. Henry F. Schricker became sole proprietor of the Democrat, Mr. Gorrell having bought and taken editorial management of the Bremen Enquirer of this state, where he is still active in newspaper affairs. Mr. Schricker has continued the progressive and businesslike administration of the paper, and has kept it a strong and able advocate of democratic principles and party welfare. The Democrat is in fact a rallying standard of the democrats in Starke County and has in many campaigns proved the vitalizing source of strength to that party. Mr. Schricker in connection with the publication of the Democrat conducts a successful job printing business.

Mr. Schricker has been exceedingly active in local affairs in Starke County, and is first vice president of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association, and was formerly its secretary and treasurer. He is chief of the volunteer fire department of Knox, and in 1906 made the race for clerk of Circuit Court, but was defeated with the rest of his ticket. He is a member of no lodges, and gives his time and energies to the conduct of his paper and to the welfare of his political party. He has been a delegate to a number of state conventions, and attended the national convention at Baltimore that nominated Woodrow Wilson.

Henry F. Schricker is a native of Starke County, having first seen the light of day at North Judson, August 30, 1883. He was educated in the public schools of North Judson, and graduated from the South Bend Commercial College in 1901. In 1906, after a course of reading, he was admitted to the bar, and practiced only a short time, his knowledge of the law having been invaluable to him in many ways, although other matters have kept him from setting up a private practice. In 1907 he was made cashier of the Starke County Bank at Hamlet. It will be recalled that on the night of the day when he began his duties as cashier this bank was blown up by robbers, and while much damage was done to the building and furniture the strong box was intact and no funds were lost. Mr. Schricker remained in the bank eighteen months, and at the beginning of his service was the youngest cashier in the State of Indiana. He then bought the Starke County Democrat, and has since given it his undivided attention. Mr. Schricker is now one of the directors of the First National Bank of Knox, and is identified with the Knox Building Loan and Savings Association.

Mr. Schricker is of German parents and ancestors, a son of Christopher and Magdalena (Meyer) Schricker, both natives of Bavaria. The father grew up and married his first wife in Bavaria, and in 1867 came to the United States on a steamship from Hamburg to New York, and thence to Starke County, where he was a farmer, and later a mill engineer in North Judson for eleven years. In 1893 he embarked in general merchandising at North Judson, and is still active in service in that line. His first wife died while they were living on the farm, and left one son, George W., who is now living in North Judson and has a son and daughter. After the death of his first wife Christopher Schricker married Magdalena Meyer, who was also a native of Bavaria, and had come to this country when a young woman. Besides Henry F., they are the

parents of two daughters: Catherine, the wife of Edward E. Smith of Chicago; and Anna, wife of Ira P. Latta, also living in Chicago, and parents of one daughter.

October 21, 1914, Henry F. Schricker married Miss Maude L. Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen I. Brown of Knox. Her father was for fifteen years prominent as a physician at Knox, and is now in the real estate business. Mr. and Mrs. Schricker are members of the Lutheran and Methodist Episcopal churches, respectively.

HENRY LUKEN. In November, 1914, the people of Starke County elected to the office of county treasurer a citizen whose fitness for such responsibility and honor is unquestioned and exceptional. Henry Luken has been a resident of Starke County all his life, has been a practical and successful farmer, and has always been noted for his honesty and efficiency in every undertaking with which his name has been connected. His previous record as a business man and in public affairs insures a capable administration of the county treasurer's office, of which he took charge January 1, 1915. In consequence of his new duties he has taken up his residence in Knox, but nearly all his life was spent in the extreme southwestern corner of Starke County, and his fine farm is located in section 31 of Railroad Township.

Mr. Luken was elected as the choice of the democratic party. In 1908 he was elected to the county board of commissioners, and served two terms of three years each representing the district composed of Railroad, Wayne and Jackson townships. The energetic manner in which he performed his duties as county commissioner was his best recommendation to his present office. Mr. Luken was thirty-four years of age when first elected to the office of county commissioner and had already been active in local affairs in Railroad Township. He served four years as a member of the township advisory board.

Mr. Luken was born on his present farm of eighty-nine acres of section 31 in Railroad Township, and has spent his life in that community. His education came from the local schools of that township, and the training he received as a boy enabled him to start life fully equipped for the responsibilities of an agricultural career. Mr. Luken is large of body and mind and heart, has the genial personality and the capacity of one who is endowed with great strength and fine physical stature. Mr. Luken stands in his stockings six feet four inches and weighs about two hundred and seventy-five pounds. His farm down in the southwest corner of the county was taken up and improved by his father, who secured it in a wild state forty-seven years ago. It has been in the family ever since, and is a valuable piece of property. Mr. Luken also owns eighty acres of hay land in section 32 of the same township, and 160 acres in section 6 of Cass Township, Pulaski County, adjoining his home farm. This land is used for hay and pasturage.

Henry Luken was born on the old home place November 13, 1873, and is of German ancestry and parentage. His parents were Herman H. and Catherine (Cording) Luken, both natives of Oldenburg, Germany,

where they grew up on a farm and were married. While living in the old country one daughter, Sena, was born, and when she was one year old, in 1867, they set out for America, taking passage on a boat at Bremen, and from New York coming on west to Starke County. Here Herman Luken took up wild land in section 31 of Railroad Township, and his industry and thrift enabled him in time to own a substantial home. His first habitation there was a log cabin, and it was in that humble dwelling that Henry Luken, the present county treasurer, was born. Later this house was replaced by a good frame structure, and that is still standing and in daily use. The mother passed away at the old home in February, 1893, at the age of fifty-two, and the father subsequently moved to the Village of San Pierre and died there in February, 1914, at the age of seventy-one. He was a democrat in politics, and the family were reared as Lutherans. When a young man Herman Luken had served as a foot soldier in the war between Prussia and Austria in 1865, and though he was present in several battles he escaped unhurt. The first child, Sena, is now the wife of Herman Hine, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere on these pages. The children born in America were: Sophia, wife of Edward Long, a farmer in Railroad Township, and they have two children, Harry and Ralph; Charlotte, wife of Frederick Batzka, a farmer in Railroad Township, and there children are John, Robert, Edna, Nettie and Helen; Julia is the wife of Fred Weinkauff, a Starke County citizen whose career is represented in this work; Anna and Lizzie are both living unmarried at San Pierre.

Henry Luken was married in Cass Township of Pulaski County to Helen Rath, who was born in White Post Township of Pulaski County in 1880, and was reared and educated there. Her parents, Fred and Minnie (Kracht) Rath were natives of Germany who came to the United States during the '70s and located on a tract of new land in Pulaski County, eventually converting that wild land into a good farm. Fred Rath has been successful as a farmer and stock raiser and now lives in section 17 of Cass Township at the age of sixty-five. He and his wife are Lutherans, and in politics he is a democrat. Mr. Luken has a brother John, who is unmarried and still living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luken are the parents of four children: Edward H., aged twelve and attending the sixth grade of public school; Elmer F., aged ten and in the fourth grade; Luella N., aged eight and in the second grade; and May, aged two. Mr. Luken and family are members of the Evangelical Church.

NELSON GEISELMAN. A member of one of the well-known and highly honored families of Starke County, Mr. Geiselman is another of the native sons of the county who is giving excellent account of himself in connection with the practical activities and responsibilities of life, and is known as one of the alert and progressive young business man of Knox, the county seat, in which thriving little city he has held since 1907 a responsible position in the large retail grocery establishment of Capt. Charles Windisch, this store being metropolitan in its appointments,

equipment and service and catering to a large and representative patronage. The scope of the enterprise has been distinctively increased under the effective administration of Mr. Geiselman, who is now manager of the business and whose progressive policies, careful supervision of all details and marked personal popularity have contributed much to the expansion of the trade. Mr. Geiselman acquired his initial experience in the mercantile business through four years' service as a salesman in the general store of F. Hessel, at Culver, Marshall County, and from that establishment he came in 1907 to that with which he has since been connected. Within the period of his association with the establishment of Captain Windisch the annual sales have been increased by fully four thousand dollars, as shown in the record for 1914.

On the homestead farm of his father, in North Bend Township, this county, Nelson Geiselman was born on the 17th of June, 1882, and there he was reared to maturity, the while he early began to lend his aid in the work of the farm and thus waxed strong in physical powers at the same time that he was properly developing his mentality through attending the district school, in which he completed the work of the eighth grade. Thereafter he attended the Knox High School three years and was for one year a student in a normal school. The death of his father then rendered it necessary for him to return to the home farm, and he was the eldest of the surviving children, and there he had a general supervision of the place for the ensuing two years. The old homestead, which is one of the fine farms of North Bend Township, has never been divided and is still held intact by the family. Numerous improvements have been made on the farm since the death of the father, including the erection of a substantial and modern house of nine rooms, and the place is now leased to a good tenant.

Mr. Geiselman is a son of Silas M. and Sarah E. (Kitch) Geiselman, both natives of Ohio, where the former was born in 1852 and the latter in 1851, their marriage having been solemnized in Marshall County, Indiana, where the respective families had established homes, the lineage of both being of sterling German origin. Within a short time after their marriage Silas M. Geiselman and his wife came to Starke County, where they began their wedded life with a cash capital of only \$200. Mr. Geiselman, however, had a well established and richly merited reputation for integrity and industry and he was thus enabled to obtain financial assistance adequate to justify him in the purchase of sixty acres of land, in section 19, North Bend Township. In this connection he assumed an indebtedness of \$1,800—the entire purchase price of the farm. Only a portion of the land had been cleared and made available for cultivation, but energy, assiduous application and good management enabled Mr. Geiselman not only to improve his farm and to lift his indebtedness, but also to purchase eventually another tract, of 160 acres, in the same township. He reclaimed and improved a fine estate of 220 acres, became one of the prominent and influential citizens of North Bend Township and at all stages in his life he commanded the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow men. Before his death he had succeeded in bringing the major

portion of his farm under effective cultivation, and he was the very incarnation of thrift and industry. He continued to reside on the old homestead until his death, in March, 1900, at the age of forty-eight years, and his widow now maintains her home at Culver, Marshall County, she being a woman of gracious and noble character and having proved a devoted helpmeet to her husband in his labors and in the realization of his worthy ambitions. Both early became earnest members of the United Brethren Church and in politics Mr. Geiselman was a staunch democrat. Of the nine children, Nelson, of this review, was the second in order of birth, four having died in childhood and he being the eldest of the five surviving the honored father; Melville, who likewise resides in the City of Knox, wedded Miss May Heiser, and they have one daughter, Lucille; Forrest, who holds a clerical position in a bank at Kewanna, Fulton County, has one daughter, Opal, the maiden name of his wife having been Sickman; Verna is the wife of Ira Sparks and they now reside at Ketchikan, Alaska Territory, where Mr. Sparks is engaged in the dairy business; and Leona, who remains with her widowed mother, at Culver, is there in the employ of the telephone company.

Nelson Geiselman married, at Knox, Miss Agnes Peelle, eldest daughter of William and Rosa (Windisch) Peelle, who now reside on a farm in Center Township and concerning whom mention is made more fully on other pages of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Geiselman have a winsome little daughter, Vera Opal, who was born January 16, 1904.

Mr. Geiselman is found aligned as a zealous supporter of the principles of the democratic party and at one time he served as treasurer of Knox. He is affiliated with Knox Lodge No. 639, Free and Accepted Masons; North Judson Chapter No. 108, Royal Arch Masons; and with the North Judson Council of the Royal and Select Masters. He was reared in the faith of the United Brethren Church and his wife holds membership in the Christian Church.

JULIUS C. HATTER. This well-known retired resident of Knox has been a resident of Starke County more than half a century, was a soldier during the Civil war, earned the rewards of industry as a farmer in Center Township, and represents a family that has been identified since pioneer times in Starke County.

He comes of English ancestry. His grandfather, Andrew J. Hatter, was born in Pennsylvania of Pennsylvania parents, grew up there and married a Pennsylvania girl. He then went to Ohio, becoming one of the pioneers of Highland County, and established a home at Fairfax in that county. As a farmer, he improved his land and he and his wife reared and provided for a large family of children. Andrew J. Hatter had given active service to his country as a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting from Ohio, and as a reward for his services the Government granted him a land warrant for 160 acres. In 1851 Andrew J. Hatter and family came out to Starke County, along with the Laramore family, another of the most noted of the pioneer settlers in this county. Andrew J. Hatter located his land warrant in section 3 of Center Township.

There his sons and daughters began the work of improvement in the midst of the wilderness, lived for several years in a log cabin home, and cleared a large number of acres in this county which represent the early labors and hardships of the Hatter family. County government had hardly been organized when they came to this county, there were few roads, markets were distant, and there was little premium to reward the heavy toil that went with the production of crops. But in time they helped to lay the foundation which has enabled a later generation to enjoy all the blessings of civilization and twentieth century comforts. The Hatter family had their home in a locality known as Goose Haven. There the muskrat built its home above the water line, and the wild geese nested and laid their eggs on the top of these muskrat dwellings. Andrew J. Hatter and wife were both advanced in years when they came to Starke County and acquired land direct from the Government, and spent their days in the homes of their children, both living to be more than eighty years of age. They were members of the German Reformed Church, and Andrew J. was a democrat in politics.

Their children were: George; Noah, who died a bachelor; Sarah, who married George Laramore, both being now deceased, and it was in their home that Andrew J. Hatter and wife died; Catherine married Samuel Coffin, and they lived on a Starke County farm until their death; Hannah married Charles Shoemaker, and lived in Marshall for many years, and finally in Starke County, where they died when quite old, leaving two children; Malinda became the wife of Joseph Clauson, who died at Delphi in Carroll County, while his widow subsequently lived with her daughter Cinderella in Illinois, and died there in advanced years.

George Hatter, father of Julius C., was reared in Highland County, Ohio, and married Sarah Noland of that county. She died there in 1853 in the prime of life, and he passed away in 1864, when fifty-one years of age. He was a farmer, and he and his wife had their home in Highland County all their years. They were members of the Methodist Church and he was a Henry Clay whig and a republican. Their children were: James A., who enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and died of disease during the Civil war at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Julius C. is next in the family; William R. is a retired farmer living at Delphi, Indiana, and is married and has a family; Hannah died in Starke County after her marriage to William Speelman, also deceased, and left two sons and two daughters; David H. died in early boyhood; Jeremiah also died young; and Ethel died in infancy.

On the old Ohio homestead near Fairfax, Julius C. Hatter was born May 11, 1843. He grew up in that vicinity, was educated in the common schools, and trained to a life of usefulness and honor. Soon after the death of his parents in 1863, he came to Starke County, Indiana, and in January, 1864, enlisted with the Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry and was with the Union forces until mustered out in December, 1865, several months after the conclusion of the war. He was with the troops at Chattanooga, but was not present at the hostilities ending with the fall of

Atlanta, and after that was with General Thomas' army in the campaign against Hood, and his hardest battle was the great conflict at Nashville in the latter part of 1864, and he afterwards fought the remnant of Hood's army at Decatur, Alabama. After his honorable discharge, Mr. Hatter returned to Starke County, and bought a farm in section 3 of Center Township. This was his home until 1910, and for more than forty years his life was spent in the quiet and industrious duties of agriculture. In the year just mentioned he retired to Knox, where he owns four good houses on East Lake Street, and occupies one of them for his own residence.

Mr. Hatter was married in Starke County in 1870 to Miss Louisa Hill, who was born in Hardin County, Ohio, February 23, 1844. She died at her home in Starke County, October 18, 1895, leaving the following children: Ida M. is the wife of Homer Weed, a farmer near Devil's Lake in Ramsey County, North Dakota, and they have a family of five sons and two daughters; Ennis-R., who died in Starke County on his farm, March 23, 1905, married Lucretia Rebstock, who is also deceased, leaving two children, Ralph and Hazel; James C., who lives on a farm near Devil's Lake in North Dakota, married Ella Heilman of Starke County, and they have two sons and three daughters; and Ethel and Alfreda. Mr. Hatter married for his second wife Mrs. Samantha (Ellis) Miller. She was born in Bartholomew County, Indiana, November 12, 1844, but was reared in Starke County, where she married George Miller. Mr. Miller was killed not long after his marriage in a railway accident in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hatter died at her home in Knox, July 14, 1914. She was a member of the old school Baptist Church, a good neighbor, and enjoyed the high respect of all who knew her during her long residence in Starke County. Mr. Hatter is a republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and has thus consistently supported that party for half a century.

NATHAN L. MARSH. On his present homestead farm, in section 10, Wayne Township, Mr. Marsh has resided since he was a lad of seven years, and his parents established their residence on the place forty years ago, so that the family name has been closely and worthily identified with the civic and industrial development and progress of this county, Nathan L. Marsh having here gained distinctive success and prestige as one of the representative agriculturists and stockgrowers of this favored section of the Hoosier State. He is a scion of staunch old colonial stock in New Jersey and a direct descendant of one of the valiant patriots who represented that commonwealth as a soldier of the continental line in the War of the Revolution, besides which he has the distinction of being a grandson of one of the honored pioneers of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, a state with whose history the family name has been associated for three-fourths of a century.

Mr. Marsh was born in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 8th of April, 1868, and, as before noted, was seven years of age at the time of the family removal to Starke County, Indiana, in 1875, his father here

purchasing eighty acres of the fine homestead farm of which he himself has been the owner since 1905. But little improvement had been made on the land, and the original family domicile was a log house of the primitive type common to the pioneer days. After the lapse of a few years the father erected a substantial frame dwelling, and to the same the subject of this review has made additions and other improvements, so that it is now an attractive farm residence of eight rooms, even as it has represented his place of abode from his boyhood, so that it is endeared to him by many gracious memories and associations. The other farm buildings are of substantial order, and Mr. Marsh has merited prestige as one of the progressive farmers and stockraisers of the county, as well as a citizen whose loyalty and liberality are shown in his zealous support of measures and enterprises advanced for the best interests of the community, along both civic and material lines. In addition to the home farm of eighty acres he is the owner of forty acres of rich muck land in section 2 of the same township, and on both places he gives his attention to diversified agriculture and stockgrowing, with policies and activities that make him an effective modern exponent of these basic and important industries.

In politics Mr. Marsh accords unfaltering allegiance to the republican party, and in 1905 he was elected trustee of Wayne Township, an office of which he continued the incumbent four years and in which he made an admirable record for loyal and effective service. He is affiliated with North Judson Lodge No. 438, Free and Accepted Masons, and in the same village he attends and gives liberal support to the Lutheran Church, of which his wife is a communicant, he having been reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Marsh is a son of John L. and Elizabeth (Bunnell) Marsh, the former of whom was born in New Jersey, in 1834, and the latter of whom was born in Ohio, in 1844, their marriage having been solemnized in 1866, in the City of Cincinnati. John L. Marsh was a son of Aaron Picton Marsh, who likewise was born in New Jersey and whose father served as colonel of a New Jersey regiment in the War of the Revolution. Aaron P. Marsh married Miss Abbie Baker, likewise a native of New Jersey, in which state their elder children were born, and in the late '30s they numbered themselves among the pioneer settlers in Cincinnati, Ohio, which city was then little more than a village. There Mr. Marsh became a successful brick contractor and builder, and there both he and his wife died, when each had passed the sixtieth milestone on the journey of life. Two of their sons, Aaron P., Jr., and Luther Halsey, devoted their entire active careers to contracting, as successors to the business established by their father. Aaron P., Jr., died in Cincinnati, at an advanced age, having been the father of ten children; and Luther H., now venerable in years, is living retired in the same city, having reared several children. The five daughters of Aaron P. Marsh, Sr., all married and reared children and all continued residents of Ohio until their death.

John L. Marsh, the youngest of the children, was reared and educated in Cincinnati and in his youth he served an apprenticeship to the trade of cabinetmaker, at which he became a skilled workman. Impaired

health finally led him to abandon the work of his trade and at the time of the Civil war he entered the Union service, as an attache of the commissary department, at Camp Denison and Camp Monroe. He was also in service for some time in the South, and his marriage occurred within a few months after his return to Cincinnati. In that city he finally engaged in the wholesale mercantile business, but after a disastrous fire destroyed his establishment, a few years later, he engaged in the dairy business near Cincinnati. He sold this business at the time of his removal to Starke County, Indiana, in 1875, and here he became a prosperous farmer and influential citizen who ever commanded the high regard of all who knew him. He continued to reside on his homestead farm until his death, in May, 1908, and his remains rest in the cemetery at North Judson. He was a stalwart republican in his political proclivities, was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Marsh was a daughter of Samuel and Roxanna (Hammel) Bunnell, both of whom continued residents of Ohio until their death, the father having passed away at the age of forty-two years and his widow having attained to the venerable age of more than eighty years; both were members of the Campbellite or Christian Church. Mrs. Elizabeth (Bunnell) Marsh was summoned to the life eternal in January, 1896, a gentle and devoted wife and mother and a noble Christian woman. Of the four children, Nathan L., of this sketch, was the firstborn; Warren is engaged in Government work in the cities of Portland and Seattle; Samuel died at the age of nineteen years; and Edward resides at North Judson, being in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company.

In Wayne Township, in 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Nathan L. Marsh to Miss Elnora Lange, who was born at Denham, Pulaski County, on the 7th of July, 1878, and who was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Starke County, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Charles and Bertha (Kiel) Lange, both of whom were born in Germany and both of whom were children at the time of the immigration of the respective families to the United States, location having been made in Laporte County, Indiana, where Charles Lange was reared to maturity. He served as a member of an Indiana regiment during the last year of the Civil war and finally, after his marriage, he purchased a farm in Pulaski County, a property which he sold at the time of his removal to Starke County. Here he purchased a farm in Wayne Township, and on this homestead he and his wife died after they had attained to the age of threescore years, both having been communicants of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Lange having been a democrat in politics.

In conclusion are given brief data concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh: Edna M., who remains at the parental home, as do all of the other children, was born March 12, 1899, and was graduated in the eighth grade of the public schools in 1912; Herbert L., who was born May 13, 1900, completed the work of the eighth grade in the public schools in 1913 and is associated with the work and management of the

home farm; Arthur I. was born July 14, 1901; Warren B., January 21, 1903; Raymond, July 26, 1904; Alice L., May 4, 1906; Perry W., July 26, 1908; and Edith M., April 26, 1914.

JOSEPH BUDKA. A member of a sterling and honored Bohemian family that was founded in Starke County forty years ago, Mr. Budka was reared from childhood to maturity on the well-improved farm which is now owned and occupied by him, in section 15, Wayne Township, and like his honored father he has marked the passing years with earnest and effective industry, the while he has so ordered his course in all the relations of life as to merit and receive the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. His farm comprises 160 acres, the major part of which is under effective cultivation, the soil being of sandy loam of much integrity and giving excellent yields of the cereals and other farm products. The house occupied by Mr. Budka was erected by his father nearly a quarter of a century ago and is arranged much in the style of farm domiciles in the Bohemian fatherland, convenience and comfort being consulted rather than mere embellishment. The other farm buildings are of substantial order and everything is maintained in good condition, with assurance of thrift and prosperity. Mr. Budka gives special attention to the raising of corn and rye, for the cultivation of which his farm seems particularly adapted, as shown by experimentation and past experience. When Mr. Budka's father purchased this homestead the land was wild and all improvements have been made by this sturdy family, the subject of this sketch having ably continued to follow the careful and progressive policies that were instituted by his father, having been the owner of the old homestead since 1903 and being independently placed as one of the substantial agriculturists and successful stockgrowers of the county that has long been his home.

Joseph Budka was born in the Province of Bohemia, Austria, on the 19th of February, 1871, and is a scion of one of the old and worthy families of that country, his father's generation being the first to find representation in America, and the vocation of the family in Bohemia having been that of farming, for many generations, the while its members there held zealously to the faith of the Catholic Church. Mr. Budka is a son of Michael and Barbara Budka, who were married in their native province and there were born all of their children—Mary, Anna, Katherine, John, James, Joseph, and Anthony. In 1875, when Joseph, subject of this sketch, was four years old, the family came to the United States, making the voyage on one of the slower transatlantic steamers, and two weeks elapsing before they disembarked in the Port of Baltimore, Maryland. From that city the family came to the West, and after passing two weeks in the City of Chicago, they came to Starke County, Indiana, where the father purchased the farm now owned by his son Joseph, though his original purchase comprised only forty acres of the present homestead, additions to its area having been made at later periods, when his financial circumstances warranted the action. In 1905 the parents removed to an attractive residence in the Village of North Judson, and

there the father lived retired, in peace and comfort, until his death in 1910, at the age of seventy-five years, his widow having been seventy-six years of age when she too was summoned to the life eternal, on August 19, 1913, both having been lifelong and earnest communicants of the Catholic Church. Michael Budka was a man of strong character, lived an industrious, earnest and righteous life, entered fully into the American spirit and had deep appreciation of the opportunities that were afforded him in the land of his adoption, his political allegiance having been given to the democratic party. Of the seven children four are now living, and all of the number are married and have children.

Joseph Budka was reared to maturity on the farm which he now owns and in addition to learning in his boyhood the lessons of practical industry he also made good use of the advantages afforded in the public schools of the vicinity. He assisted his father in the reclaiming and improving of the homestead farm, and thus he is now receiving the due rewards of his early labors. His political support is given to the democratic party and though he has had no ambition for public office he served one term as township assessor. Both he and his wife are devoted communicants of the Catholic Church.

In Wayne Township, at the age of thirty-four years, Mr. Budka was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lukes, who was born in the City of Chicago, on the 17th of March, 1881, and who was there reared and educated. She is a daughter of Frank and Mary Lukes, both of whom were born in Bohemia and the marriage of whom was solemnized in Chicago, where they still maintain their home and where their children have all been carefully reared in the faith of the Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Budka have six children—Joseph, Jr., Emma, Mary, Frank, Anna and Alice, and the eldest of the number celebrated his ninth birthday anniversary in 1915.

ALBERT BREJCHA. Starke County claims not a few sturdy citizens of Bohemian birth or lineage and this element invariably stands exponent of upright, industrious and unassuming citizenship, with traits of character that are well worthy of emulation and with earnest, well-poised personalities that place true valuations upon men and affairs. A well-known and successful farmer of Wayne Township, Albert Brejcha came from his native Province of Bohemia, Austria, to the United States when he was thirteen years of age, having accompanied his stepfather and other children of the family, and from that time to the present he has been numbered among the productive workers of the land of his adoption, the while his advancement has been won entirely through his own efforts.

Mr. Brejcha was born in Bohemia on the 21st of April, 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Urbankoba) Brejcha, both of whom passed their entire lives in Bohemia, the father having died at the age of thirty-three years and his wife, who was six years his junior, having likewise been thirty-three years old at the time of her death. Jacob Brejcha was a blacksmith by trade and vocation and was a devout communicant of

the Catholic Church, as was also his wife. Of their two children Albert is the elder, and the younger was Anna, who came with other members of the family to America and who here became the wife of Frank Hynous; her husband became a substantial farmer in Nebraska, where both passed the remainder of their lives, and they were survived by two sons and two daughters.

Albert Brejcha was but five years of age at the time of his father's death and his mother later became the wife of James Slack, the two children of this union having been daughters, Mary and Frances. In 1866, after the death of his wife, James Slack, accompanied by the two children by the first marriage of his wife and also his own two little daughters, determined to come to the United States, where he felt assured of better opportunities for both himself and those dependent upon him, Albert of this review, having been the eldest of the children and having been thirteen years of age at the time, so that his early education had been gained in the schools of his native land. The voyage across the Atlantic was tempestuous and twenty-two days elapsed ere the family landed in New York City. From the national metropolis Mr. Slack and the children proceeded to the City of Chicago, and there he found employment at his trade, that of carpenter, the remainder of his life having been passed in that city. His two daughters were reared and educated in Chicago, there the marriage of both occurred and there they still reside, both having reared children.

After coming to the United States Mr. Brejcha forthwith gained familiarity with honest toil and endeavor, and as a youth and young man he followed various occupations in Chicago, where he turned his attention to any honest work that would justify his efforts. He was in Chicago at the time of the great fire of 1871, and he there continued his residence for several years thereafter. In 1875 he there formed the acquaintance of Miss Antonia Stava, and their marriage was solemnized before the end of that year. She was born in Bohemia, on the 30th of August, 1856, and came with her parents and her one brother to the United States in 1875, the family home having been established in Chicago, where her father continued to reside until his death, at the venerable age of eighty-three years. The widowed mother survived her husband by about six years and passed the closing period of her life in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Brejcha, in Starke County, where she died at the age of seventy-six years, both she and her husband having been lifelong and earnest communicants of the Catholic Church.

In 1883 Mr. Brejcha, accompanied by his wife and three children, came to Starke County and established his permanent home on a portion of his present farm. He purchased forty acres in section 11, Wayne Township, and from this nucleus he has evolved his present well improved farm of 120 acres, about one-half of the tract being under effective cultivation and the work of reclaiming the remainder being pushed forward each successive year. On the homestead Mr. Brejcha erected his substantial and comfortable residence, designed after the unpretentious types with which he was familiar in his native land, and he has made

other excellent improvements in the erection of farm buildings and the providing of modern accessories, though his providence and good judgment have been manifest in his making no expenditures that involved undue financial responsibilities. He gives his attention to diversified agriculture and stockgrowing, has labored early and late and every detail of his farm operation has received his personal and careful supervision. He gives his support to measures tending to advance the general welfare of the community and is independent in his political attitude. He and his wife and all of their children are communicants of the Catholic Church and exemplify their faith in their daily lives.

In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Brejcha. Of the twelve children all are living except four. Marie is the wife of Fred R. Kittel and they now reside in the City of Los Angeles, California; they have no children. Hattie is the wife of John Lane of Chicago, and their one child, Matilda, celebrated her sixteenth birthday anniversary in 1914. Emil is a resident of Chicago, in which city he was born in the year 1881, though he was reared and educated in Starke County. He married Miss Anna Vlcek and they have three children—Albert, Emil, Jr., and Elsie. Julia is the wife of John Drunecky, a farmer in Wayne Township, Starke County, and they have four children—Georgiana, Bessie, Blanche and Benjamin. Jennie is the wife of John Dahlke, of Riverdale, Illinois, and their children are Helen, Wilber and Hazel. Albert A., who was born on the home farm, on the 2d of January, 1893, made good use of the advantages of the public schools and is now associated with his father in the work and management of the farm, as is also Antonia F., who was here born on the 16th of May, 1896, and who likewise acquired her education in the public schools of this vicinity. Lillian B., the youngest of the children, was born October 29, 1899, and is her mother's capable and earnest assistant in ordering the domestic activities of the family home.

FRANK KRULIK. In its acquirement of a very appreciable number of citizens of Bohemian nativity or lineage, Starke County has had much to gain and nothing to lose. In Wayne County one of the substantial farmers and loyal and progressive citizens who claims the Province of Bohemia as the place of his birth is Frank Krulik, whose excellent farm, betokening thrift and prosperity, is situated in section 10, and on rural mail route No. 2 from North Judson.

In the sturdy old Province of Bohemia, Austria, Frank Krulik was born in the year 1856, and he is a son of Frank and Josia (Kruklik) Kruklik, representatives of sterling old families of that province. The father not only became well known as an honest and industrious man, but also gave loyal service in the army of his native land, in which connection he was a valiant soldier in the Slavic wars. He had marked musical talent and this fact heightened his personal popularity in social affairs. He died in 1863, when his son and namesake, subject of this review, was but seven years of age, his widow attaining to the age of sixty years and both having been devout communicants of the Catholic Church,

the father having been forty years old when he was summoned from the stage of life's mortal endeavors. Of the two children Frank is the elder, and the younger, Maria, became the wife of a Bohemian soldier, Frank Palison, with whom she came to the United States in 1890, they and their children establishing their residence in Chicago, where they still reside and where Mr. Palison is engaged in the shoe business, their children being Joseph, Anna, Charles, Sylvia, Maria, Matilda, and Frank.

Reared to maturity in his native province, Frank Krulik early became dependent upon his own resources, as the death of his father left the family in somewhat straitened circumstances. He applied himself industriously to such work as he could obtain and in the meanwhile was able to attend no regular school. Shortly after attaining to his majority he married Miss Anna Pecinka, who was born December 25, 1860, and who was reared in the same locality as was her husband and whose educational advantages likewise were of most meager order. The young couple were ambitious and determined, however, and after their marriage they applied themselves diligently until they provided for themselves a modest home, the while they considered themselves most fortunate when they were also able to purchase a cow. Mr. Krulik's sister had come to the United States in 1890, as already noted in a preceding paragraph, and she had given to him excellent accounts of the greater advantages afforded for personal achievement in this country. By great labor and utmost frugality Mr. Krulik finally accumulated a sufficient sum of money to defray the passage of himself and his wife and their three children to the United States. At Hamburg they embarked on a German steamship, and after a voyage of fourteen days' duration they landed in the City of Baltimore, Maryland, whence they proceeded forthwith to the City of Chicago, where they were warmly welcomed by Mr. Krulik's sister and her husband. In the great western metropolis Mr. Krulik was employed for two years in lumber yards, and with his saving he then bought a lot and erected a small house, on the South Side of Chicago. The training and experience received in his native land led him also to build on his lot a barn and to install therein a few cows. In this way he started a small dairy business. Finding it difficult to keep cows and conduct business in the city, in 1899 Mr. Krulik disposed of his property in Chicago, by trading the same for eighty acres of land in section 10, Wayne Township, Starke County, Indiana, and to this farm he removed with his family, determined to win independence and prosperity if this could be accomplished by hard work and careful management. It is needless to say that he has had no reason to regret the change he made at this time, for success has attended his efforts and he is now one of the substantial farmers of his adopted county. When he purchased the farm he assumed a considerable indebtedness, all of which he has wiped out. The farm came into his possession with permanent improvements represented in a small house and a log barn, and much of the land awaited practical reclamation before it was available for successful cultivation. The results of Mr. Krulik's earnest labors are shown in the productiveness of the greater part of his farm and also in the excellent improve-

ments he has made, including the erection of a good house of six rooms and a substantial frame barn. Increasing prosperity enabled him later to purchase an adjoining tract of forty acres, so that his homestead place now comprises 120 acres, besides which he is the owner of a 40-acre tract in section 3, Wayne Township, this being largely timber and pasture land. Mr. Krulik gives his attention to diversified agriculture and stock-growing and has been also very successful in the raising of a fine grade of potatoes. Mr. Krulik gives his political support to the democratic party and he and his family are communicants of the Catholic Church. The three children who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Krulik on their immigration to the United States are Joseph, Maria and Frank, Jr., all of whom reside in this county. Concerning the children born since the home was established in the United States the following brief record is given: Louis F. was born in Chicago, on the 11th of January, 1894; acquired his education in the district schools of Starke County, and is his father's efficient and valued assistant in the work and management of the farm. Anna, who was graduated in the district school near her home, in 1911, is now employed in the City of Chicago. Emma A., who was born in Chicago, May 11, 1899, completed the studies of the eighth grade, and remains at the parental home. Bessie M., who was born August 28, 1900, was graduated in the eighth grade of the district school, as a member of the class of 1914, and, like her sister Emma, remains at the parental home and is popular in the social circles of the community. Emil L., the youngest child, was born April 25, 1905, and is still attending school in the home district.

CHARLES W. OESER. Through unusual circumstances of genealogy, nativity and early training, as well as through events marking his independent career, the life record of this substantial farmer and popular citizen of Starke County is one of unique, romantic and interesting order. He has been one of the progressive and successful farmers and stock-growers of Wayne Township since 1912, in which year he came to Starke County and purchased a farm of 160 acres, eighty acres of the tract constituting his present homestead, and the other eighty acres having later been sold by him, as the land was in Jackson Township and he found it inexpedient and inconvenient to give to it the requisite attention. His homestead, which is equipped with excellent improvements and is under effective cultivation, is eligibly situated in section 3, Wayne Township, on rural mail route No. 2, from North Judson, which is his postoffice address. The enterprise and home appreciation of Mr. Oeser were distinctly evidenced in his erection of the present modern and specially attractive residence on his farm, the substantial building being of frame and stucco construction, with basement under the entire building and with all appointments and facilities of modern order. All of the farm is available for effective cultivation except fifteen acres that are still covered with fine native timber. In his farming operations Mr. Oeser gives special attention to the raising of corn, rye and potatoes, with four acres of onions, and the enterprise is amplified by the raising of excellent grades

of horses, cattle and swine. The success of Mr. Oeser since he came to Starke County has been unequivocal and demonstrates that it is possible for the city man to "win out" when he brings to bear energy and good judgment in association with the great basic industries of agriculture and stockgrowing.

For virtually a period of thirty years prior to his removal to Starke County Mr. Oeser had maintained his residence in the City of Chicago or the immediate vicinity, and had there given his attention to productive enterprise as a carpenter and builder, a trade which he has followed to a considerable extent also since he aligned himself with the prosperous farmers of Starke County. His success is the more gratifying to note in view of the fact that he has depended upon his own resources since he was a lad of thirteen years, his broader education having been acquired through self-discipline, wide and varied experience and association with men and affairs in the practical activities of life. He is a linguist of much ability, having excellent command of the English, German and Scandinavian languages, which he reads and writes as well as speaks with fluency, and in his home are to be found copies of the best periodicals issued in each of these languages.

Mr. Oeser was born in the staunch old City of Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 24th of May, 1860, and is a son of August William and Frederica (Seseman) Oeser, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Holland, the Kingdom of Saxony having been the native place of the father. The marriage of the parents was solemnized in Scotland, and there were born their first two children—Paulena and Charles W. When the subject of this review was a lad of six years the family removed to the City of Hamburg, Germany, and there the father died in 1872, at the age of forty-eight years, having succumbed to an attack of smallpox, which was epidemic in the city at the time. His widow, who passed to the life eternal about twenty years ago, at Hamburg, was seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death, both having been earnest communicants of the Lutheran Church. After their removal to Germany there were born to them four children—Marie, Wilhelmina, Carl and Meta—and of the immediate family Charles W. is the only one to have come to the United States.

Charles W. Oeser was about twelve years of age at the time of his father's death, and soon afterward he assumed the responsibilities of providing for his own maintenance. He served a practical apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter, and for six years, in his early youth, he found employment as a ship carpenter, aboard German vessels. In 1879, at the age of nineteen years, Mr. Oeser's self-reliance and ambition prompted him to seek his fortune in the United States. He embarked at Bremen and proceeded to Havre, France, from which port he set sail for New York City, on the ship Westphalia. The voyage proved a most pleasing and interesting experience to him, largely owing to his previous experience on shipboard, and after landing in the national metropolis of his adopted country he found employment as clerk in a grocery establishment in the City of Brooklyn, New York. Later he went to Louis-

ville, Kentucky, and in that state he was identified with agricultural pursuits for eighteen months, this being his initial experience in connection with this line of industry. His desire to familiarize himself more fully with conditions and customs in the United States led him to devote about two years to traveling in the South and Southwest, and in the meanwhile he was variously employed.

In August, 1893, soon after the opening of the wonderful World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Mr. Oeser made his way to that city, and he continued to reside in Chicago, a portion of the time in the suburb of Lake Bluff, until his removal to Starke County, Indiana, in 1912. He had in the meanwhile given his attention principally to work at his trade and had done a considerable amount of work as a successful contractor and builder, his savings during the period of his residence at Chicago having enabled him to purchase his present farm. He has had no cause to regret this action and takes justifiable satisfaction in numbering himself among the successful and progressive husbandmen of this favored section of the Hoosier State.

At Lake Bluff, Illinois, on the 9th of November, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Oeser to Mrs. Rosa (Cocoves) Beck. Mrs. Oeser was born in Slavonia, Austria, on the 8th of June, 1873, and was there reared and educated, her parents having there passed their entire lives and she being the only one of the family to come to America. In her native land she wedded Joseph Beck, who died about one month after the birth of their only child, Joseph, Jr., who was born October 16, 1893, and who is now associated in the work and management of the farm of his stepfather. Joseph Beck, Jr., acquired his early education in his native land and is conversant with four different languages. In 1903 Mrs. Beck came with her son to the United States and established her home in Chicago, and two years later she became the wife of Mr. Oeser, as noted above. No children have been born of this union, but Mr. Oeser has four children by his first marriage: Frederick resides in the City of Chicago, is a carpenter by trade and vocation, is married and has two daughters; Carrie is the wife of Edward Treshler, manager of the shoe department of a department store on Halsted Street, Chicago, and they have one daughter; Henry is a carpenter and farmer, residing at Manistee, Michigan, and he has one son and one daughter; and Miss Norma, the youngest of the children, resides in the City of Chicago.

ALOIS HULKA. Wayne Township, Starke County, may consistently be said to include within its limits a fine Bohemian colony, and the county takes pride and satisfaction in having this admirable element of earnest, upright and industrious citizens, the majority of whom are successful and thrifty representatives of the great basic industries of agriculture and stockgrowing. A popular and progressive member of this valued class of citizens is Mr. Hulka, who is one of the substantial farmers of Wayne Township and whose homestead place is situated in section 10.

Alois Hulka was born in the Province of Bohemia, Austria, on the

21st of June, 1861, and is a son of James and Maria (Blazik) Hulka, who were born and reared near Pratcha, that province, representatives of staunch old Austrian families. The father became a prosperous miller in Bohemia, was an honored and influential citizen of his community, and in his native land he continued to reside until his death. He was born September 28, 1828, and his death occurred in 1909, his widow still remaining in the old homestead and having celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday anniversary in 1914, the date of her nativity having been February 2, 1837. These worthy and industrious folk were confirmed in the Catholic Church when young, and the entire family has held zealously to the faith of this great mother church of Christendom. All of the children—four sons and four daughters—attained to maturity and six of the number are now living, the subject of this review having been the third in order of birth. Of the immediate family Alois and his brother Jerolim are the only representatives in the United States, the latter having come to this country at a later date than did Alois and having established his residence in the City of Chicago, where he has become a very successful manufacturer of sash and doors and where he has become the father of four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living except one of the daughters.

Reared to maturity in his native province, where he attended school for six years, Alois Hulka had, shortly after attaining to majority, the distinction of serving as a valiant soldier in the war in which Austria-Hungary was involved in 1882-83. He took part in a number of important battles, but was not wounded or captured. Prior to this patriotic service Mr. Hulka had served a two years' apprenticeship in a flouiring mill and two years at the carpenter's trade, so that he had applied himself most diligently until the time he was called into military service. After victory had crowned the arms of his native land he received his honorable discharge, and soon afterward his desire for broader opportunities prompted him to immigrate to America. Proceeding to Bremen, Germany, he there embarked for the voyage to the New World, and he arrived in New York City on the 21st of April, 1888. He established his residence in the City of Chicago, where he found employment during the first two years of his residence in America. After his marriage he there engaged in the manufacture of sash and doors, in partnership with Frank Bursik, and through the marked success attending the enterprise he and his partner accumulated from the profits of the business the noteworthy sum of \$10,000.

Mr. Hulka continued his residence in Chicago until August, 1894, when he came with his family to Starke County, Indiana, and purchased 106 acres of excellent land, in section 10, Wayne Township. There were no buildings on the place, and the progressiveness and enterprise of Mr. Hulka are shown in the substantial buildings which he has erected on his farm, the same including an attractive residence of eight rooms, two barns, a granary, cornercribs, poultry house, etc. In 1895 Mr. Hulka purchased an adjoining tract of forty acres, so that the area of his homestead became 146 acres. In 1898 he added another forty acres, and in

1912 purchased a contiguous tract of fifty-three acres, so that his landed estate, all well improved, now has an aggregate area of 240 acres. From his land Mr. Hulka obtains large and profitable annual yields of corn, rye, oats, potatoes and onions, 100 acres of his land being under effective cultivation and thrift and prosperity being in evidence on every side. There is valuable native timber on the farm, as well as good grazing land, and Mr. Hulka raises a consistent number of horses, cattle and swine. He is liberal and public-spirited as a citizen, is a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party and he and his family are communicants of the Catholic Church at North Judson.

In the City of Chicago, on the 12th of April, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hulka to Miss Maria Hojda, who was born in Bohemia, Austria, on the 17th of March, 1865, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Safrank) Hojda, who passed their entire lives in their native land, where the father was a successful manufacturer of all kinds of tape. He was born July 25, 1813, and died in 1879; his wife was born September 25, 1820, and her death occurred in 1871, both having been devout communicants of the Catholic Church. Of the two sons and four daughters one of the former and three of the latter are living. Anna is the wife of Michael Horn, of Chicago, and Katherine is the wife of Jilji Kalous, of that city. Mrs. Hulka came to the United States in 1887 and established her home in Chicago, where she was residing at the time of her marriage.

In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hulka. Alois, Jr., who was born February 4, 1891, died in May, 1908, having been killed by a train when crossing a railroad track near the parental home in Starke County and the accident having been due to his being afflicted with deafness. Maria, who was born January 6, 1892, is a deaf mute and remains at the parental home, she having been educated in institutions for the deaf, at Chicago and Indianapolis. Annie, who was born May 13, 1893, died on the 1st of July, 1902. Helen, who was born September 28, 1894, is the wife of Joseph Smolek, of Richgrove, Indiana. Bessie, who was born March 5, 1896, was graduated in the district school near her home, in 1910, and is her mother's energetic and valued assistant in the domestic work of the pleasant family home. Ella, who was born June 10, 1898, was likewise afforded the advantages of the public schools and remains at the parental home. James, who was born October 6, 1900, will complete in 1915 the work of the eighth grade in the public schools; and the younger children likewise are attending the school in the home district, their names and respective dates of their birth being here noted: Annie, July 7, 1903; Blanche, August 3, 1905; Rosa, March 27, 1907; and Lena, June 12, 1909.

WILLIAM G. McCORMICK. The name of no family has been more intimately and worthily identified with the history of Starke County than that of McCormick, and thus it has been fortunate that as editor of the generic history here presented it was possible for the publishers to enlist the services of Joseph N. McCormick, a brother of him whose name

initiates this paragraph. In connection with the sketch of the career of Joseph N. McCormick, on other pages, are given ample data concerning the family history and thus it is not necessary to repeat the same in the present review. It may consistently be said that William G. McCormick, now residing at Knox, has contributed his quota to the industrial and civic advancement of the county that has been his home from childhood and that he has well upheld the prestige of the name which he bears.

Mr. McCormick was born in Bedford County, Virginia, the old homestead which was the place of his nativity being picturesquely situated on the banks of the Staunton River, and the date of his birth was February 7, 1846, so that he was a lad of seven years at the time of the family removal to Starke County, Indiana, in 1853. His father, James McCormick, entered claim to eighty acres of wild land, in section 6, Washington Township, this section of the state having at that time been little more than a wilderness, with deer, bear, wolves and other wild animals much in evidence. James McCormick was a man of much energy and foresight and had the sagacity to realize the necessity for and great value of proper drainage facilities for much of the land in this now opulent county. He was among the first to construct drainage ditches, and in making this improvement on his embryonic farm he applied himself with such assiduity that much of the work of clearing the land and giving attention to other details of the improvement and management of the pioneer homestead devolved upon his sturdy sons, who gave him effective cooperation. Under these conditions William G. McCormick gained an enduring and lively appreciation of the dignity and value of honest toil, with which he had full fellowship in his youth, the habits of industry having continued with him during the long intervening period and being in distinct evidence at the present time, though he is nearing the psalmist's span of threescore years and ten. Mr. McCormick attended the pioneer schools when opportunity offered, principally during the winter seasons, when his aid was not in requisition to so strenuous a degree on the home farm. The first schoolhouse in the entire vicinity of his home was a building constructed of hewed logs and established on his father's farm. With a natural aptitude for mechanics, Mr. McCormick became also a skillful workman at the carpenter's trade, and to the same he has given his attention to a greater or less degree for many years.

After attaining to his legal majority, Mr. McCormick established his residence in the village of Hamlet, where he opened a general store and built up a prosperous trade, in the meanwhile having served fourteen years as postmaster and express agent at that place. He resigned these positions in 1895, and in October of that year removed to Knox, the county seat, where he has since maintained his home. In the following year he built his present residence, on South Heaton Street, and he also did a very appreciable amount of work as a successful contractor and builder. For five years he held a position in the offices of the county recorder, and for several years he served as custodian of the courthouse.

Idleness is a word that is on his index expurgatorius, and since 1908 he has held the position of janitor of the public school buildings of Knox. He is a democrat in politics, as was also his father, and his sons have not deviated from the ancestral political faith. He and his wife attend the Free Methodist Church, of which Mrs. McCormick is a member.

On the 10th of October, 1869, at Grovertown, this county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McCormick to Miss Mary E. Uncapher, who was born at Marion, Ohio, on the 4th of November, 1847, but who was reared and educated at Grovertown, Starke County. Her parents, Israel and Margaret (Sult) Uncapher, came to this county in the pioneer days and the father became one of the substantial farmers of the county, both he and his wife here passing the residue of their lives, and both having been earnest members of the German Lutheran Church. In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. McCormick: Flora E. is the wife of James W. Leasure, of Lima, Ohio, and they have one son and five daughters. Perry H., who is cashier of the First State Bank of North Judson, this county, married Miss Auda Horton, and they have one son and two daughters. Marion F., who is telegraph operator at North Judson for the Chicago & Erie Railroad, wedded Miss Hazel Wilson, of Spencerville, Ohio, and they have one daughter. Chester A. was graduated in the high school and in the same year became a successful teacher in the schools of his native county. He showed about this time distinctive enterprise and literary ability by editing and issuing from the press a pamphlet history of Starke County, and eventually he became the founder of the North Judson News, of which he is still editor and publisher. He has been influential in political affairs in this section of the state and is present representative of the Thirteenth Senatorial District in the Indiana State Senate. He is a bachelor. Della M. is the wife of Charles H. Cannon, a substantial farmer of Center Township, and they have three daughters. W. Floyd, who devoted about five years to work as a telegraph operator, is now manager of the telephone exchange in the City of Hometown, this state. At Hicksville, Defiance County, Ohio, he married Miss Grace Joy Johnston, and they have one daughter. Neva D., who completed her entire course in the Knox High School without once being absent or tardy, is now private stenographer to her brother, Senator Chester A. McCormick.

ANDREW J. LARAMORE. The residence of Andrew J. Laramore in Starke County covers a period of more than sixty-three years, during which time he has been an eye-witness of and a participant in the wonderful progress that has transformed a wild and undeveloped region of the Hoosier State into one of the most flourishing and thriving sections of agricultural and commercial activity in the commonwealth. Knox, the present prosperous and growing county seat, at that time contained but three houses, and Mr. Laramore's father's house was the only one between the Yellow and Kankakee rivers, a distance of ten miles. Roads and ditches were unheard of, and it was only by picking their path over the elevations that the early settlers could reach their destinations. Wild

game was to be found in abundance, and deer and wild hogs, brought down by the rifles of the pioneers, formed a part of almost every meal. Neighbors were few and visits from them were mainly when they came to borrow live coals to start their fires, there being no matches at the time.

Mr. Laramore was born within six miles of Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana, September 17, 1848, and was two and one-half years of age when brought to Starke County by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Laramore, the family settling, March 18, 1851, on a wild, unbroken farm in Center Township, 2½ miles north of Knox. There he spent his boyhood, participating in the hardships and discomforts which were the lot of the pioneers, but also taking part in the pleasures that these sturdy and courageous people found to break the monotony of the hard and continued toil. In an address made by Mr. Laramore, at the last Fourth of July celebration at Knox, in 1914, he spoke interestingly of his first Fourth of July at Knox, when the people came from miles around in ox-carts or on foot, most of the boys and men being barefooted, as well as some of the women, all dressed in the plainest of clothes, for cloth was an article hard to obtain at that time and various were the makeshifts that the clever housewives of the time were forced to find to clothe their families. Mr. Laramore remembers playing "bull pen," or "town ball" on the site of the present courthouse, and an every-day sport of the boys of the neighborhood was hunting muskrats and raccoons.

Mr. Laramore attended the subscription schools in the short winter terms and during the summer months assisted his father in clearing and improving the home farm, on which he remained until two years after his marriage, although he never charged his father a dollar for his services. Thus he grew up strong in body and alert in mind, and now, at the age of sixty-six years, is a man of strong physique, active in his movements and in full possession of his faculties. He was but sixteen years of age when, February 22, 1865, he enlisted for service in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil war, and for seven months was engaged largely in guard duty, his seventeenth birthday being passed on guard duty at Nashville, Tennessee. In 1873 Mr. Laramore embarked in agricultural operations on his own account, developing a good and valuable farm and through industry and perseverance accumulating a competency. In 1902 he went to Hamlet, Indiana, where he was engaged in farming forty acres of land until 1904, in which year he was elected sheriff of Starke County, on the republican ticket, this being the first time the county had gone republican, all of its candidates being elected save one trustee of Oregon Township. He served two terms in the office of sheriff and was known as a capable, efficient, faithful and courageous official, and left his office with an excellent record. When elected he came to Knox to make his home, and here he has since resided with the exception of one year spent at South Bend. He has been very active in local republican politics, having been a delegate to numerous county conventions as well as state gatherings, chairman of the Davis Township

Republican Committee and assessor of Davis Township for four years, and to each of his offices he has given the same conscientious attention that has made his private interests successful. A charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 296, at Knox, he has filled all the minor offices in this order, and for many years was master at arms. Mr. Laramore is now the youngest soldier of the Civil war living in Starke County, and is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 290, of which he has been quartermaster for three years. In his pleasant home on South Shields Street, Knox, Mr. Laramore has numerous interesting articles, including his grandfather's old hall clock, which was purchased second-handed and has been in the family for nearly one hundred years, and still keeps excellent time. He also has his grandmother's old riding-whip, the decorations on which show her pride in her possessions, and her old Dutch Bible, printed in that language. Prior to the advent of the first locomotive in Knox, Mr. Laramore heard his first steam-engine whistle, which was made by an engine on the New Albany & Salem Railway, at San Pierre, in the southwest part of the county, this engine having been built in 1856. The people of this community had not heard of the road having been built, and much wonderment was expressed as to the cause of the whistle, many dire predictions being made by the more pessimistic. Many and great have been the changes which Mr. Laramore has witnessed during his long residence here, and it is but just to say that he has borne his full share of the labors necessary to bring these changes about.

On February 11, 1871, Mr. Laramore was married in Center Township, Starke County, to Miss Rosanna Hill, who was born in Hardin County, Ohio, June 21, 1851, and came when sixteen years of age to Starke County with her parents, James and Elizabeth (Richards) Hill, the latter of whom died in Starke County when sixty-four years of age. Mr. Hill subsequently returned to Ohio, and there passed away at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Laramore died June 13, 1914. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a good, Christian woman and a great help to her husband, and was widely beloved for her many excellencies of mind and heart. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Laramore: Sarah Olive, who suffered an attack of typhoid fever when seven weeks' old, and was an invalid until her death at the age of twenty years; Lewis Nelson, born in 1873, and educated in Starke County, was the first rural route carrier in the county, and still holds that position, being a resident of Hamlet, married Pearl Stephenson, and has three children—Dorothy, Don and Marjorie, the two former in school; William F., of Fort Wayne Indiana, was married in Starke County, to Martha Lefevre, and has three children—William W., Violet and Leta; Laura Grace was well educated in the country and high schools and married Ward F. Denny, of Argus, Indiana, now connected with the Nickel Plate Railway, and living with Mr. Laramore, at Knox, and has one daughter—Catherine Rose; and Etna Clyde, formerly a railroad fireman, and now manager of the Mentone (Indiana) Pickle Manufacturing Company.

JOHN W. LINDLEY. Among the old and honored residents of Starke County of whom this volume furnishes a record, one who is particularly worthy of mention is John W. Lindley, who is now living in honest retirement at Knox. It may be truthfully said of Mr. Lindley that during an agricultural career in this county which extended over nearly forty years, he was a typical representative of the best and highest class in the agricultural element of the population of Indiana. Practical, progressive, systematic and intelligent, and provident in his farming operations, he was absolutely reliable in his dealings with all who had transactions with him, and his career as a farmer reflected credit upon that time-honored vocation.

Mr. Lindley belongs to a family which traces its ancestry back to the days of William Penn, and several of whose members assisted that great Quaker in his settlement of Pennsylvania. The progenitors were three brothers, and one of them, the great-grandfather of John W. Lindley, owing to his Quaker beliefs, refused to serve as a soldier during the Revolutionary war and met death because of his refusal to fight. He was married and left one son, James Lindley, the grandfather of John W. James Lindley was born in Pennsylvania, grew up in that state, and was there married, the greater number of his children having been reared there. During the early '30s, gathering his children (most of them married) about him, he turned his face to the West and made the perilous journey to Wayne County, Indiana, there securing and improving lands. Subsequently he journeyed on to Howard County, and in the vicinity of Greentown entered land from the Government in the midst of the wilderness. Far from his nearest neighbor he erected a primitive log cabin and began his life over again in the forests where the Indians still skulked and wild game was to be found in abundance. A man of industry and perseverance, he was successful in clearing his land and establishing a good home, and eventually became one of the strong and substantial men of his community. He was public spirited and benevolent and gave the land for the first cemetery in that vicinity, in which his daughter-in-law, the mother of John W. Lindley, was the first person to be buried, while since that time numerous other members of the family have been interred there. The grandfather died June 25, 1866, aged seventy-one years, nine months, twenty-nine days. He was married in Pennsylvania to Susanna Massey, who died April 6, 1855, aged eighty years, two months, twelve days. They had been reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and Mr. Lindley was a whig in his political affiliation. Of their four sons and four daughters all were married and had children, and all are now deceased.

John Lindley, the father of John W. Lindley, was born in Pennsylvania, April 22, 1811, and died June 19, 1851, in Howard County, Indiana, at the old family homestead which he had helped to improve, and on which he had spent his entire life in earnest and industrious labor. He was married in Wayne County, Indiana, to Miss Mary McMullen, of Scotch-Irish stock, who was born January 1, 1805, in Pennsylvania, and she died in Howard County, Indiana, August 19, 1847, in the faith of the

United Brethren Church, of which her husband was also a member. During the early days the home of the Lindleys was always open as a stopping place for the early ministers of that faith, many of whom were hospitably entertained by these sturdy pioneer people. Mr. Lindley was a whig in politics. John and Mary Lindley became the parents of ten children, as follows: Sarah, who died after marriage and left a family; Samuel, a Howard County farmer, who is married and has a large family; James, a farmer near Portland, Oregon, who is married and has a family of eight children; Susan, the widow of Joseph Reader, resides at Nevada, Indiana, and has a large family; William, who enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil war and died while on a furlough to his home, leaving a widow who resides with her two sons in Howard County; Nancy, who died as Mrs. Peter Wolf, and left five children; Martha, the widow of John Martin, who lives at Kokomo, Indiana, and has five living children; John W., of this review; Mary, who died single in young womanhood; and Hannah M., who became the wife of a Mr. Brown and died, leaving one daughter.

John W. Lindley was born in Wayne County, Indiana, May 7, 1841, and grew up on the family homestead in St. Joseph County, where his education was secured in the district schools. After his marriage he resided in St. Joseph County, Indiana, for six years, but in 1872 came to Starke County, where he settled permanently and has since resided. Purchasing eighty acres of land in Center Township, one mile south of the City of Knox, he settled down on his unimproved property and so closely applied himself to the work of development that within a few years he was realizing profits from his well-tilled fields, and from that time forward his career was one of deserved achievement. As the years passed he erected a good residence, large barns and outbuildings, adding to his property and enhancing its value by various improvements and becoming known as one of the progressive and substantial men of his township. In 1911, feeling that he had earned a rest from his strenuous labors, Mr. Lindley retired from active business life and came to Knox, where he has since resided on Pearl Street. Although he is now more than seventy-three years of age, he still takes a keen interest in the busy life that goes on about him, and is able to manage his own affairs in as capable a manner as he did when hard work and close application were necessities. He is highly esteemed, not alone because of the material success which has rewarded his efforts, but because of a career that has been characterized by honorable dealing, and on which there is no stain or blemish.

Mr. Lindley was married in 1862, in Howard County, Indiana, near Greentown, to Miss Mary Frances Carr, who was born in Fayette County, Indiana, November 27, 1841, and came to Howard County when there was only one building, a hotel, at what is now the flourishing City of Kokomo. She is a daughter of John E. and Harriet (Scott) Carr, the former born in Adams County, Ohio, June 26, 1816, and died February 11, 1869. Mr. Carr was first a cabinetmaker and later a farmer and miller. After the death of his first wife, in 1851, he was married in

June of that year to one of her friends, Sarah Aldred, of Adams County, Ohio, and they came to Howard County, Indiana, where they passed the remaining years of their lives. After Mr. Carr's death, his widow was married to a Mr. Fleming, and died August 29, 1879. All were members of the Christian Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lindley the following children have been born: Josie, who became the wife of Henry Wetherhole, and died when eighteen years of age at the birth of her first child; J. Edward, educated at Knox, and now a resident of Oregon, married in Nevada, Minnie Crum, and they have Edna P., Cecil, Mary A., Florence, Ross, Worley C., Linus and Coral, all in school and well educated; George T., educated in the public schools of Knox, and the Valparaiso Normal, and now an abstractor and title writer of Omaha, Nebraska, married Emma Yeager, of Knox, and they have five children—Ruth, a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a teacher, Doris, Clara, Harold and Ward; and Ernest Jay, a graduate of the Knox High School and the State University at Bloomington, who became a school teacher and later a lawyer, and is now prosecutor and attorney for the City of Arapahoe, Custer County, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindley are consistent members of the Free Methodist Church. In politics he is a republican, and while not an office seeker has done much to assist in securing good officials and good laws for his community.

JOHN W. KURTZ. Becoming a resident of Starke County in his early childhood, John Wesley Kurtz has achieved prominence and influence in connection with civic and business affairs in the thriving little City of Knox, the county seat, where he has held since 1905 the responsible position of cashier of the Farmers State Bank. His personal popularity and executive ability have been potent in the upbuilding of the substantial business of this representative financial institution of the county and there is all of consistency in according to him special recognition in this history.

Mr. Kurtz was born in Crawford County, Ohio, on the 2d of December, 1862, and is a son of Caleb and Rosanna (Lutz) Kurtz, both of whom were born in the historic old City of Heidelberg, Germany, but the marriage of whom was solemnized at Bucyrus, Crawford County, Ohio, where Mrs. Kurtz's parents established their home when she was a child of six years, their immigration from Germany to the United States having been marked by a voyage on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period. Caleb Kurtz was reared and educated in his native city and as a youth of seventeen years he embarked on a sailing vessel, which in due time permitted him to land on the shores of his adopted country. From New York City he finally made his way to Ohio, and at Bucyrus, that state, he formed the acquaintance of the gracious young woman who became his wife. After their marriage they resided on a farm near Broken Sword Creek, that county, until January, 1863, when they came to Indiana, and established their home in Lake County. Not long after-

ward Caleb Kurtz evinced his ardent loyalty to the land of his adoption, in that he tendered his services in defense of the Union, by enlisting in a company organized for the Union service in his home county. After being with his command in active service for one year and fifteen months, illness incapacitated him for further field service and he was given his honorable discharge. He returned to his home and there his death occurred a few months later, as a result of the hardships and arduous service he had endured and that had brought about the illness which caused his death, at the age of forty-three years. He was a republican of ardent loyalty and his religious faith was that of the German Methodist Church. The widowed mother was left to care for her children, all of whom were young, and nobly did she fulfill the heavy responsibilities which fell upon her. Of the four children the eldest is Lydia, who has never married and who resides with her widowed mother at Warsaw, Kosciusko County; Sarah is the wife of Elijah A. Sheffield, of Los Angeles, California, and they have no children; John W., of this review, was the next in order of birth; and Mary, who is the wife of William Shriner, of Mobile, Alabama, has sons and daughters.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Rosanna Kurtz continued her residence in Lake County until the late '60s, when she came with her children to Starke County, her son John W., of this sketch, having been six years of age at the time. She established her home on a farm in California Township, and devoted herself with all of loving zeal to providing for and properly educating her children, whose deep filial love and solicitude have been her best reward. She developed much business ability and proved the strength and nobility of her character under conditions that would have baffled the average woman placed in similar circumstances. She is now living at Warsaw, this state, vigorous in mind and physical powers, though she celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday anniversary in 1914, and she is still active in the management of her business affairs, the while she is held in loving esteem by all who have come within the sphere of her gracious influence.

Reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, John W. Kurtz early began to assist his mother in her vigorous and successful business affairs and he continued to reside on the farm until he had attained to the age of eighteen years. He availed himself fully of the advantages afforded in the public schools of Starke County and supplemented this by a course in a business college at Richmond, this state, though he had previously been employed three years as clerk in the hardware store of John Grabner, of Warsaw, Kosciusko County, where the latter is still engaged in the same line of enterprise. Mr. Kurtz was graduated in the business college as a member of the class of 1884 and he then returned to Starke County and established his residence at North Judson, where he entered the employ of Jacob Keller, with whom he continued to be associated in most pleasing business and friendly relations for nearly fifteen years, during which Mr. Kurtz received counsel and experience that have proved of inestimable value to him in later years of fruitful endeavor and effective service.

In 1900 Mr. Kurtz was made the democratic nominee for the office of county auditor, and his eligibility and personal hold upon popular confidence effected his election by a gratifying majority. He gave a most careful and discriminating administration and at the expiration of his term of four years he accepted his present position, that of cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Knox. Mr. Kurtz is a zealous supporter of the cause of the democratic party, both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a charter member of the Knox Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, besides being affiliated with the local chapter of Royal Arch Masons and having passed official chairs in both. His son likewise holds membership in the lodge.

In the year 1890 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kurtz to Miss Mary Eigenmann, who was born in the City of Chicago, on the 2d of August, 1872, and who was thirteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Starke County, where her father purchased and improved a large tract of land, of which he finally disposed, thereafter establishing his home at Hammond, Lake County, where he became the owner of valuable property and where he passed the residue of his life. This sterling citizen, Conrad Eigenmann, was born in Germany and was seventy-five years of age at the time of his death, in September, 1912, his wife, whose family name was Fredericks, having likewise been a native of Germany and having been summoned to eternal rest in May, 1909, in the City of Hammond. Soon after his immigration to the United States Mr. Eigenmann established his residence in the City of Chicago, and there he held for a number of years the position of purchasing agent for the cooperage department of the Conrad Seipp Brewing Company. In that city was solemnized his marriage, his wife having been a young girl when she came with another girl from Germany to America and made Chicago her destination, her marriage occurring about the year 1870. Mr. Eigenmann finally removed to South Chicago, and he erected the first brick business block in that city, this structure being still in existence and being known as the Eigenmann Building. He became the pioneer grocer of South Chicago, where he remained until 1887, when he came to Starke County, Indiana, and purchased a large farm, as previously noted. This property, in Wayne Township, he sold at the time of his removal to the City of Hammond, where he passed the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife were earnest communicants of the Lutheran Church and in politics he was a staunch democrat. Of the five children Mrs. Kurtz is the eldest; Frederick is a widower and resides in the City of Hammond, his only child, Martin, a boy of seven years, being a member of the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz; Emma is the widow of John Holt and resides at Hammond, her one child being Sterling, a lad of nine years; Minnie is the wife of Frank Ott, of Hammond, and they have no children; Katharine is the widow of William Sterling and resides at Hammond, her only child being a son of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have one son, Frank W., who was born November 7, 1891, who was graduated in the Knox High School as a member of the class of 1910, and who is now a successful automobile sales agent,

with business headquarters at Chicago, where he still remains at the parental home.

PETER HOLM. For nearly a quarter of a century Peter Holm has been identified with the substantial citizenship of Starke County. His usefulness as a business factor has been through his vocation as a carpenter and as a thrifty farmer, and he has been a resident on section 34 of Oregon Township since 1892. The passing years have seen many increases in his prosperity, and he is one of the well fixed and influential men in that section of the county. His first purchase of land was forty acres, followed by a purchase of a similar amount in 1896, and later he bought eighty acres in Washington Township in section 4. His particular attention has been directed to the improvement and cultivation of the home eighty, and at the present time about thirty acres of the Washington County land is under the plow. Being a carpenter and woodworker by profession, he has naturally constructed a substantial home, has a house of seven rooms, and a large barn 30x50 feet. Mr. Holm has succeeded in raising practically all the crops of Starke County, grows the various cereals and vegetables, keeps first-class livestock, cattle and hogs, and much of the value of his land represents his individual improvements and labor.

Peter Holm came to Starke County from Chicago, where for fifteen years he had been a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He was born in the mining district of Sweden, May 11, 1855, grew up there, was educated in the Swedish schools, learned the trade of cabinetmaker and carpenter, and was the only member of his immediate family to find a new home in America. His parents were Andrew and Martha (Forsgrau) Holm, who were natives of the same province, and spent all their lives there, the father passing away at the age of fifty-nine and the mother at eighty. His father was a miner in the iron ore district, and all the family were brought up in the Lutheran faith. There were five sons and three daughters, and one of the former and two of the latter are still living in Sweden. These children are married and have families of their own.

While Peter Holm was growing up in Sweden he learned much through friends and by reading of the wonderful advantages and resources of the United States. He finally formulated a definite plan to leave his native land and seek a home in the New World, but was already the head of a family before he carried out his plan. He was married in Sweden to Augusta Lagrien, who was born in the same part of Sweden, December 24, 1854, and was reared and educated there. Her parents spent all their lives in Sweden, and her father, John Lagrien, was a forester in the employ of the government. Her parents were about sixty-five years of age when they died.

After two children had been born, Peter Holm and wife in 1888 took leave of their friends and relatives, embarked on a vessel at Guttenberg, went to England, and from there crossed the Atlantic on the old steamship *Lusitania*, which is now out of commission. They landed at Boston, April 3, 1888, and went on directly to Chicago. In Chicago, Peter Holm

easily found employment in woodworking shops, being a skilled mechanic, and subsequently rose to the position of foreman, and from that engaged in contracting on his own account as a house finisher and interior decorator. While in Chicago he was employed on a number of contracts in some of the larger and finer residences. Mr. Holm gives as the chief cause for his leaving Chicago and coming to Starke County the business depression which began with the Cleveland democratic administration. That caused a cessation of nearly all building activities, he found business unprofitable, and accordingly in 1890 came to Starke County and bought his first forty acres. Without previous experience as a farmer, Mr. Holm has like many other men shown the faculty of adaptability to circumstances, and while he has at different times carried on his trade as a mechanic, his chief prosperity has come from the soil and as a practical agriculturist.

It is in Starke County that Mr. Holm has reared his family and educated them, and is now able to view his life work as well accomplished, though he is still a comparatively young man and has much usefulness ahead of him in the future years. Mr. and Mrs. Holm are the parents of the following children: Peter, Jr., who was born in Sweden, October 4, 1877, was educated in Chicago, learned the carpenter trade and is now living at Hamlet in Starke County. He was married in this county to Minnie B. Hall, and they have a daughter, Maybelle, born August 29, 1912. Alvin, the second child, was born January 13, 1880, in Sweden, received his education in Chicago and in Oregon Township of Starke County, and is still unmarried and lives at home. Herbert, the youngest, was born September 27, 1894, and is now assisting his father in managing the farm. The family are members of the Lutheran faith, and the father and sons are all very strong in their support of the republican party.

GEORGE W. GREEN. No family has been more closely associated with the English Lake section of Starke County than the Greens. The late George W. Green was one of the first settlers in that part of Railroad Township, and Mrs. Green is still living at the old home in section 36, at the village of English Lake, which is a community that has grown up largely around the nucleus of the railroad station and postoffice established so many years ago by the late Mr. Green.

When Mr. Green settled in this part of the county more than half a century ago, his location was known as Green's Landing, being situated at the junction of the Kankakee River and English Lake. At that time there was no postoffice and no other settlers in the community, and the nearest place of supply for mail was at San Pierre and Knox, several miles away, and the trips were made on horseback. George W. Green and his brother Robert carried the mail from those places in the early days, and finally secured the establishment of a postoffice, which took the name English Lake, given in honor of an early Indian trader in this part of Indiana. It was in the '50s that George W. Green bought land on the banks of the river, in one of the wildest spots of Starke

County. He brought his bride to this wilderness home, and for several years they experienced all the vicissitudes and hardships as well as the attractive features of pioneering. George W. Green possessed the qualities of persistence, endurance and energy which are requisite to the success of an early settler, and with the capable assistance and counsel of his young wife cleared up, improved and eventually made a good home. Both became leading factors in that part of the county, and the history of the English Lake community revolves largely around the Green homestead. The late Mr. Green established the depot on the Pennsylvania Railroad, gave land for the schoolhouse, and before the building of a regular schoolhouse and the establishment of a district school a cousin of Mrs. Green had taught the few pupils in that neighborhood at the Green home. It is also a matter of history that the first church meeting was held in the Green home and they entertained all the itinerant ministers of the gospel and many travelers through that section. Both were hard-working people, had the old-fashioned generosity, were hospitable and kindly to friends and strangers and the records of such lives deserve to be remembered affectionately by later generations. George W. Green was a great admirer of President Lincoln and a strong Union man before the war.

George W. Green died at his home at English Lake, November 30, 1899. He was born on the shores of Lake Ontario in Cattaraugus County, New York, January 22, 1831, grew up and was educated there, and also in New York City. His father, Amasa Green, had built a hotel and a public hall in Chicago, and it was one of the early play houses, and provided a stage on which such early celebrities as Thomas Logan and others of that generation played, including possibly the late Joseph Jefferson. George W. Green was himself a man of varied talents, and at the age of sixteen became identified with the stage, and played with a number of excellent troupes. He became connected with the McVicker organization, and was an intimate friend of Logan, Joe Jefferson and other players whose names are familiar to the theater goers of fifty years or so ago. He made his last appearance on the stage cast with Fannyavenport.

After his removal to the wilderness about English Lake, George W. Green assumed a number of responsibilities in connection with the little settlement. He was general station agent for the Pennsylvania Railway, express and freight agent and postmaster, all at one time, and for several years the business of these different offices was conducted in his own home. He continued to discharge the duties of all these offices except that of postmaster until his death.

George W. Green was married in Holley, Orleans County, New York, December 22, 1862, to Miss Jennie E. Kellogg. Mrs. Green, who is a woman of unusual intellectual parts, and successful both as a mother and home-maker and in the management of the business affairs left her by her husband, was born in Jefferson County, New York, on the St. Lawrence River, August 15, 1842. She was reared and educated in her native state and county, and was about twenty years of age when as a

young bride she came west to find and make a home in the isolated section of Northwestern Indiana. She is one of the most interesting and charming women of the older generation in Starke County, and has many interesting recollections of the time spent there by herself and husband. She comes of a family stock that has produced prominent men and women. Her father, Dickinson B. Kellogg, was born in Copenhagen, New York, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Green, at English Lake in 1890 at the age of seventy-two. His brother, Alfred Kellogg, was a member of the Supreme Court of New York, and a cousin of the celebrated Clara Louise Kellogg, who was born in the same year as Mrs. Green, and who was one of the best-known figures in grand opera circles both in America and abroad, and is known to most concert goers of recent years. Dickinson B. Kellogg's wife, whose maiden name was Cornelia Esselstyne, died at English Lake in 1893 at the age of seventy-five. The Kelloggs were all members of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Green and a sister, Helen Kellogg, now live together at the old home at English Lake. Mrs. Green is the mother of three children. Nellie is the wife of Jesse Selvage of English Lake. Lillian C., who like her sister was educated both in Starke County and in Chicago, is the wife of G. M. Chapman, now of Chicago, and they have a son, Kenneth, fifteen years of age and attending school. Halley K. Green was for a number of years connected with the Pennsylvania Railway Company and is now a farmer operating a part of the Green homestead at English Lake; he married Seraphine Bodecker of Chicago, of German parentage, and they have one son, George W., born March 31, 1909.

JOHN F. STINSON. For about thirty years a resident of Starke County, John F. Stinson's career has been characterized by that steady industry and quiet efficiency which has enabled him to discharge important responsibilities and bear his part of the burdens of the world's activities. His home during all these years has been near the Kankakee River at the Kankakee Oil Station in section 34 in the north end of Railroad Township. Mr. Stinson owns thirty acres of very fine land in that community, and in 1911 erected a substantial eight-room house, painted an apple green color, and surrounded with good farm buildings. It is a pleasant country home, and also represents a profitable investment and a going business.

However, farming with Mr. Stinson has been only an investment and side line. He came to the county in 1884 and for several years was employed by the Erie Railroad, and twenty-five years ago became connected with the Indiana Pipe Line Company at the Kankakee Station on the Kankakee River in Railroad Township. He helped to unload the first carload of lumber which went into the construction of the company's buildings at that place. The company erected there one of its large pumping stations, originally with six boilers, and the capacity has since been increased from 20,000 pounds per day to more than forty thousand pounds. Mr. Stinson remained with the company, first as a man of all work and later as a fireman until July, 1913, when, on account of his

long and faithful service, he was retired on a pension, with a record of nearly twenty-four years of constant and vigilant duty.

John F. Stinson was born near Abington, Wayne County, Indiana, March 1, 1853, and grew up and was educated there, living on a farm until he came to Starke County. His parents were Aaron and Sarah (Jarrett) Stinson. His father was born in North Carolina and his mother in West Virginia. While hardly pioneers, they were settlers in the heavy and unbroken timber, and the father spent many years of his life in clearing up and developing his place. They lived in a log cabin home for a number of years, and finally built a large brick house, in which their declining years were passed in comfort. The father died at the age of sixty-four and the mother when nearly seventy. He was a democrat in politics, and while they affiliated with no one church, they practiced the principles of Christianity in their daily lives.

John F. Stinson was the sixth in a family of eight sons, named as follows: Monroe, a retired farmer living in Wayne County and head of a family; George, who died in Wayne County, leaving a family; Nathan, who died in Wayne County, unmarried; Joshua, who died when quite an old man in Wayne County, where he had been a farmer, leaving two sons; Ira, who lives near the old home in Wayne County and is a bachelor; John F.; William D., who died leaving a wife and son and daughter; Norris, who lives in Centerville, Wayne County, and is married but has no children.

John F. Stinson was married in Union County, Indiana, to Miss Mary Dye. She was born in Putnam County, Indiana, in 1858 and died at her home in Starke County in 1906, aged forty-nine. She is buried at North Judson, and was a member of the United Brethren Church. Her children are mentioned as follows: Anna, who died after her marriage to Newton Baker, a Starke County citizen whose sketch will be found on other pages; Olive, wife of Charles Brand of Chicago; Grace, who married Thomas Richardson of Chicago, and has three children, Ernest, Ralph and Bernice; Omer, who is married and lives in Chicago and has an infant son; John, who lives in Chicago, is married, but without children; Ralph, a resident of Chicago, engaged in the wholesale candy business, and recently married; Pearl, wife of Garnett Richardson, of Chicago; Howard, a young man who lives at home with his father. Mr. Stinson and sons are members of the democratic party.

JOSEPH ROZHON. In almost every state of the Union will be found colonies and individuals of Bohemian people, and wherever they go development and prosperity follow in their wake. They have been peculiarly successful as farmers, and some of the thriftiest agricultural communities in the country are those populated by former residents of that ancient kingdom in Central Europe. One of the leaders among the Bohemian colonists of Starke County is Joseph Rozhon, who has for about twenty-five years been identified with this county, and now has a fine homestead in section 25 of Railroad Township.

Joseph Rozhon was born in Bohemia, March 9, 1848, and his family

had been identified with that country for many generations and represented the best stock. His parents were Charles and Frances (Kral) Rozhon, also natives of Bohemia. His father was a farmer and lived near Christ Tibalt. Joseph was the only child of his parents, since his father died soon after his birth. The widowed mother then married Charles Fort of the same locality, and when Joseph Rozhon was about twenty-five years of age the family left Bohemia, journeyed through Germany to Bremen, and on the steamship America crossed the ocean, and after a voyage of sixteen days landed in New York City. From New York they went direct to Chicago, and arrived in that city May 16, 1873, less than two years after the great fire. In Chicago Mr. Fort and Joseph Rozhon found employment as laborers. Mr. Fort died in 1903, when nearly eighty years of age. His widow survived him three years, and when she passed away in 1906 was past seventy years of age. Both Mr. Fort and wife were reared and always remained faithful to the Catholic Church. Mr. Rozhon's mother by her marriage to Mr. Fort had two children: Anna, who died in October, 1899, while John, her brother, had died in Bohemia when an infant.

Joseph Rozhon was still single when the family came to America, and in 1874 was married in Chicago to Barbara Kral. She was born in the same locality in Bohemia as her husband, December 5, 1857, and came to this country with her parents, Frank and Catherine Kral, in 1873, at the same time with the Fort and Rozhon family. Frank Kral and wife died in Chicago, he at the age of eighty-five and his wife when in middle life, leaving five children, one son and four daughters. All of them married, all had children, and all except Mrs. Rozhon now live in Chicago and are thrifty and successful people and active members of different Catholic churches in that city.

Joseph Rozhon and wife continued to live in Chicago after their marriage until 1888, in which year they came to Starke County. Mr. Rozhon bought 120 acres in section 25 of Railroad Township, and there with the help of his capable wife started to make a home. The land was an unattractive wilderness, and presented most formidable obstacles in the way of development. It was covered with forest growth and was partly swamp. In the course of subduing the wildness of this land Mr. Rozhon built a substantial frame house, cleared off the timber, drained the swamp, and year after year marked a rising tide in his prosperity as a farmer. He added to his first purchase another tract of eighty acres, and the 200 acres now constitute a splendid home, noted for its fine crops of corn, oats, wheat and potatoes. Mr. Rozhon keeps seven good horses, a herd of from twenty-five to thirty cattle, and a large number of hogs, and feeds most of his grain crops to his own stock. His farm buildings make an attractive group, all of them painted red, the barn being 22 by 60 feet, surrounded with granaries, corn cribs, and other outbuildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Rozhon have worked hard to provide prosperity for themselves and for their children. Their children John, Frank and Anna died in infancy in Chicago. Three other children, John (second), Rudolph and Mary, died when infants in Starke County, and their son

Joseph died in 1911 at the age of thirty-four. The living children are: James, who is now a carpenter in North Judson, and by his marriage to Julia Rechtka has two sons and two daughters; Rosa, the wife of August Kadlec, lives in Naperville, Illinois, her husband being a shoemaker there, and they have one daughter; Julia is the wife of Edward Smart, who is a foreman on the Erie Railway and lives in North Judson, and they are the parents of two sons and one daughter; Otto L., who was born in Chicago, September 17, 1887, was, like the other children, educated in Starke County, and for the past two years has had the practical oversight and supervision of the home farm; Frank, who married Mary Horek of Chicago, is a carpenter in that city and has a son and daughter; Louis lives at home and assists in managing the farm; Henry and Albert are both in the parochial schools of North Judson. The son Otto is one of the most progressive young farmers and citizens of Railroad Township, and recently was a popular candidate for the office of township assessor, and though defeated, his popularity and substantial qualities with more mature years will bring him into prominence in local affairs. He is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which he has served as treasurer and as vice chief ranger. All the family are members of the Catholic Church of North Judson, and the father and sons are democrats in politics.

LEONARD RENNEWANZ. Representing the solid virtues and qualifications of the old German stock, Leonard Rennnewanz has for more than thirty years been one of the leading citizens and business men of Railroad Township, the center of his activities being the prosperous little Village of San Pierre. He has built up a good business as a merchant, and for a number of years held the office of trustee of Railroad Township, and the public schools and many other township improvements were well handled by Trustee Rennnewanz. He was first elected township trustee in 1894. At that time the regular term of trustee was four years, but by a readjustment in the law his term of office ran for six years. In 1904 he was again elected to the office for the regular four-year term, and after completing ten years of service in the aggregate, retired from office on January 1, 1909.

Leonard Rennnewanz is a native of Germany, was born at Frederickberg in West Prussia, September 9, 1859. His parents were Ferdinand and Louise (Loerhke) Rennnewanz. Her father was a lifelong school teacher. Both parents were born and spent all their lives in West Prussia, the father passing away in 1884 at the age of sixty-five and the mother in 1885 at the age of sixty-six. They were thrifty, honest and estimable people of the farmer class, and attended and were members of the Evangelical or State Church of Prussia. Their large family comprised twelve sons and daughters, several of whom died young. One daughter, Mrs. Daniel Tessmer, is still living in the Province of Posen, and has a family of three daughters and four sons, all the sons being officers in the German army during the present European war. Besides Leonard there were three other sons who came to America, Fred, Charles

and Albert, and Charles only is still living, being seventy years of age and a farmer in Minnesota. These three sons on coming to America all located in the State of Minnesota, were farmers there, and subsequently engaged in merchandising. They all married and had families. The son Albert served as a soldier in the American Civil war.

Leonard Rennewanz, who was among the younger children, grew up and received the substantial education given to Prussian youth, and at the age of nineteen enlisted and was assigned to duty in the German civil service. He spent three years in training and in the performance of duties to the government, and in 1882 began life for himself. In that year he married Emily Tessmer, who was born and lived in the same neighborhood with him. She was a daughter of Michael and Louise (Myer) Tessmer, who were farming people in West Prussia, and both died there when past sixty years of age during the decade of the '80s. The Tessmers were also members of the Evangelical Church.

In 1883, about a year after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Rennewanz embarked on a vessel at Hamburg and on June 14th set sail for the United States. After landing in New York City they came on west as far as San Pierre in Starke County, but soon afterward, presumably upon advice of one of his brothers, went on to Minnesota and spent a few months at Granite Falls in that state. It was while in Minnesota that their first son and child, Hugo, was born September 21, 1883. In the early spring of 1884 Mr. Rennewanz brought his family back to Starke County, and since that time has been continuously identified by residence with San Pierre. He is a naturalized citizen of the United States. With the exception of the first year he has followed general merchandising as his occupation. For the past thirteen years the store has largely been handled by his children, while he has been much on the road as a commercial salesman, representing a wholesale grocery house. He also does a considerable business in insurance lines, representing three fire insurance companies and one company of life insurance.

It is as a republican that Mr. Rennewanz has done most of his civic work, and for the past twenty years has been one of the leading factors in local politics, and throughout that time has held a place on some party committee. For the past eight years he has held a commission as notary public. His sons are also republicans. Mr. Rennewanz is a member of the Illinois Commercial Men's Association.

His family of children are: Hugo M. A., who was born in Minnesota as above stated, was educated in the public schools, and is now following the trade of carpenter and house decorator; Marie L., born March 3, 1886, was educated in the public schools, and by her marriage to Philip White, a farmer and stock dealer at Glendale, Arizona, has three children, Glenn, Harold and Maxine; Martha, born July 21, 1888, received a good education and has developed into a successful young business woman and is now managing her father's store at San Pierre; George C., born May 21, 1892, is living at home and employed in the store; Meta R., born April 28, 1895, was educated in the common schools,

graduated from the North Judson High School, and also attended Valparaiso University, and for the past three years has been a successful teacher. The family are all members of the Evangelical Church and have been very useful in keeping up church affairs. The daughter Marie was for several years organist in the church, and was then succeeded by her sister Martha, who still holds that position. Mr. Rennewanz is a former trustee of the church and at present is superintendent of its Sunday school.

GERHARD H. ALBERDING. The Alberding family has been identified with Starke County at San Pierre and along the Pulaski County line for nearly half a century. They are of the old substantial German stock, thrifty, honest and reliable people, farmers for the most part, but with inclinations to mechanical pursuits, and those who have been represented in this section of Indiana have always proved useful and valuable citizens. The late Gerhard H. Alberding was only one of the family who established homes in Starke County at an early day, and before his death he had cleared up and improved a valuable farm, now occupied by Mrs. Alberding, and situated partly in Pulaski County and partly in section 31 of Railroad Township in Starke County.

Gerhard H. Alberding was born in Oldenburg, Germany, March 12, 1840, and was in his seventy-third year when death summoned him from his home in Cass Township of Pulaski County on December 28, 1912. He was a son of August and Dorothy (Stolle) Alberding, both of whom were natives of Oldenburg, Germany. They were married there, and August Alberding followed his trade at Wildeshausen. After their children had grown up, and several years before the Civil war in America, he emigrated to America, lived for a time at Versailles, Indiana, later at Indianapolis, then at Noblesville, and about 1866 settled in San Pierre of Starke County. August Alberding and his brother Herman established a home in this little village, located on Broadway, where the Falvey store is now located. There he opened a shoe shop and also established the first and only tannery of San Pierre. It was likewise the first shoe shop in the village. August Alberding was an expert at his trade, and worked industriously at tanning leather and making boots and shoes for the people of that locality. Though a man of unassuming disposition, with his mind and energies concentrated on his chosen trade, he exercised a considerable influence among the foreign population in that section, and all newcomers recognized that they could place every dependence upon him for practical assistance and good advice. August Alberding died at San Pierre, in 1888, when past eighty-four years of age. For a short time they had lived in the State of Alabama, and while there his son's wife died. They were Lutheran Church people, and in politics he was a democrat. One son, Fred, enlisted for service in the Civil war and died while in a hospital during the war. Another son, Herman, died at Versailles, Indiana, leaving a widow and large family. A daughter, Dora, married Leonard Koch, who is now a widow aged about eighty-seven, lives in Nebraska, and has a number of children.

The late Gerhard H. Alberding grew up and received his education in his native land, and was married there January 26, 1866, to Miss Gazen Lueken. She was born at Ahlhorn in the Province of Oldenburg on a farm, November 20, 1841. Her parents were Johann H. and Catherine M. (Wilke) Lueken, both natives of Oldenburg. In 1869 they followed Mr. and Mrs. Alberding to America and located in Railroad Township of Starke County, buying a farm and remaining on it until they died. Mr. Lueken was eighty years of age at the time of his death, and his wife passed away before she was sixty-three. They were Lutheran Church people, and Mr. Lueken was a democrat and a highly respected citizen of Starke County. The living children in the Lueken family are: William, Henry, August, Mrs. Alberding, Mrs. Catherine Kuster of North Judson, Mrs. Anna Kluth of Lafayette, Indiana, and Mrs. Charlotte Hine of Pulaski County. William Lueken was a general merchant in San Pierre, Indiana, for fourteen years in the same location, which is now occupied by John Dolezal.

For about two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Alberding continued to live in Germany, and in July, 1868, embarked on a vessel named the Vaser at Bremerhaven and after a voyage of several weeks were landed at Castle Garden in New York City. From there they came on west to Indiana, traveling part of the way by water and part by railroad, and thus arrived in Cass Township of Pulaski County. Mr. Alberding bought a place of 160 acres which had been acquired by his brother Herman in the previous year. It still had almost no improvements to distinguish it from the wild and virgin land of this section, and the first home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alberding was a log cabin. In clearing up this land Mr. Alberding showed the energy and resourcefulness of the true pioneer, and long before his death had made a home which compared favorably with any of the farms in that section. At his death the ownership of the 440 acres passed to Mrs. Alberding, who still lives there with some of her children and is one of the splendid women who have contributed their share of work to the development of Northwestern Indiana. Mrs. Alberding and family are members of the San Pierre Evangelical Church. Mr. Alberding was a democrat and his sons follow him in the same political faith.

The children are briefly mentioned as follows: Catherine is the wife of Henry Menge, and she now lives with her mother and has three children, Ella, Frances and Esther. Ella D., born August 19, 1894, was educated in the public schools and wedded John Dolezal, May 5, 1915, and resides in San Pierre. Frances W. G., born May 29, 1897, is a graduate of the common schools and also attended the high school. Esther R. C., born April 3, 1900, is now in the eighth grade of the public schools. Herman G., the oldest son, who lives at Winamac, Indiana, married Christina Walter, and they have children, Gertrude and Walter. August H., who is railway agent at Salem, Indiana, married Huldah Baker, and has two children, Francis and Leroy. Henry F., who is a mail carrier living at North Judson, married first Mary Matson and they had one child, Millie, and his second marriage was to Nettie Graber, and they

have one child, Arlis. Dora Sophia is the wife of Fred Kroft, a farmer near Medaryville, and has three sons and one daughter, Louis, George, Ella and Floyd. George, who is a locomotive engineer employed by the Vandalia Railroad, living at Logansport, married Hanna H. Weisharr, and has three children, Edna, Mildred and Harold. Carl J., who lives on a part of his mother's homestead, located in Railroad Township of Starke County, married Eletha Sparks, and has four children, Olive, Wilber, Irene and Ralph.

FRED KINGMAN is an Illinois man, learned the art of farming in one of the best counties in that state, and finally brought his experience, his enterprise and good judgment to Starke County, and has since been a decided factor in the improvement and solid agricultural industry of Railroad Township: His home place is in section 8 of that township, where he has eighty acres of black loam soil, gravel and clay subsoil, and as a result of his labor and good management has made it one of the model places in this community. Besides his home farm he owns 160 acres in section 16 of the same township, and has that well improved with a set of substantial farm buildings. Both farms are in the famous Valley of the Kankakee River, where the land is apparently of inexhaustible fertility and under the modern conditions brought about by drainage is rapidly becoming the most valuable land anywhere in the state. Mr. Kingman bought the 160 acres about ten years ago and two years later bought the eighty acres comprising the place where he lives.

Fred Kingman came to Starke County, Indiana, from Grundy County, Illinois, where he grew up. He was born at Wheaton in DuPage County, Illinois, March 21, 1858, and when a small child was taken by his parents to Grundy County. He is a son of Reuben T. and Elinor (Rickertson) Kingman. Both his parents were natives of New York State, but came west when young people and were married in Platteville, Illinois, and the father spent most of his active career in DuPage and Grundy counties. While a farmer, he was also an expert mechanic and house carpenter, and did much business as a contractor. Late in life he moved out to Carroll County, Iowa, about 1890, and died there in 1907 when at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. Both he and his wife are long-lived people, and his widow was living with a daughter at Mazon, Illinois, at the time of her death, in January, 1915, when past the age of ninety-one. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics the father was a republican. In the family there were thirteen children, eleven of whom grew up, and three sons and three daughters are still living, all married. Fred Kingman was the seventh in order of birth.

Mr. Fred Kingman was married at Mazon, Grundy County, Illinois, to Miss Ella L. Murray. Mrs. Kingman was born in Grundy County in December, 1860, was reared on a farm and well educated, and has been a most competent co-worker with her husband and shares in the credit of their joint achievements. Her parents were August O. and Lydia (Isham) Murray, both now deceased, both of whom were born in the

eastern states and came early to Grundy County, Illinois, where her father became an extensive farmer and was a successful business man.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingman have a fine family of children. Merle is the wife of Burdette Barrett, a farmer in Grundy County, Illinois, and their two children, Berle and Everett, are both in school. Clarence, the second child, who died in Chicago at the age of twenty-seven, married Nellie Woodland, and left two sons and one daughter, Gordon, Clarence and Ethel. Ralph, who resides at San Pierre, married Hattie Baker and has one son, Clyde. Lloyd, who like the other children received the best of educational advantages, and was graduated from high school, was a successful teacher at Ora in Starke County, and married Eunice Replogle. He is a resident of Glendale, Arizona, at the present time. Murray, who is still unmarried and living at home, was educated in the local public school. Lamar, now in the seventh grade of the public schools.

Mr. Kingman has always been a substantial adherent of the republican party and has taken much part in local affairs. In November, 1914, his home district elected him a member of the board of county commissioners, representing Railroad, Jackson and Wayne townships.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingman acquired their fine landed property in Starke County through her father, Mr. Murray, who was an extensive land owner not only in Grundy County, Illinois, but also in Starke and Marshall counties, Indiana. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kingman are people whose presence means much for the advancement and betterment of any community where they live. Mrs. Kingman besides looking carefully after the interests of her own home and family, has done much for the good of her community and there are few residents of Railroad Township who exercise a more beneficial influence than Mrs. Kingman.

MICHAEL SWANSON. In various states and localities of America the splendid qualities of the Swedish farmer have been demonstrated and there is perhaps no other class who have proved themselves better able to cope with the problems of country life than the Swedish people. A more than representative man of this class in Starke County is Michael Swanson, who has brought to the management of the L. A. Page 240-acre farm in section 9 of Railroad Township a broad experience, a thorough judgment, a record of thrifty and intelligent labor, and the best proof of his success is seen in the careful and methodical arrangement of the farm and in what it has produced since he took charge. The farm has many acres of fine sandy loam soil, and all the equipment is first class. There is a substantial six-story room, two-story dwelling, a large barn 30 by 100 feet, well arranged for stock and grain, and Mr. Swanson keeps good grades of cattles, horses and hogs. He is proficient, both as a producer of the crops of the soil and as a manager of live stock.

Michael Swanson came to this farm in 1908, and his neighbors give him high praise for the success he has made. Mr. Swanson has been a resident of Starke County since 1900 and has spent the last fifteen years as a contracting or leasing farmer and stock raiser. He has worked hard, has made a good living for his family, and has more surplus than

the average Indiana farmer. For about twenty-five years Mr. Swanson was a resident of Chicago, and during most of that time was engaged in the grocery trade, having built up a good business and enjoying considerable success in spite of the strenuous competition in that field. He has had no cause to regret leaving the city and engaging in the more independent life of farmer. Before going to Chicago Mr. Swanson spent about five years at Paxton, Illinois, where he first located after coming to America in 1870.

Michael Swanson was born in Lund, Sweden, July 16, 1854, and was educated partly there and partly in Illinois. His parents were Swedish farmers, Swan and Anna (Anderson) Swanson, both natives of Lund, Sweden, where they were married and spent their lives as farmers. His father died there at the age of seventy-nine and his mother at the age of sixty-nine. Both were confirmed in and lived as members of the Lutheran Church. There were four sons and three daughters. Michael Swanson came to America with an older sister, Mary, coming through Germany to Liverpool and thence in a vessel to Quebec, Canada, and finally reaching Paxton, Illinois. Mary Swanson was married in Illinois, and two other daughters, Jennie and Bengta, also came to this country, the former having married in America and the latter in Sweden, and both are now living and have families in the State of Minnesota. Mr. Swanson's brother Andrew is married and lives in Sweden, following the occupations of farmer and merchant.

Michael Swanson was married in Chicago, December 5, 1888, to Miss Janny Mary Johnson, who was born in Smoland, Sweden, February 5, 1864. She was reared and well educated in her native land, where her father, Jonas Danielson, was a farmer until his death at the age of forty-nine. The widow, whose maiden name was Mary Peterson, some time later brought part of her family to America to join her daughters who had preceded her, and had located in Chicago, Illinois. There Mrs. Swanson's mother died July 21, 1902, at the age of seventy-seven. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, as were other members of her family. Mrs. Swanson has several brothers and sisters living: Albert, who is married and has a family and lives in Chicago; Charles, of the same city, is married and has children; Hilda is the wife of Rev. John Forsell, a Baptist minister in Providence, Rhode Island; Almeda is unmarried and living in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson have two well educated and promising children: Leila Alberta, the daughter, was born in Chicago, January 10, 1890, and in May, 1913, graduated as a trained nurse at the Augustana Hospital of Chicago, and has already begun the work of her noble profession. Luther Mangus, the son, was born October 14, 1895, in Chicago, has completed the eight grades in public school, and is now assisting his father on the farm. Mr. Swanson is a republican, and that brand of politics has also proved acceptable to his son.

JOSEPH NEWTON BAKER. An institution of Starke County that should receive some special mention in a history is the Kankakee station of the

Indiana Pipe Line Company, located in section 34 of Railroad Township, at a point on the Kankakee River known as Kankakee. This is one of the many pumping plants over the country located along the great arteries of pipe lines which serve as carriers in conveying the fluid oil from the sources of supply to the refineries and various distributing stations and markets of the world. While much less conspicuous and less known to the general public, these pipe lines, which in the aggregate comprise a mileage of many thousands, serve the same purposes in the transportation of fluid oil as the railroads do in the carriage of those classes of freight best adapted to them. The Kankakee station is one of the largest of its kind in Indiana, and is an important industry, and has been established and in operation through this section since the fall of 1889. The general manager of the Indiana Pipe Line Company, with supervision over this section, is Mr. A. C. Beeson, with offices in Huntington, Indiana. The Kankakee station has eight regular men on the staff, besides extra help when needed. This staff comprises one engineer in charge, two assistant engineers, two firemen, two assistant firemen, and one telegraph operator.

Newton Baker, manager and engineer in charge, has had the chief supervision of the Kankakee station for the last nineteen years. He is an expert in all details of pipe line operation, and his proficiency and fidelity are highly valued by the company. Newton Baker was born in Starke County in Railroad Township, July 14, 1871, and grew up on a farm and received his education not far from where his scene of employment now is. He has been identified with the pipe line industry almost since its installation in Starke County, and for the first nine years was in the engine room, and then became acting engineer.

His father, Charles H. Baker, was born in Steuben County, New York, August 25, 1842, was reared and educated in this state, visited Starke County before the war, but enlisted as a soldier at Jacksonville, Illinois, and served with an Illinois regiment from 1863 until 1866, as a private and corporal. He saw some of the heavy campaigns in the South during the last two years of the war, and the day he reached the age of twenty-one was on board a transport crossing the Gulf of Mexico. After his honorable discharge he came back to Starke County, and was married here to Sarah Headly. She was born in Richwood, Union County, Ohio, January 1, 1845, and died at the old homestead in Railroad Township, September 22, 1899. She had come to this county with her parents, Amos and Nancy (Wenneger) Headly, when she was a child. Her father died on his farm in this county, and with other members of the Headly family is now at rest in the San Pierre Cemetery. Charles H. Baker died on the old farm in Railroad Township, December 28, 1914. Through his industry he had improved a good estate, and was a man held in high esteem among all the old settlers for his excellent record as a soldier, a farmer and citizen. He was one of the last of the old timers in Buckeye Settlement. Politically he was a republican, and while he and his wife were reared in the Methodist Church, they attended as a matter of convenience the United Brethren Society.

Newton Baker was the second in the family of children. Those living besides himself are: Amelia, wife of Joseph McVey of Bass Station, Starke County, and the mother of three daughters and four sons; Charles H., who is unmarried and is a motorman in Chicago; Anna, wife of Charles Hansen, who is one of the firemen at the Kankakee Oil Pumping Works, and they have a family of three sons and three daughters.

Newton Baker was married in Laporte County to Miss Lilla Tesmar. She was born in Germany in 1877, and when seven years of age came to the United States with her parents John and Gusta (Abrams) Tesmar, who located in Starke County, where her father was a railroad laborer and later a farmer in Laporte County. Her mother died in Laporte County April 8, 1908, at an age past fifty, and her father is still living there about seventy years of age. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and a democrat in politics. There were thirteen children who grew up in the Tesmar family, and twelve are living, most of them married and residents of Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of four children: Maudie May, now fifteen years of age and in school; Ethel, aged fourteen, a school girl; Clarence, aged ten, and attending school; and Ernest, seven years of age and already entered at the public schools. It is a bright family of children, and all are making rapid progress in their studies. Mr. Baker is affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

FRANK BURIJANEK. Though a representative of the greatly valued element of Bohemian citizenship in Starke County, this well known and influential citizen of North Judson is a native of the United States and in his loyalty, sympathy and spirit represents the best type of American citizenship. He is numbered among the representative business men of North Judson, where he is manager of the North Judson Milling Company, and where he is known as a man of marked progressiveness, vigorous intellectuality and distinctive public spirit. He has been a resident of Starke County from infancy and has here marked the passing years with worthy achievement, has held various local offices of public trust and has secure place in popular esteem, his status in the community being such as to entitle him specially to recognition in this history.

Mr. Burijanek was born in the City of Chicago, on the 14th of February, 1875, and thus was about two years old at the time of his parents' removal to Starke County, in 1877. He acquired his education in the public schools of Wayne Township and in addition to his knowledge of English he speaks and writes with facility the language of his ancestors, the Bohemian. Mr. Burijanek was reared to adult age on his father's farm, in Wayne Township, and prior to assuming his present business association he had gained a place as one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of this township. They lived on their farm until their removal to North Judson in 1912. In July, 1914, he became manager of the North Judson Milling Company, which represents one of the important industrial enterprises of this part of the county, and

in this connection he has shown himself to be a man of excellent business capacity and executive ability.

Mr. Burijanek is still the owner of his well improved farm, in section 29, Wayne Township, and here he has been successful not only as an agriculturist but also as a stock-raiser. On his farm are maintained the best grades of Red Jersey cattle and Poland-China swine, to the breeding of which he has given special attention. The excellent farm buildings include a good house of seven rooms and a substantial barn that is 24 by 44 feet in dimensions, besides which the place has adequate granaries and corn cribs and a large and well equipped poultry house. In 1902 he was elected highway supervisor of the township and in 1906 he was chosen a member of the township advisory board, these preferments indicating the popular appreciation of his ability and civic loyalty. Mr. Burijanek was influential in local affairs while residing on his farm and in 1908 he was elected township assessor, of which office he continued the efficient and valued incumbent until the 1st of January, 1915, and at present is deputy assessor. In 1914 he was a candidate for the office of township trustee, but was defeated in the primary or nominating election by a small margin and on the fifth ballot. In politics he is a stalwart democrat and is influential in the local councils of his party.

Mr. Burijanek is a son of Matthew and Mary (Kral) Burijanek, both natives of the Kingdom of Bohemia, where the former was born in 1843 and the latter in 1845, their marriage having there been solemnized in 1868. In 1873 the family immigrated to the United States, embarking at Bremen, Germany, on the ship *America*, by which they made the voyage across the Atlantic to New York City. From the national metropolis they continued their journey to Chicago, and in 1877 they came thence to Starke County, Indiana. Here Matthew Burijanek rented five acres of land in Wayne Township, 1½ miles distant from North Judson, and later he purchased twenty acres at a point one mile further to the south. There he engaged in farming on a modest scale, but his energy and careful management enabled him to achieve success in his operations, so that he eventually accumulated a valuable landed estate of 270 acres and became one of the most industrious and prosperous farmers of Wayne Township. He continued to reside on his homestead farm, a sturdy, upright and honored citizen, until his death, which occurred on the 24th of October, 1909. His widow afterward resided in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Jachim, of Wayne Township, and passed away March 21, 1915. She was an attendant of the Catholic Church each Sunday, she being a devout communicant of the same, as was also her husband, all of the children likewise being earnest communicants. Of the seven children Frank, of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth, Anna and Barbara are dead, and all the living children are married except Katherine, who is a member of a Catholic sisterhood, under the religious name of Sister Marie Anna, and who is now identified with a charitable school maintained under church auspices at Lisle, Illinois.

In the year 1906 was solemnized the marriage of Frank Burijanek

to Miss Sophia Dusek, who was born in the City of Chicago, on the 15th of May, 1884, and who was two years of age at the time of her parents' removal to Starke County, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of Frank V. and Anna (Fijala) Dusek, both natives of Bohemia, their marriage having been solemnized in the Town of San Pierre, after which they moved to Chicago, where they lived until 1887, and then moved back to their farm in Wayne Township. Mr. Dusek is now the owner of an excellent farm of 120 acres in Wayne Township, is one of the substantial agriculturists of the county, is a democrat in politics and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic Church. Of their large family of children Mrs. Burijanek is the only daughter and both she and her husband are zealous and liberal communicants of the Catholic Church in their home town. They have three children: Mary A., who was born February 1, 1908; Appolina B., who was born April 10, 1913; and Magdalina T., who was born October 13, 1914.

WORTHINGTON S. CARNES. One of the most substantial families of Starke County is represented by the above named resident of Railroad Township. Their record of residence here covers more than half a century. They are the class of people who fearlessly choose the lot of pioneering, establish a home in a country scarcely redeemed from the primitive wilderness, and by exercise of manly strength and moral courage contribute an important share to the comforts and means of existence enjoyed by later generations.

Worthington S. Carnes was born in Union County, Ohio, July 13, 1862, a son of Cyrus N. and Catherine (Wynegar) Carnes. His father was born in Knox County, Ohio, a son of William Carnes, of Virginia, and of Irish ancestry. The mother was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, a daughter of William Wynegar, and was of German stock. William Carnes lived and died in Ohio. William Wynegar and his wife later came to Indiana, settling on a new farm in Railroad Township about the beginning of the Civil war. They lived to build a good home, rear an excellent family of ten children, and the mother of these died about the close of the war when in the prime of life, and William Wynegar passed away at the age of sixty-eight. They were Methodists and he was a democrat. Of the Wynegar children all but one lived to maturity, were married and had children. The only one now living is Rev. David A. Wynegar, a superannuated minister of the Methodist Church, who is seventy-seven years of age and lives at Connersville, Indiana. Cyrus N. Carnes, father of Worthington, was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1827, grew up as a farmer boy, had only the usual advantages of local schools, and after his marriage to Catherine Wynegar settled on a farm in Union County. He lived there until 1864, and then with his wife and two sons, Worthington and Sherman, came to Indiana and located on land that had been scarcely touched at all by the plow and axe near Union schoolhouse in section 13 of Railroad Township. This is the locality where the family has lived for more than half a century and where the prosperous country

estate of Worthington S. Carnes is located. The family developed a good place of 200 acres on that section, put a substantial house and barn and made themselves factors of no small importance in community life. In 1896 more land was purchased on the line between sections 13 and 14, making an estate in the aggregate three hundred acres. Cyrus Carnes passed away at this home on August 23, 1906. His widow died several years later while living with her son Worthington, on September 19, 1909. They were both active and devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father served as an officer in that church at North Judson, and had helped to build and always supported the society. He was a most decided republican in politics, and enjoyed the thorough respect and esteem of everyone who knew him. Physically he was almost a giant, stood more than six feet high and weighed about two hundred and fifty pounds. The children of Cyrus Carnes and wife were: Worthington S.; Sherman, who is a teamster living in North Judson and by his marriage to Ada Bartlett has two children, Raymond and Myrtle; William H., who died on a farm in Kansas, and who is survived by two children, Alta and Everett; Uphie, who was the first one of the family born on the Railroad Township farm in Starke County, her birthday being October 10, 1872, was reared in that locality, educated at the old Union schoolhouse, and was married in this township to Clayton Brown. Clayton Brown was born in Michigan City, Indiana, June 20, 1871, but was reared and educated at San Pierre in Starke County, and died at the age of thirty-four, leaving a son Cecil B., who was born June 24, 1894, and was graduated from high school at North Judson in 1912, and now assists his Uncle Worthington in the management of the large homestead in Railroad Township. Mrs. Brown and her son live with Worthington S. Carnes, who has himself never married, and is one of the jolly, enterprising and upright citizens of a community which has benefited by the presence of his family through all these years. His farm is one that requires particular notice. The soil is black loam, and he has raised some of the best crops in wheat, corn, oats and rye produced by any of the places in this country. He has a substantial home of eight rooms, surrounded by good barn and other outbuildings, and he applies both common sense and a thorough agricultural experience to his business affairs. He and his sister and nephew are all members of the North Judson Methodist Church, while Mr. Carnes himself is a republican in politics.

JOHN G. SMITH. On other pages of this publication (see sketch of Newton Baker) will be found some account of the Kankakee pumping works of the Indiana Pipe Line Company, in Railroad Township. It is the center of employment for a staff of competent men, all of them proficient in the work of operation and handling the business of a pipe line company, and well fitted for their responsibilities. As is well known, merit and efficiency are especially emphasized in this great corporation, and men get important positions and responsibilities only when qualified to discharge them.

In the staff of employes at the Kankakee station the telegraph operator is John G. Smith, who got his early training in the railroad service, and has spent the last ten years with the Indiana Pipe Line Company.

John G. Smith was born at Medaryville, Pulaski County, Indiana, November 28, 1880, and received his early education in public schools. His father, Adam Smith, who is now living in South Bend, Indiana, was born October 14, 1844, and spent a number of years as a prosperous farmer in Railroad Township in Starke County. He had a small but well improved farm, was thrifty and progressive, and stood high in the estimation of his fellow citizens, who honored him for one term in the office of township trustee. He is a democrat, and a member of the German Evangelical Church, of which his wife was also a member. His wife died in Medaryville February 21, 1889, at the age of forty-seven years.

John G. Smith after learning telegraphy was in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company as agent at Wilders, Indiana, from February 4, 1903, to April 30, 1905. On May 1, 1905, he began his service with the Indiana Pipe Line Company as operator at Kankakee station, held that post until June 1, 1911, was then transferred to the Whiting station, but on July 1, 1914, returned to Kankakee. Mr. Smith is affiliated with North Judson Lodge No. 438, A. F. & A. M., with Wheatfield Lodge No. 353, Knights of Pythias, with North Judson Camp No. 6559, Modern Woodmen of America. On November 25, 1905, Mr. Smith married Ida Smith, daughter of David Smith. They have one son, John Warren Smith, born February 16, 1913.

JULIUS H. ARNDT. One of the chief ends of life for a man is efficient service in some honorable department of the world's activities and proper provision for home and family. To accomplish this in a creditable manner is in itself a high degree of success. Julius H. Arndt of Railroad Township has acquitted himself well in this performance, and at the same time has found opportunity to serve his community in various ways and is one of the best liked and most useful members of Southwestern Starke County. Mr. Arndt has lived in Starke County a little more than a dozen years, having bought his fine farm of 120 acres in section 8 in 1902. While gathering the harvests from his fields he has gone ahead with extensive improvements, and now has a farm worth probably two or three times as much as what he paid for it. The land has a large barn and other outbuildings, and in 1907 he built himself one of the best country houses in that community, a new eight-room dwelling, painted a soft gray color, and with all the modern conveniences and comforts. Mr. Arndt has made a success in growing the staple cereal crops, corn, wheat and oats, has a large acreage under cultivation, and keeps some high grade stock, chiefly cattle. Prior to coming to Starke County Mr. Arndt did a successful business as a merchant at Wilder in Laporte County.

Julius H. Arndt was born in the City of Laporte, Laporte County, April 4, 1871, and was reared and educated in his home county. In early manhood he applied himself to useful occupation, and for more

than twenty years has been independent and on the road to continued success. His parents were Henry and Mary (Leusch) Arndt, both natives of Germany, born near the City of Berlin and of substantial old Teuton stock. They were married in Germany, and while in that country two children were born, Lena and Augusta. Just about the close of the American Civil war they took passage on a boat at one of the German harbors and after a long voyage crossed the ocean, landing in New York City, and from there came on to Laporte, Indiana. Henry Arndt had his home in Laporte for several years, but eventually became a Laporte County farmer, locating in Kankakee Valley in Dewey Township. There he acquired and developed a good farm and died there in 1900 at the age of sixty-five years. His wife survived him five years, passing away at the age of seventy-one in 1905. They had been confirmed in the Lutheran Church and continued to worship in that faith after coming to America. Henry Arndt was a democrat in politics for several years after coming to America, but finally allied himself with the republican party. Their children were Lena, Augusta, Elizabeth, Fred, Julius H., Louis and John, all of whom are married, and have children of their own. Julius H. is the only one a resident of Starke County, but all the family live in Indiana except Elizabeth, whose home is Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Julius H. Arndt was married in Porter County, Indiana, to Anna H. Zabel. She was born in the City of Chicago April 30, 1873, and grew up and received her education in the common schools of that city. Her parents were Frederick and Minnie (Standt) Zabel. They were likewise natives of Germany, and were married in that country April 19, 1871. A few months later they set out for America, the land of opportunity, and left Germany at Hamburg and a few weeks later reached Castle Garden, New York City. Their destination was Chicago, and it is a matter of interest to note that they arrived while the greater part of that city was still a mass of smoking ashes after the great fire of October. On account of the fire they did not remain in Chicago, but spent the following winter in Milwaukee. In the spring of 1872 the Zabel family returned to Chicago where Mr. Zabel remained a resident nearly twenty years. His chief business was that of gardener. In 1891 Mr. Zabel brought his family to Starke County, Indiana, locating in Railroad Township and buying a farm. On that place the wife died June 2, 1908, and he subsequently went south to Mercedes, in the Brownsville country of Southern Texas, and is still living there. Frederick Zabel was born June 10, 1842, and his wife on September 12, 1846. They remained all their lives members of the Lutheran Church, and Frederick Zabel is a republican in politics. The children were: Mrs. Arndt, Lizzie, Minnie, Ida and Fred, all of whom are married except Fred, and the daughters all live in Railroad Township, while Fred is with his father at Mercedes, Texas.

Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Arndt have worked together hand in hand to make a good home for the family, and their success makes them deserving of the high esteem in which they are held by all citizens of Railroad Township. They are the parents of two children. Clara L.,

born April 17, 1893, was well educated, being a graduate from the North Judson High School with the class of 1903, and is now a successful and popular teacher in their home township. Edward Louis, the son, was born August 8, 1894, finished his education in the grade schools and one year in the high school, and then left school to take up his chosen career as a farmer, and is now a valuable assistant to his father. Mr. and Mrs. Arndt and their son are Lutheran Church people, while the daughter is a member of the Evangelical Society. Mr. Arndt and son are members of the republican party, and Mr. Arndt has served as a member of the advisory board.

HERMAN H. BADENHOOP. For forty years Mr. and Mrs. Badenhoop have experienced the joys and trials, the hard work and the comfort, and the responsibilities and growing independence and prosperity of married life. They are among the most esteemed citizens of Railroad Township. They have a fine family of children, own and operate a well cultivated and valuable farm and together have worked out a creditable destiny. Both represent the solid and substantial old German stock which has been so prominent in affairs in Northwestern Indiana, and while they began life with little capital except willing hands and a steadfast ambition, they have lived to see the fruition of many of early life's hopes and aspirations. Throughout these forty years Mrs. Badenhoop has worked and shared responsibilities with her husband and their prosperity must be credited to them equally.

Herman H. Badenhoop was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany; March 20, 1849. He comes of an old Hanoverian family, and the heads of all the generations before him lived and died in the old country. The line of ancestry in that part of the present German Empire runs back to: Joachim, who was born in 1688 and died in 1752; Card, born in 1722 and died in 1772; Herman H., born in 1762 and died in 1819; Card H., born in 1792 and died in 1844; Johann H., who was born September 15, 1823, and was the father of Herman H. Badenhoop. Thus Mr. Badenhoop of Starke County has behind him five generations of substantial ancestors. His grandfather was a German farmer and his father followed the same vocation in the old country. Johann H. Badenhoop married Amata Miller. They lived at Brunsbrock in Hanover. Johann Badenhoop died December 27, 1904, when nearly eighty-four years of age, and his wife passed away at the age of fifty-eight. Both were devout Lutherans, and had a family of ten sons and daughters. Three of the sons, Herman, John and Detrich, came to the United States, and the two other brothers are married and live in the State of Kansas.

Herman H. Badenhoop grew up in his native land, received the usual substantial training given to German boys, and in 1871, at the age of twenty-two, embarked on a vessel the steamship Hanza at Bremen, and landed in New York. For several months he was employed in Brooklyn, then went to Buffalo, and finally to Chicago and from that city found his way into Will County, Illinois. There he located permanently, and

it was in Will County that he met and married Miss Elizabeth Klein. Mrs. Badenhoop was born in Will County, Illinois, May 19, 1854, and was educated there. Her parents were Christian and Catherine (Bischmann) Klein, both natives of Hesse Darmstadt, who came to America when young people about the time of the great German emigration resulting from the revolution of 1848. Conspicuous leaders in Germany came at the same time including the noted Carl Schurz. Mr. and Mrs. Klein married in Will County, Illinois, became substantial farming people there, and he died at the age of fifty-eight and his wife in 1914 at the age of eighty-three. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was an esteemed citizen and quite prominent in a local way having served as township collector thirteen years. Politically he was a democrat. Mrs. Badenhoop and two of her sisters are still living, all of them married, one of the sisters living in Iowa and the other in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Badenhoop are the parents of nine children: Herman, who is connected with the cement industry at Hammond; Mata, who is unmarried and lives in Illinois; Louis, a farmer of Illinois; Mary, wife of Frederick Stoltz, of Hammond, and the mother of two daughters and one son; Anna, who lives at the home of her sister in Hammond; Paul, who assists his father in the management of the home farm; Otto, also a valuable assistant at home; Henry, who died at the age of nine months.

The family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and all the children have been confirmed in that faith. Mr. and Mrs. Badenhoop were married in 1875, and since that date have been advancing steadily in prosperity as farmers. They lived in Will County, Illinois, until the spring of 1896, and then transferred their home to the newer section of Railroad Township in Starke County. There Mr. Badenhoop has a fine farm of 240 acres, lying partly in section 31 and partly in section 32. His substantial home and barn and other outbuildings are located in section 31. He has his farm well stocked, and under his energetic control it has been made to produce all the staple crops and he is recognized as one of the leading men in the agricultural district of Railroad Township.

EDMUND M. SCHWARZENTRAUB. One of the surest means by which one can establish a reputation for integrity and good citizenship is to maintain a long residence in one community, where an individual becomes known to his neighbors under a great variety of circumstances, and where, after testing his reliability, they still continue to sustain him as a valuable citizen. By this test Edmund M. Schwarzentraub has been placed high in the esteem of an intelligent and highly moral community, that of Oregon Township, where he has resided since 1896 and is now the owner of a handsome property comprising 100 acres in section 11.

Mr. Schwarzentraub was born in Livingston County, Illinois, November 21, 1866, and is a son of Joseph and Barbara (Verkler) Schwarzentraub. His father, born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1834, was six years of age when he came to the United States with his parents on a sailing vessel, the family landing at New York and subsequently making

their way to near Cincinnati, in Butler County, Ohio. When Joseph was about twenty years old his parents, with several aunts and uncles, moved to Illinois and settled in Tazewell County, and there the grandparents continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of their lives, dying as aged people.

A few years after the death of his parents, Joseph Schwarzenraub was married to Miss Barbara Verkler, at Metamora, Woodford County, Illinois, where she was born. Her father, Joseph Verkler, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, and as a young man was drafted for duty in the French army, but not believing in forced military service, he left his native land for the hospitable shores of America and settled at Woodford County, Illinois, where he met and married Jacobina Engle, who was a native of the same province. They subsequently became residents of Livingston County, Illinois, where Mr. Verkler purchased a farm of 800 acres, and became widely known throughout that part of the country as a raiser of French Percheron horses. He died when seventy-nine years old, and his wife within two weeks of his death, aged seventy-six. They were Protestants.

After Joseph Schwarzenraub married he resided in Woodford County for two or three years, and then moved into Livingston County, Illinois, where he purchased and improved 120 acres of good prairie land. Later he went to Avoca Township, where he bought 160 acres of land, some being in timber, and there continued to carry on farming until his death in the spring of 1876, when he was still in middle life. Mrs. Schwarzenraub later came to Indiana and passed away at the home of her son, Edmund M., August 5, 1910, at the age of seventy-six years. They were members of the Mennonite Church. In politics Mr. Schwarzenraub was a democrat, as were his four brothers, but all of their sons were republicans. Edmund M. was the only son born to his parents. An elder sister, Louise, died young; and his younger sister, Minnie, became the wife of E. P. Huffman, owner of the telephone exchange at Iroquois, Illinois, and has two children—Barbara and Herbert.

Edmund M. Schwarzenraub grew up as a farmer boy and was given his education in the country and high schools. He was but ten years of age at the time of his father's death, and some time thereafter went to Chicago, where for four years he was engaged in working at various employments. Coming to Starke County in 1896, he purchased his present farm, located in section 11, Oregon Township, which at that time was but poorly cultivated and with few improvements. Mr. Schwarzenraub now has fifteen acres in timber, and eighty-five acres under cultivation, and of the latter twenty acres is muck land, which he devotes to the growing of large crops of potatoes and onions, while the rest of his property is given over to general crops, including the cereals. He has also met with a full measure of success in the breeding of horses, cattle and hogs and, being a good business man, secures excellent prices in the markets for his livestock. His good management, energy and thrift are reflected in the improvements on his property, the greater number of which have been put here by his own hands, and which include a fine

stock barn, 28x44 feet, hay and feed barns and other buildings, and one of the best houses in the township, a two-story structure, with basement and improvements, which in its fresh coat of white presents a very attractive appearance on this well-ordered and prosperous-looking country place.

Mr. Schwarzentraub was married in Oregon Township, Starke County, Indiana, to Miss Minnie Clark, who was born at Grovertown, this township, February 5, 1872, and educated in the public schools here. She is a daughter of William W. and Catherine (Wyland) Clark. Mr. Clark was born at Sandusky, Ohio, in 1834, and as a young man migrated to Marshall County, Indiana, among the early settlers. There he met and married Catherine Wyland, who was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, in 1838, and in 1871 they came on to Starke County, and settled in Oregon Township, where they followed farming during their remaining active years. In their declining years they moved to the Village of Hamlet, and there the father passed away in 1905, aged seventy-one, while the mother survived until three months later. They were members of the German Baptist Church, and Mr. Clark was a republican in political matters. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, six are living, and of these four are married and have families.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwarzentraub, namely: Edna M., born September 2, 1900, who graduated from the graded schools with the class of 1915; Frances Lucile, born December 17, 1901, now in the seventh grade; Maurice B., born May 7, 1904, and in the fourth grade; and Catherine, born June 2, 1907, in the second grade.

Mr. Schwarzentraub is a republican in politics and has taken some interest and wielded an influence in township and county affairs. In 1912 he became the candidate of his party for the office of sheriff of Starke County, but met with defeat, because the republicans were in the minority at that time.

JOHN KRIVANEK. One of the farm homes of Starke County that represent comfort, intelligent enterprise, profitable management, is that of John Krivanek, situated in section 13 of Railroad Township, with post-office at North Judson. Mr. Krivanek is one of a number of people of Bohemian birth and ancestry who have located in Starke County and have done much toward its development. For a number of years Mr. Krivanek was engaged in business in Chicago, but finally became dissatisfied with the routine and the restrictions of city life and has found better opportunities in the country districts of Starke County. Mr. Krivanek is a man of intelligence, keeps himself well informed on all local and foreign news, and is thoroughly devoted to American democracy and a lover of the boundless opportunities of the New World.

John Krivanek was born in the Village of Orlik, Bohemia, September 10, 1858. He came of a good stock, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Kolka) Krivanek. The father was born at Plana, Bohemia, was married there and was a peasant farmer. All their nine children were

born in that locality, and the only ones now living are John, Anna and Mary. Anna is married and lives in Chicago, while Mary is Sister M. Delphina of St. Francis Catholic Parish in Joliet, Illinois. In 1872 the family left Bohemia and took passage on a vessel at Bremen and fourteen days later were landed at Baltimore and from that port came on to Chicago. The father and mother were industrious, hard-working people, who went through not a few hardships in order to establish a home in the New World, and the father died in Chicago at the age of seventy-two and the mother passed away at sixty-nine. They were both devout Catholics and he was a democrat after taking out his citizenship papers in America.

John Krivanek received an early education both in his native town and also in the Foster public school at Chicago. His practical career began when less than twelve years of age he learned the trade of tailor and followed that occupation with sufficient success to provide for his growing family and to accumulate a little surplus until 1889. In that year he came to Starke County and bought eighty-two acres in section 12 of Railroad Township. Nearly all this land was at that time in a wild condition, but hard work has transformed it in many ways. Mr. Krivanek erected a substantial eight-room house on a stone basement, with good barns and other farm buildings, and has also added thirty acres to his original purchase situated in section 13. This farm is, all but a few acres, of black loam soil and will grow in abundance the staple crops of wheat, corn and potatoes, and his average yield in recent years has been sixty bushels of corn to the acre and thirty bushels of wheat. He is a first-class farmer, also a dairyman, and though a man of city training and environment, has made a real success as a factor in country life.

Mr. Krivanek was married in Chicago to Miss Catherine Vana, who was born in Bohemia, November 14, 1858, a daughter of Thomas and Rosa (Zahour) Vana. Her parents spent all their lives in their native town, were laboring people, and devout communicants of the Catholic Church. All their children, five sons and four daughters, came to the United States and located in Chicago, where most of them are still living, and all have families of their own. Mr. Krivanek and wife are the parents of the following children: Mary is the wife of John Bartunek and has a daughter Mary. James, who lives in Knox, is a bookkeeper, and is married, but has no children. The son John is a mechanic living in Chicago and is also married. Charles helps to farm the home place and is still single. Rosa is a capable young business woman employed at Knox. Agnes lives at home, and George is still a schoolboy, attending the parochial schools. Mr. Krivanek and family are members of All Saints Catholic Church at San Pierre, of which he is one of the trustees. Politically he is identified with the democratic party.

CHARLES A. F. PATTERSON. An intelligent and purposeful participation in the happenings which make up the railroad history of Knox during the past quarter of a century gives Charles A. F. Patterson the right to be named among those who have assisted in Starke County's growth

and advancement. It is probable that the railroad has been the greatest agency for civilization that the world has known, and the men connected with it, no matter in what capacity, are carrying on its great work. Thus Mr. Patterson, in capacity of inspector of the Chicago, Indiana & Southern and Nickel Plate railroads, has shared in the accomplishments with which these roads are credited.

Mr. Patterson was born at Kalmarlane, Sweden, November 9, 1860, is of pure Swedish descent, and his parents were natives of the same country but of different localities. The father, Peter Patterson, was engaged in farming at Kalmarlane, and became the owner of what would be about two hundred and sixty acres of land in this country, which he accumulated through a life of industry and well directed effort. The mother died either in 1868 or 1869, leaving one son, Charles A. F., and five daughters, and had lost a son and daughter by death. The father married a second time, but had no children by the last union. He was nearly threescore and ten years of age at the time of his death, and both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. Of the daughters, three were married and came to the United States: Tilda married Krone Karlson, died in Clay County, Nebraska, where Mr. Karlson still resides, and had three sons, Robert, Albert and William. Clara married in Sweden, Swen Moberg, came to the United States and settled in Chicago, and there both died, leaving two children, Otto and Albert. Augusta located and married in Nebraska, her husband being S. N. Peterson, who died at Sutton, Clay County, that state, where she still resides.

Charles A. F. Patterson has been self supporting since he reached the age of twelve years. He was eighteen years old when he left his native place and went to Stockholm, from whence he went to Gottenberg, and on to Liverpool, England, where he boarded a steamer which, after a journey of twelve days, made port at New York City. He then made his way to Aurora, Illinois, where he found employment on a farm, but in 1880 left agricultural pursuits to enter upon his career as a railroad man, entering the service of the Illinois Central, in the car shops. Two years later he went to Kankakee, Illinois, where he worked as a car repairer and inspector for the Illinois Central. He left the Illinois Central in 1887 and came to Knox to work for the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Railroad (Three I), now known as the Chicago, Indiana & Southern or the New York Central. In May, 1902, he assumed his extra duties as inspector for the Nickel Plate Railroad, and since that time has filled both positions. He is widely known among railroad men of Indiana and the adjoining states, and during his long service at Knox has attracted to him a wide circle of friends. Mr. Patterson has been successful in a financial way, and is the owner of some valuable realty in Knox. At one time he purchased and improved a farm in the vicinity of Sioux City, Iowa, and developed it so well that he was able to dispose of it at a substantial profit.

Mr. Patterson was married at Kankakee, Illinois, to Miss Amelia Holtz, who was born at Holstein, Germany, in 1861, her parents dying in the fatherland. She came to this country and settled at Kankakee,

Illinois, with her three brothers, Carl, Rudolph and Fred, all of whom are married and reside in Illinois, and all have families. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have three living children: Ernest, born in 1884, educated in the city schools, and now stenographer in the office of Judge Pentecost, a well known attorney of Knox; Nellie, born in 1889, is living at home; and Sadie, born in 1896, is also residing with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and their children are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a republican in politics, as is his son, and Mr. Patterson is a member of the Knox Blue Lodge, No. 639, A. F. & A. M.

JAMES L. DENAUT, M. D. Technically educated in one of the greatest and most celebrated medical institutions of America, Doctor Denaut is admirably fortified, both by training and natural predilection, for the exacting profession of which he is an able and popular representative in Starke County, where he is engaged in active general practice, with residence and office headquarters in the attractive Village of Hamlet.

Doctor Denaut is a scion of one of the fine old French families early founded in the Dominion of Canada, where his father passed his entire life, his death having occurred when Doctor Denaut of this review was about twenty years of age.

Doctor Denaut was born at Delta, in the united counties of Leeds and Grenville, Province of Ontario, and the date of his nativity was March 29, 1870. In the schools of Delta he acquired his early educational discipline, which was effectively supplemented by the pursuit of high branches of study in the Collegiate Institute at Brockville, the judicial center of the two counties mentioned, this beautiful little city being a port of entry on the St. Lawrence River and being most picturesquely situated at the foot of the Lake of the Thousand Islands.

Walter H. Denaut, father of the doctor, was born near Prescott, Grenville County, Ontario, on the 10th of September, 1807, and was of patrician French lineage, his uncle, the distinguished Bishop Denaut, having been the tenth Bishop of Quebec, a large portrait of this revered prelate being displayed in the basilica of the great Catholic cathedral in the City of Quebec and the same having been an object of much interest to Doctor Denaut upon the occasion of his visit to that historic city in the summer of 1914. Walter H. Denaut was a citizen of prominence and influence in his native province, held for twenty years a responsible executive position in connection with the county government, and at one time was a candidate for Parliament. He attained to the venerable age of eighty-two years and ever commanded the high regard of his fellow men, his entire life having been passed in the Province of Ontario. He first wedded Miss Julia Easton, of Brockville, and of the four children of this union Roderick E., George C. and Walter H. are deceased, the only daughter, Julia E., being still a resident of Brockville, Ontario. After the demise of his first wife Walter H. Denaut married Miss Harriet Jones, who was a native of the State of Connecticut and who died shortly after her marriage, leaving no children. On the 17th of May, 1859, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Denaut to Miss Caroline A.

Dunham, of Brockville, and of the seven children of this union two died in infancy. Dr. Matthew S. Denaut, the oldest of the surviving children, was graduated in Rush Medical College, Chicago, and is now one of the leading physicians and surgeons at Walkerton, St. Joseph County, Indiana, where he has maintained his residence since 1897. In 1899 he wedded Miss Regina McDonald, and they became the parents of six children, Caroline L., Walter M., Julia G., Harry D., Regina A. and George M., all of whom are living except Harry D. Two sisters, Elizabeth C. and Sarah, reside in the home of their elder brother, Dr. Matthew S. Denaut, at Walkerton. Dr. Harry D. Denaut, the second of the sons, was graduated in the medical department of Queen's College, Kingston, Ontario, in 1892, and thereafter was associated in practice with his brother, Dr. Matthew S., at Walkerton, Indiana, until his death, which occurred on the 7th of June, 1904. Mrs. Caroline A. (Dunham) Denaut survived her honored husband and, like him, became an octogenarian, the closing years of her gentle and gracious life having been passed with her children at Walkerton, Indiana, and she having been for more than seventy years a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

After formulating definite plans for his future career, Dr. James L. Denaut came from his native province to the United States and proceeded to the City of Chicago, where he was soon afterward matriculated in the celebrated Rush Medical College, an institution in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1896 and from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. His professional novitiate was served in the Village of Mark Center, Defiance County, Ohio, and he is licensed to practice not only in that state and Indiana but also in Illinois. After having been engaged in practice at Mark Center for a period of eighteen months Doctor Denaut came to Starke County, Indiana, and established his permanent home at Hamlet, where he has built up a large and representative practice and has gained prestige as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the county. He has continued a close student of the best standard and periodical literature of his profession, as well as of general scientific and literary works, and is known as a man of fine intellectual attainments, the while his mental ken has been broadened also by extensive travel, both in the East and the West.

Doctor Denaut is one of the most appreciative and popular members of the Starke County Medical Society, of which he is serving as secretary and treasurer at the time of this writing, in 1915, and he is actively identified also with the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is giving most effective service in the office of secretary of the board of health of his home village, was county coroner two years, 1900-1902, is a member of the staff of surgeons retained by the Pennsylvania Railroad System, and from 1898 to 1900 he held the office of treasurer of the Town of Hamlet, his political allegiance being given to the republican party. The doctor is a member of the board of directors of the Sterling Fire Insurance Company, a prosperous Indiana corporation, and was one of the organizers of the Hamlet State Bank,

of which he is vice president and one of the principal stockholders. Doctor Denaut is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and both he and his wife attend and give earnest support to the Methodist Episcopal Church in their home village, where also they are popular factors in the leading social activities of the community.

The progressiveness and civic loyalty of Doctor Denaut have had many noteworthy exemplifications. In the Village of Hamlet he has made judicious investments in real estate and has erected five modern houses, besides which he has built four houses in the vicinity of Hamlet—in Davis and Hanna townships. Three of the latter are on his admirably improved landed estate of 504 acres, which is situated in Hanna Township and is recognized as one of the best farm properties in the fertile Kankakee Valley, the place being situated about five miles distant from Hamlet. The doctor has made excellent improvements on his land, and is gradually extending its drainage system with the most approved type of tile drains, his ambition being to develop the demesne into one of the model rural estates of Indiana. He is vitally interested in all that touches the general welfare of his home village and county, and manifests this by ready cooperation in the furtherance of normal public enterprises and improvements.

On the 20th of September, 1905, at Hamlet, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Denaut to Miss Cloe V. Fancher, a daughter of Jonathan W. and Margaret C. (Roe) Fancher, the latter of whom was summoned to the life eternal on the 12th of May, 1908. Mr. Fancher is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Indiana and was for many years a prominent and influential citizen of Starke County. Now venerable in years, he is living virtually retired, at Merced; California, near which place he is the owner of a splendid landed estate of 5,000 acres. The Roë family likewise has been one of prominence in Indiana for several generations and through this line Mrs. Denaut has kinship with the late Rev. Edward P. Roe, the distinguished American author. In 1914 Doctor and Mrs. Denaut made an idyllic trip to and visit in the Bermuda Islands, and while there had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of a distant kinsman of Mrs. Denaut, Eltinge Roe, who is an artist of exceptional talent, as a painter in both oils and water colors, Mr. Roe having presented to Doctor and Mrs. Denaut some specially picturesque and artistic photographs which he personally had taken in the Bermudas. Doctor and Mrs. Denaut have three children, M. Elizabeth, James Fancher, and Marjorie M.

FRED SCHACHT. That industry and good management in connection with agricultural pursuits will bring definite independence and prosperity has been significantly shown in the career of this well known and substantial farmer of section 3, Wayne Township, and his well improved homestead gives every evidence of thrift and prosperity, besides which it may consistently be said that no citizen of the township has more secure place in popular confidence and esteem than Mr. Schacht, who has resided on his present homestead for nearly forty years. In Jackson Township

he still retains title to a farm of 120 acres, which was improved by him and his sons and which is now the home of his son Henry, who is well upholding the honors of the family name.

Mr. Schacht purchased his present homestead in the year 1876, and the entire tract was unbroken land, with virtually all improvement represented in a pioneer log cabin. The years of earnest industry and good management have brought a wonderful transformation and the farm is now one of the finely improved and valuable landed estates of Starke County. On the place Mr. Schacht erected his present attractive residence of sixty rooms, and a substantial barn 48 by 24 feet in dimensions, with a 12-foot wing or shed, and at a later period was erected the fine hay and stock barn, which is 38 by 24 feet in dimensions. That Mr. Schacht has kept in line with the march of advancement in later years is further manifested in his erection on his farm of a modern silo with a capacity of ninety tons. He gives his attention to diversified agriculture, to the propagation of onions and potatoes, for which the soil of this section is specially adaptable, and to the raising of excellent grades of horses, cattle and swine. Mr. Schacht came to Starke County from the State of Illinois, where he had established his residence in 1869, his home having been at Lansing, Illinois, for several years prior to his removal to Starke County. While a resident of Illinois he assisted in construction work on the Pennsylvania Railroad, both in that state and in Indiana. Upon coming to Starke County Mr. Schlacht first purchased eighty acres, at a tax sale, and later he purchased an additional eighty acres, on the opposite side of the public highway, so that his homestead now comprises 160 acres of most fertile and productive land.

Mr. Schacht was born in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 16th of January, 1837, and was there reared and educated, being afforded the advantages of the excellent national schools. He is a son of Fred and Sophia (Frank) Schacht, who passed their entire lives in that section of the fatherland and whose financial circumstances were of very modest order. The father died in the prime of life and his widow subsequently contracted a second marriage, both she and her husband having been well advanced in years at the time of their death. All members of the family were confirmed in the Lutheran Church.

He whose name introduces this article was the eldest of the children and he is the only one of the immediate family to establish a home in America. In his native land he continued to reside for a number of years after his marriage, and in 1869 he came with his wife and their four children—Charles, Fred, Jr., Gustav and William—to America, two weeks being consumed in making the voyage and the family having landed in the Port of New York City. Soon afterward Mr. Schacht proceeded to Chicago, and in Illinois his first employment was in railroad construction work and in the cutting of cordwood during the winter seasons. His labors were arduous and unremitting but he had the good judgment to practice economy, with the aid of his devoted wife, and thus was able to save a part of his earnings and to prepare himself for an independent career. In connection with his railroad work he found

it expedient to establish his family home at North Judson, Starke County, in 1871, and there the home was maintained until the removal to the present farm, in 1876.

In his native place was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Schacht to Miss Dora Zomow, and she proved a devoted companion and helpmeet until her death, which occurred August 7, 1899, her age at the time having been fifty-seven years and she having been a devoted communicant of the Lutheran Church. Of the four children who accompanied the parents on their immigration from Germany all are living and two of the number are married. After coming to the United States seven children were added to the family circle: Robert was born in Illinois, in 1871, and still is associated with the work and management of the home farm, being a bachelor. John was born at North Judson, this county, on the 6th of January, 1874, and he likewise is a bachelor and identified with the work of the homestead farm; Henry has been a resident of Starke County from the time of his birth and is now a prosperous farmer in Jackson Township, he wedded Miss Martha Heubner, and their children are Fred, Lydia, Walter, Herbert and Viola; Minnie is the wife of Joseph Aggert and they reside in Pulaski County, no children having been born of this union; Emma is the wife of William Lampke, a farmer of Jackson Township, and they have six children, Freda, Harry, Esther, Raymond, Louis and a baby. The other two children died in infancy. Mr. Schacht and all of his children are earnest communicants of the Lutheran Church, and he and his sons all give their allegiance to the democratic party.

WILLIAM T. COLLINS, who located in Starke County in 1888 was a man to make friends as he met and formed new acquaintances. He located in Wayne Township upon an 80 acre tract of land proceeded to clear it up and otherwise improve the land and the buildings and it was soon shown by his conduct and go-ahead disposition that he was a successful farmer. Mr. Collins was elected county commissioner in 1892 but continued to live on his farm which was located only a short distance south of Toto, a small station on the New York Central Lines.

Mr. Collins was raised in Jay and Randolph counties and in the year 1863 at the age of fifteen years he enlisted in Company A, Nineteenth Indiana Infantry and served a year and a half, being honorably discharged at the end of that time. He again enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Indiana Infantry, and continued in the service until the close of the war when he was again honorably discharged in June, 1865. He was engaged in the battle of South Mountain and other engagements which he went through in a manner praiseworthy of any soldier.

After the close of the war he again assumed the duties of farming, moving to Illinois in 1868, where he married and continued farming for two years when he returned to Randolph County where he remained until his removal to Starke County in the year 1888 as above indicated.

His wife was Mary J. Seymour, and they raised a family of several children who always honored and revered their parents.

Mr. Collins died in the year 1908 and will always be remembered by all those who knew him. He was a democrat politically and always took an active part in conventions and elections, believing that the democratic party was always right, but allowing the republicans and those belonging to other political parties to advocate their choice and hold to the party in which they put their confidence and trust.

DR. LORENZO DOW GLAZEBROOK was one of the early settlers of Starke County having located in the western part of the county in 1858. He was born near Greencastle on the 23d of February, 1830, and died April 20, 1906. He was married December 18, 1860, and moved to Knox from San Pierre in 1873.



L. D. GLAZEBROOK, M. D.

He practiced medicine from the time of his arrival in the county until his death except during the time he served in the State Legislature. He was first elected to the Legislature from Starke and Laporte counties in the year 1872. He was again elected from the counties of Starke and Saint Joseph in 1885.

Dr. Glazebrook was one of the committees selected to draw plans for the present state house at Indianapolis and was one of the reporters of the great Lincoln and Douglas debate and when Stephen A. Douglas died he was chosen as one of the pall-bearers.

Dr. Glazebrook was a man of fine character and was well versed in the moral, religious and political questions of the day. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow in good standing in both lodges. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SERENO E. GEISELMAN. When, in 1914, without solicitation on his part, Sereno E. Geiselman was appointed superintendent of public roads

of Starke County, the people of this section of the state felt that no better choice could have been made by the board of county commissioners. Mr. Geiselman had already had experience in this line as superintendent of roads of North Bend Township, and in his private activities had displayed such energy, resource and wealth of ideas that it was agreed in his new capacity he should prove a most capable and trustworthy official. While he has served in this capacity for only a year, Mr. Geiselman has fully vindicated the faith thus placed in him, and through his energetic and efficient discharge of his official duties has but strengthened himself in the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Geiselman is well known to the people of Starke County, having resided here all of his life. He was born on his father's farm in North Bend Township, March 7, 1866, and is a son of Elijah W. and Catherine (Camp) Geiselman. His grandfather, Michael Geiselman, was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and after his marriage moved to Ohio and took up his residence in Butler County, where he reared his family. Subsequently he removed to Marshall County, Indiana, and established the first blacksmith shop on Harrison Prairie, as he did also at Bremen, in the same county, when there were but two or three houses at that point. There he continued to reside and follow the blacksmith and repair trade until his death at the age of eighty-two years, he having survived both of his wives, whose names are not now remembered. By his first wife, who died in middle life, all of his children were born. Mr. Geiselman was a democrat and a consistent church member.

Elijah W. Geiselman was born in 1828, in Butler County, Ohio, and was married in Marshall County, Indiana, to Miss Catherine Camp, also of a German descent. He was one of a family of three sons and one daughter, and followed the trade of blacksmith in his early years, as also did one of his brothers, Josiah. Elijah W. Geiselman, however, later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and as a farmer settled in North Bend Township, Starke County, in 1847, locating on land that had been secured by his father-in-law, Joseph Camp, from the original owner who had acquired it in its virgin state from the Government. There Mr. and Mrs. Camp spent their lives and died as old people. Elijah W. Geiselman continued to carry on operations on this property until 1892, when he retired from active life and moved to Culver, Indiana, where he died April 4, 1903, his wife, who had been born in 1829, surviving him until February 9, 1911. A democrat in his political views, Mr. Geiselman took an active part in public affairs, serving as county commissioner of Starke County for nine years, and as the first town councilman of Culver, a capacity in which he was acting at the time of his demise. He participated as a private in the Civil war, belonging to the One Hundred and Fifty-first Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, but his service occurred in the latter part of the struggle and he took part in no active engagements. Of the fourteen children Elijah W. and Catherine Geiselman, six sons and three daughters grew to maturity, of whom all except the eldest married and had families, and two of these sons are now deceased.

The youngest save two of his parents' children, Sereno E. Geiselman

was reared and educated in North Bend Township, and here his career has been passed as an agriculturist. He is the owner of forty acres of his father's property, in addition to which he carries on operations on 160 acres of rented land, and he has met with much success in the raising of grain and stock, being a progressive and practical farmer and business man of much ability. Politically a democrat, he has served as assessor of his township and in the capacity of road superintendent, and it was his work in the latter position that caused his appointment by the commissioners, in January, 1914, to his present office. He has already traveled more than five thousand miles in his automobile in discharging his duties, has nine assistants in his work, and is using macadam for repairs with much success.

Mr. Geiselman was married in Washington Township, Starke County, to Miss Viola Sprague, who was born in Fulton County, Indiana, January 1, 1874, and educated there and in Marshall and Starke counties. Four children have been born to this union: Chester E., aged twenty-two years, who is associated with his father in farming operations; O. Carlie, who died at the age of fourteen months; and Russell F. and Irma F., who are attending school.

WILLIAM J. SMITH. That energy, discrimination and progressive policies as applied to agriculture will result in appreciable success has been significantly demonstrated in the career of Mr. Smith, who, though not an extensive landholder, has given a practical exemplification of the value of concentrated effort and what may consistently be termed intensive farming. He is one of the specially enterprising and prosperous farmers of California Township and he has been specially successful in the commercial propagation of peppermint, to which he devotes an average of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres, with an average annual yield of forty-five pounds to the acre. His well improved little farm comprises twenty acres and is eligibly situated in section 12, California Township, his farm enterprise also including the cultivation of additional land, which he rents. Mr. Smith has proved in Starke County the leading exploiter of the profitable industry of raising cowpeas, and it is primarily due to his influence that this line of enterprise has here made remarkable advancement within recent years. His success and prestige are the more commendable by reason of the fact that he came to the farm without previous experience and has proved that a man from a great metropolitan center can gain returns from his versatility of talent, even if that talent must needs "grow by what it feeds on." In the case of Mr. Smith this versatility is not so surprising as in the average instance, for he had gained broad and effective knowledge through long identification with the "art preservative of all arts," as a representative of which he resided for twenty years in the City of Chicago, where he was employed as a compositor in the offices of the Chicago Daily News, the Chicago Record-Herald, and the Chicago Tribune, for varying intervals, and where for six years he conducted an independent commercial-printing business, the plant and good will of which he sold shortly before coming to Starke County and purchasing his present homestead farm, in 1908.

Thirty acres of land are devoted by Mr. Smith to the cultivation of cowpeas, and he has the distinction of being the one who introduced the propagation of this profitable crop in Starke County, in 1909. He has become adept in the cultivation of these forage peas and is an authority in the line. He obtains from his land an average yield of ten bushels to the acre, and the average market value of each acre's product is \$250. The seed peas grown by Mr. Smith have been in demand by farmers in practically all parts of Starke County, as well as in adjoining counties, and he has demonstrated that the black-eye type of peas is best adapted to the soil of this section of the state. For six years Mr. Smith has given special attention also to the growing of peppermint, and both of these departments of intensive farm enterprise have given to him excellent return, the while he has greatly enjoyed surcease of metropolitan life and been appreciative of the independence and dignity of the thrifty husbandman, the while he has gained secure place in the confidence and esteem of the people of his adopted county. His attractive little homestead finds its charms augmented by its situation on the northwest shore of Bass Lake, one of the fine little lakes of the Hoosier State. The progressive policies and effective management Mr. Smith has given to his little landed estate have caused the property to double in value since it came into his possession.

William J. Smith claims the Badger State as the place of his nativity. He was born in the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 1st of August, 1870, and there he was reared to adult age, in the meanwhile being afforded the advantages of the public schools and of the Spencerian Business College. He finally removed to the City of Chicago, and there he was actively identified with the printing business for twenty years, as has been previously stated in this context. Mr. Smith is a son of Carl and Anna (Thomas) Smith, both natives of Wisconsin and representatives of sterling pioneer families of that state. The parents were residents of Milwaukee at the time of their marriage, and though the father learned the trade of cabinetmaker in his youth, virtually his entire active career was given to the conducting of a retail grocery business, in the City of Milwaukee, a line of enterprise from which he retired three years prior to his death, in 1903, just one day prior to the sixty-eighth anniversary of his birth. He was a republican in politics and was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, as is also his widow, who still resides in her native city and who celebrated her sixty-eighth birthday anniversary in 1914. Her father, Theodore Thomas, was one of the pioneer settlers of Milwaukee, where he established his residence in the early '30s, and where he engaged in the hotel business at a time when the Wisconsin metropolis was a mere village. He was long numbered among the honored citizens of Milwaukee and there he died at the venerable age of eighty-four years. Carl and Anna (Thomas) Smith became the parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom William J. of this review was the second in order of birth. All are still living and all are married except Anna, who was never wed and who died in 1913, at the age of forty-one years.

In the City of Chicago was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Smith

to Miss Alice Anderson, who was born at Madison, the capital city of Wisconsin, in the year 1872, a representative of one of the fine old Scandinavian families of the Badger State. Mrs. Smith was reared and educated at Madison, where, in the public schools, she was a classmate of Hon. Robert M. LaFollette, former governor of Wisconsin and present representative of that state in the United States Senate. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: Ruth, who remains at the parental home, acquired her education in the City of Chicago, is a talented musician and has been a successful teacher of music in Starke County; Melvin G., sixteen years of age, was graduated in the graded schools in the spring of 1914, and is associated with his father in the work of the home farm; and Hazel, still attending school, is thirteen years of age, in 1914. The family is prominent and popular in the leading social activities of the home community.

JOSEPH K. HARTZLER. An excellent example of what perseverance, constancy, industry and self-reliance will accomplish, when combined with a high sense of moral responsibility, is found in the career of the worthy citizen of Starke County whose name appears at the head of this review, and who for thirty-three years was identified with the hardware business at Knox. In this quality of constancy, fixedness of purpose, the undeviating pursuit of a plan of action, is contained the secret of success in a multitude of cases, and to this, in conjunction with the other sterling traits already mentioned, is attributable the creditable and successful career of the late Joseph K. Hartzler, in whose death, May 6, 1914, Knox lost one of its best and mostly highly esteemed citizens.

Joseph K. Hartzler was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 10, 1836, and came of Pennsylvania parentage, being a son of John and Lydia (King) Hartzler, who belonged to the same colony of Pennsylvania Dutch residents of Mifflin County, where they were married. Not many years thereafter they removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, from whence, in 1838, they removed with their family to La Grange County, Indiana, and there settled on a farm. They were industrious and hard-working people, faithfully devoting themselves to the establishment of a home and the proper rearing of their children, and stood high in the esteem of the residents of their community, where they were known as devout members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of twelve children, all of whom grew to man and womanhood, where married and made a success in the world, and all are now deceased except David, an aged resident and farm owner of La Grange County, who has a large family. The father of these children died at the age of seventy-five years, while the mother was a year or two older at the time of her death. He was a republican in politics, but took little interest in public matters, save that of a good and public-spirited citizen.

Joseph K. Hartzler was the youngest of his parents' children, and his early education was secured in the public schools of Fairfield County, Ohio. He was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents, brothers and sisters in their journey overland, with teams and wagons, to the new home in the wilds of La Grange County, Indiana, and there

he secured such education as could be obtained in the primitive schools of the day. Reared to agricultural pursuits, when he reached man's estate he embarked in farming on his own account, and by reason of intense energy, native thrift and general ability was able to become well-to-do and to establish a home of his own.

At the age of thirty years Mr. Hartzler was married in La Grange County, Indiana, to Miss Catherine Stutzman, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1848, a daughter of Emanuel Stutzman, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and a member of the Mennonite Church. He accompanied his parents to Fairfield County, Ohio, as a youth, they being Abraham and Catherine (Yoder) Stutzman, who about the close of the Civil war took their family to La Grange County, Indiana, and there settled, improved a farm, and lived to advanced age, becoming prominent and well-to-do people of a community not lacking in citizens of sterling worth. While a resident of Fairfield County, Ohio, Emanuel Stutzman was married to Miss Catherine Burphy, who had been born in sight of the City of Paris, France, a member of a finely educated French family. Her father had died in France, and the widow, with her seven children, seeking a home where she could rear them to honorable man and womanhood, took passage for the United States in 1820, on a sailing vessel, and after a hard and rough voyage of six weeks landed at New York City, from whence she made her way to Pickaway County, Ohio, and a few years later to Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, where her two elder sons had preceded her. Later she and her daughter, who subsequently became Mrs. Hartzler, moved to Fairfield County, Ohio. After their marriage and the birth of two sons and five daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Stutzman moved to La Grange County, Indiana, settled on a farm and there passed away, the father at the age of sixty-eight years and the mother when seventy-one years old. They were active and lifelong members of the Mennonite Church, and the father was a republican in politics. Their two sons and four daughters are all still living, are all residents of Indiana and married, and all except one have families. Mrs. Hartzler is the eldest of her parents' children, and was given an excellent education in her girlhood.

After their marriage and the birth of one son, Mr. and Mrs. Hartzler came to Starke County, Indiana, in 1871, and located in Washington Township, where Mr. Hartzler was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. A staunch republican in his political belief, Mr. Hartzler had for some years been active in the ranks of his party, and had served several terms as trustee of Washington Township. In 1881 he was elected treasurer to Starke County, and at that time came to Knox, the county seat, to make his home. At the expiration of his term of office, Mr. Hartzler established himself in the hardware business on Main street, and there continued to carry on a steadily increasing trade during the remaining years of his life. He was a man of excellent reputation in commercial circles, true to his contracts and engagements and absolutely honorable in all his transactions. His business associates placed the utmost confidence in his judgment, and his shrewdness, foresight and acumen enabled him to make the most of opportunities that men of less

caliber were unable to distinguish. As a citizen he had the esteem of the people of Knox, who could depend upon him supporting measures calculated to make for civic betterment, and his long life was, on the whole, a distinctly useful and helpful one.

Mrs. Hartzler, one of the well known ladies of Knox, a woman of intelligence and refinement, and an active worker in the Mennonite Church, still resides in the old home, erected by Mr. Hartzler, at the corner of Main and John streets. She is the mother of two children: Mahlon J., county clerk of Starke County, who is married and has no children; and Lottie, who is the wife of Clifford Fletcher, a railway conductor on the Nickel Plate Railway, out of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has two daughters—Catherine, who is eight years of age, and Helen, who is one year younger.

AUGUSTINE DUSEK. As assistant principal of the public schools of San Pierre and as a business man Augustine Dusek has given his best services to the community, and, though still a young man, has made himself a factor of usefulness and influence beyond his years. He is a young man of fine mind, thorough training, high ideals, and what he is and has done is only the earnest of a bright and promising future. He was connected with the San Pierre schools as assistant principal for two years, and was one of the five teachers who comprise the corps of instruction, but on the 8th of May, 1915, he resigned his position with the schools to accept a place in the business house of Gus Riess & Company, of North Judson.

Augustine Dusek is a graduate of the North Judson High School with the class of 1910, and from that time until entering business circles was active in educational work. All of his teaching was done in Starke County, and at first he was employed in District No. 1 of Wayne Township. He made an excellent record as a teacher, and as a business man his future is equally as promising. He resides in Wayne Township, where he was born on his father's farm August 24, 1892. He grew up on the old farm, attended local schools, and finished in the North Judson High School. His parents are Frank V. and Mary Dusek, both of whom were natives of Bohemia, and both are now past fifty years of age. They came from good old stock, and when young people immigrated to the United States about forty years ago. They both located in Chicago, and it was there they met and married, and not long afterward moved to Wayne Township in Starke County. The father located on a farm in section 18, and that has since been his home. He has been an industrious and thrifty farmer, has improved a farm of 120 acres, has built a good home, and has the visible evidence of prosperity in good stock and well cultivated fields, with a substantial house and barns. Both he and his wife are leading members of St. Cyril's Catholic Church at North Judson. Politically Mr. Dusek is a democrat, and quite active in local affairs.

Augustine Dusek is the seventh in a family of eight children: Joseph, who is unmarried and lives at home; Anton, unmarried and living in Chicago; Sophia, wife of Frank Burijaneck, a miller and business man

of Starke County; Edward, who married Miss May Huda and lives in Chicago; Otto, who is a tailor by trade, is a resident of Chicago, and by his marriage to Emma Krajic has one son; Frank, who lives at home; Augustine, of this review; and Victor, attending the high school of North Judson. Mr. Dusek is prominent in the work of the Catholic Order of Foresters, having membership in St. Joseph Lodge at North Judson. Politically he is a democrat.

CARSON REBSTOCK, a native son of Starke County, exercised potent influence in upholding and advancing the excellent standard of its public schools and was an able and popular representative of the pedagogic profession in the county for more than a decade. At the time of his death he held the dual office of superintendent of the township schools of Center Township and principal of the centralized schools of the township. Mr. Rebstock not only proved himself an able and enthusiastic instructor, but also an executive of much circumspection and discrimination, so that his success was assured and had its reflex in the successful work of the schools under his direction.

Carson Rebstock was born on the old home place north of Knox in Center Township May 28, 1878, and died in the best years of life at the age of thirty-six, on the 5th of April, 1915. He was a son of Nathaniel and Nancy A. (Stewart) Rebstock, both natives of Ohio and both young folk at the time of their removal of their respective families to Starke County, Indiana, their marriage having been solemnized at North Judson, this county, in 1865. Since 1866 they have resided on their fine homestead in Center Township, and Nathaniel Rebstock reclaimed the greater part of this farm from the virgin forest, his original domicile having been a log house of the type common to the pioneer days. He is now the owner of a finely improved and valuable landed estate of 190 acres, with excellent buildings of modern type, and in the fulness of prosperity and comfort he and his wife find themselves compassed by those conditions and influences that should crown years of earnest and worthy endeavor. Mr. Rebstock celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary on the 11th of March, 1914, and his wife was sixty-eight years of age on the 31st of January of the same year. In politics Mr. Rebstock is an uncompromising democrat, his influence in local affairs of a public order having been loyal and benignant and he served two terms, of four years each, as township trustee. Of their children only one is now living, a daughter, Alice, the wife of Joseph Lancaster, a representative contractor and builder in the City of South Bend. Their only child, Minnie, is the wife of William Meyers, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have a daughter, Marie.

Carson Rebstock received his early education in the schools of Center Township, and at an early age qualified himself for the profession of teaching. He began teaching school in the county more than twelve years ago, and continued in the work until the failing condition of his health forced him to retire in the fall of 1914. His whole ambition centered around his profession, and he gave freely of his time and means to better prepare himself along educational lines. In 1911 he was elected

to the principalship of the Center Township centralized school, and he gave his best efforts toward increasing the efficiency of this institution. Mr. Rebstock spent a number of years in the higher educational institutions of the state, and was a graduate of the State Normal College at Terre Haute. He also attended Valparaiso University for a period of three years.

It was while attending school at Valparaiso, on the 14th of August, 1910, that Mr. Rebstock was united in marriage to Miss Nellie J. Court-right, who was born in Kankakee, Illinois, on the 5th of March, 1875, and who was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Coffee County, Kansas, where she acquired her early education in the public schools, later attending the normal department of what is now Valparaiso University. She devoted about twelve years to successful work as a teacher, is a woman of distinctive culture, and is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Knox, as was also her husband. They had no children.

Mrs. Rebstock is the sixth in order of birth of a family of eleven children, all of whom are living and married and all but two of whom have children. Mrs. Rebstock is a daughter of William D. and Sarah Ann (Flint) Courtright, who were born in Ohio, to which state their parents moved from Pennsylvania in an early day. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Courtright occurred in Jasper County, Indiana, and he was there engaged in farming. Mrs. Rebstock was but eighteen months old at the time of the family removal to Kansas, where her father became a pioneer farmer of Coffee County. But after passing fifteen years in the Sunflower State the family returned to Indiana and established a home in the City of Valparaiso, where the devoted wife and mother died in 1896, at the age of fifty years. Mr. Courtright now makes his home with his children, and is eighty-two years of age. He is a member of the Methodist Church, as was also his wife, and has been from his youth a stalwart supporter of the cause of the republican party.

CARROLL W. CANNON. The public school system of Starke County is fortunate in having as its executive head so able and enthusiastic an official as Mr. Cannon, who is now serving the third year of his six-year term in the position of county superintendent of public instruction with residence and official headquarters at Knox, the judicial center of the county. Under his jurisdiction are seven high schools and graded and district schools aggregating seventy-nine in number. He has not only proved an effective and popular representative of pedagogic interests in the county, but has also, as an executive, gained the earnest support and cooperation of the teachers and the general public—a fact that offers the most effective voucher for the excellence of his administration.

Special interest attaches to the successful career of Mr. Cannon by reason of the fact that he is a native of the village and county that are now his home. He was born at Knox, Starke County, on the 17th of December, 1883, and here he continued his studies in the public schools

until his graduation in the high school, as a member of the class of 1902. Within the same year he engaged in teaching in the schools of his native county, and within a short time he was advanced to the position of principal of the public schools at San Pierre, this county. There he continued in active service during the most of the intervening time until he was elected county superintendent of public instruction, in 1911, for a term of six years, his fidelity and able administration having fully justified this selection for this exacting and important office.

Mr. Cannon is a son of Joseph and Hannah (Speelman) Cannon, the former of whom was born in the State of Delaware, about the year 1850, and the latter of whom was born and reared in Davis Township, Starke County, Indiana, a representative of an honored pioneer family. Joseph Cannon, a scion of remote Scotch ancestry, came with his parents to Starke County about the time of the Civil war and was here reared to manhood on the old homestead farm near Knox, the county seat. His marriage was solemnized in Davis Township, and after being for many years in the service of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, commonly known as the Nickel Plate, he resigned his position to assume the office of postmaster at Knox. He held this position nine years and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and he is now numbered among the representative farmers of Center Township, this county, where both he and his wife command high place in popular esteem, and where he is known as a zealous advocate of the principles of the democratic party. Of the children, Carroll W., of this review, is the eldest; Clyde and Russell are associated in the work and management of the home farm; Ruby is the wife of Gilland V. Hunt, of Knox; Dallas likewise remains at the parental home; and two children died in infancy.

In politics the county superintendent of schools accords allegiance to the democratic party, and in a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America; with Knox Lodge No. 639, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is senior warden in 1914; and with Yellow River Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Knox. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Christian Church at Knox and he is serving on its official board.

At San Pierre was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cannon to Miss Edna Meyers, who was born in Adams County, this state, but who was reared and educated in Miami County, Ohio. Prior to her marriage she had been a successful teacher in the schools of San Pierre, at the time when her husband had initiated his service as county superintendent. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon have one child, Eleanor R.

LEONARD TIETZ. A substantial country home, plenty of land, well improved and cultivated fields, and prosperity and well ordered enterprise indicated through house, farms and other surroundings—such are some of the features of the Tietz homestead in section 16 of Railroad Township. The proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tietz, are people too well known in that section of Starke County to require extended introduction. Both have lived here many years, and the results of their

work have been of value not only to themselves and their children, but also to the community in which they live.

Leonard Tietz was born in Laporte County, Indiana, September 9, 1858, and was of German parentage. His parents came to America after their marriage and subsequently located in Starke County, living on a farm in Railroad Township. His father, Michael Tietz, died when eighty-five years of age, and the mother, Louisa (Goldburg) Tietz, passed away at the age of seventy-five. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Leonard Tietz was reared and educated chiefly in Starke County, and with the practical judgment and loyal cooperation of his energetic wife has made a success as a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Tietz own 120 acres of fine black loam soil in Railroad Township. Their dwelling is a very comfortable eight-room house and there are a-number of other substantial farm buildings. The farm has sufficient timber on it to supply fuel. Mr. and Mrs. Tietz have lived in Starke County and occupied this farm for eighteen years, and its improvements can be credited to their well-directed efforts. While Mr. Tietz has been an industrious worker, he readily acknowledges that his success is chiefly due to the efficient management of his wife, who is a woman of splendid mental and physical gifts and is both a capable home maker and mother and business woman of rare judgment and executive skill.

In 1884 Mr. Tietz was married in Railroad Township to Miss Tone M. Schmidt. She was born in West Prussia, Germany, in the Village of Niehoff, November 9, 1859, a daughter of August and Wilhelmina (Hasse) Schmidt. Both her parents were natives of the same district, and were of fine old German stock. They had three children, all born in Germany, including Mrs. Tietz, Augusta, wife of Julius Warner of Ora, Starke County, and Emil, who is now living in Messabe, Minnesota, a merchant and mine owner. Emil Schmidt is married and has a family of four sons and three daughters, one of the daughters, Anna, being the wife of William Mudge, a millionaire mine owner of Minnesota. Mrs. Tietz' mother died in Germany when thirty-eight years of age, and she possessed some of the qualities of ambition and energy which have characterized Mrs. Tietz. The father also died in Germany when about seventy years of age, having spent his life as a farmer. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Tietz are the parents of the following children: Clara O., who was born March 19, 1885, in Railroad Township, on the old homestead, was educated in Minnesota, where Mr. and Mrs. Tietz lived for some years, and is the former wife of Charles B. England. Anna Annett, who was educated in the public schools of Minnesota and Indiana, is now employed in Chicago. Lucy B., the wife of Oscar Feehner, a farmer in North Bend Township, has a son, Franklin. Benjamin E. is a resident of Chicago and a motorman for the City Railway Company. Martha A. is the wife of Arthur Newell of Hammond, and they have a daughter Alice, aged two years. Grant F., now twenty-one years of age, lives at home and completed his education in the public schools of this county.

WILLIAM OSBORN. As the oldest living representative of the Osborn family, which since 1840 has played so conspicuous a part in the development and social and civic life of Starke County, this publication should contain a sketch of William Osborn, now living at the venerable age of eighty-seven in Culver.

William Osborn was born in Delaware County, Ohio, in 1827. The American ancestors of the family were New Yorkers, and his paternal grandfather, James Osborn, was born in that state July 21, 1774. The family removed to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and afterwards to Delaware County, Ohio, where James Osborn died January 12, 1844. George M. Osborn, father of William Osborn, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1802, and died at Eagle Lake in Starke County, Indiana, July 15, 1845. George M. Osborn married Anna Hall, who was born in New Jersey, March 25, 1806, when a child removed with her parents to Delaware County, Ohio, and was married there in 1822. She died at Eagle Lake in Starke County the same year as her husband, on April 25, 1845. Their children were: Japhet, Lucy, William, Eliza, John W. and Samuel. When the parents died the oldest of these children was twenty-one years of age, and the youngest four.

In 1840 George M. Osborn brought his family to Starke County, Indiana, locating at Eagle Lake in what is now Washington Township. As described on other pages, the Osborns gave the name to the lake on account of the many eagles found there. They came to the county a number of years before it was organized, and helped to convert the wilderness into a landscape of farms and make the land available for the uses of civilization. It is told how George Osborn, after bringing his family to the county, walked through the woods thirty miles to Winamac, the seat of the land office, in order to enter his land. They had very few neighbors, and had their farm improvements well under way before other settlers followed their example.

The oldest son in the family, the responsibilities of the household and of the younger children devolved upon William Osborn at the death of his parents. He was at that time a vigorous young man, and had received part of his education in the first primitive schools established in Starke County. He established a home of his own finally in North Bend Township, five miles northwest of Culver, and was successfully engaged in the business of farming until he retired and moved to Culver.

William Osborn married Louisa J. Owens, who died at the age of seventy-six. She was born in Bartholomew County, Indiana, and became the mother of six children.

PAUL H. JACOB. While experience is invaluable in the business of farming as in everything else, a more desirable requisite is practical ability. Some men have had years and years of experience and yet are only humdrum farmers, while others who have the energy and the faculty of adapting themselves readily to conditions are successful almost from the beginning. An illustration of this class of farmers in Starke County is Paul H. Jacob, who in 1911 came from Chicago, where he had been

in business as a teaming contractor, bought eighty acres in section 29 of Oregon Township, and in the past four years has shown a remarkable proficiency in his new field of enterprise. It can be said of Mr. Jacob literally that he has made two blades of grass grow where only one had been before on his land. He is in every way progressive, and already has a valuable and productive estate.

Through the work of his own hands he has created a good set of farm buildings, including a large barn 24 feet wide by 106 feet long. The first 32 feet of this barn are used for hay storage and a horse stable, the next 14 feet for a tool house, and the last 60 feet for poultry and other purposes. He has one of the best houses in the township, 24 by 36 feet, two stories and ten rooms. It is built on a solid concrete basement foundation, with a large porch on concrete blocks, and all its equipment and furnishings are first class. Mr. Jacob's land is black sandy loam, and all but seven acres are thoroughly improved. It will grow everything that can be raised on Indiana soil. He has thirty-five acres in corn, with an average yield of seventy bushels per acre. Mr. Jacob also grows wheat, onions and potatoes. For the past two or three years he has had from twelve to eighteen acres in onions, and has grown between six and eight hundred bushels to the acre. Of potatoes his crop runs between a hundred and a hundred and fifty bushels per acre. Mr. Jacob may be classified as a general farmer, one who not only makes the land produce to the full extent of its fertility, but also uses his crops for the feeding of good live stock. He keeps seven head of first-class horses, has a herd of cattle headed by a fine Jersey bull, and keeps some fine hogs of the O. I. C. strain.

In Chicago, where Mr. Jacob was born March 18, 1880, he received a good education in the public and German parochial schools, got into the teaming business under his father, and made the money from teaming contracting which he subsequently invested in Starke County land. His parents were Peter and Rose (Rose) Jacob, who were born in the City of Hesse Kassel, Germany, and came to America when young people, locating in Chicago. In that city the father was employed one year by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, manufacturers of billiard tables. He then went into the general teaming business, and in that line made a modest fortune, and retired about eight years before his death, which occurred February 2, 1914. His wife died in March, 1906, being then about fifty-eight years of age, while the father was sixty-nine. They were members of the Lutheran Church and in politics he was a republican. There were five sons in the family, namely: William, who is a carpenter contractor in Chicago and is married and has two sons; Adam, a lithographer of Chicago, married and has two daughters; John, who died at the age of eight years; Paul H.; and Oscar, a passenger conductor on the Rock Island Railway, and is married and has a son and daughter.

Paul H. Jacob was married in Chicago to Miss Ella Hilt. She was born November 26, 1886, and was well educated in the public and parochial schools. She is a most devoted wife and mother, and interested in

home, and has done much to help her husband in establishing their generous prosperity in Starke County. Her father, John Hilt, was born in Germany, and after several children had been born to him and wife in that country, emigrated to America and located in Chicago some years before the big fire. There he became a carpenter contractor, having learned the trade in Germany, and built up a successful business. The Hilt family are all members of the Catholic Church except Mrs. Jacob. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob are Lutherans, and in politics he is a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob have two children: Walter L., who was born in March, 1905, and is now in the third grade of the public schools; and Paul T., born April 12, 1909.

JOHN L. MOORMAN. Since 1898 John L. Moorman has been editor and proprietor of the Starke County Republican, and to his public enterprise and public spirit is due the creditable showing made by that paper and its position as a leading and influential organ of public opinion. The Starke County Republican, as told on other pages, was established in 1875 by William Garner, and until Mr. Moorman took charge had a somewhat uneven career. Mr. Moorman succeeded C. M. Hane in the ownership, and in the past seventeen years has used the Republican as a means of promoting progress in local affairs and for the advocacy of the principles of the republican party. Mr. Moorman is both a farmer and newspaper man, and before coming to Knox was publisher and proprietor of the Idaville Observer at Idaville, Indiana, for four years.

John L. Moorman was born March 17, 1869, in Paulding County, Ohio, and was brought to Indiana in 1870, by his parents, Jacob and Laura (Daggett) Moorman. His father was born in New York and his mother in Indiana, and were married in this state. They were farmers for a number of years in Carroll County. The mother died in 1877 at the age of forty-eight, and the father passed away in Alabama in 1904, aged seventy-nine. They were Methodists, and in politics he was a republican, and a man of fine character, well known for his industry and frugal habits.

John L. Moorman was educated in the public schools, reared on a farm, and has found both profit and recreation in farming. He owns two well improved and valuable places in Starke County, and conducts them on a systematic and efficient basis.

Mr. Moorman was married in White County, Indiana, to Maude M. Pilling. She was born and reared in White County, and they have one son by their marriage, John D., born January 30, 1897, at Idaville and educated in Starke County, and a member of the high school class of 1915. In 1913 Mr. Moorman completed the fine 10-room home on Lake Street in Knox, one of the best and most modern residences of the city.

Outside of his work as a newspaper man and farmer he spends his time largely within the family circle, though he is also a believer in social ties, and is a chapter Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and with his wife is a regular attendant of the Methodist Church.

DANIEL S. NAVE. In 1911 the commercial interests of the flourishing City of Knox were strengthened and augmented by the advent of Daniel S. Nave, who since that time has been the commercial representative of the Illinois Glass Company, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Nave's career is expressive of the possibilities of business life when directed by a well-trained mind, an earnest purpose and energetic industry, and his success has placed him among the substantial men of his adopted community.

Mr. Nave was born in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, March 8, 1865, and was one year old when brought to Wayne Township, Starke County, by his parents, John T. B. and Lovina J. (Jones) Nave, who settled near Toto postoffice, on what was known as the old Matt T. Hebner farm. The paternal grandfather was Teter Nave and the paternal grandmother's name was Bowers. The former was of German parentage, and they passed their lives in Carter County, Tennessee, being farmers and distillers, and passed away in that locality in advanced age. Frederick and Phoebe J. (Lewis) Jones, the maternal grandparents, were of either Welsh or English stock, and passed their lives in Carter County, Tennessee, where Mr. Jones was a foundryman and moulder and attained advanced years, as did his wife. Several members of these families fought in the war between the United States and Mexico. It is probable that their religious faith was that of the Baptist Church.

John T. B. Nave was born in Carter County, Tennessee, October 21, 1829, and was there married to Lovina J. Jones, who was born in the same county February 15, 1833. Subsequently they moved to Indianapolis, and from that city came to Starke County in 1866, as before noted, here passing twenty years in agricultural pursuits. In the fall of the year 1886 they removed to Davis Township, and there the father passed away March 17, 1888, the mother surviving only until December 3d of the same year. They were Baptists in their religious belief and Mr. Nave was a republican, and strong in both his religious and political faith. He was a man of good education, and during his earlier years had been engaged for some time as a school teacher. He was still a resident of his native state when the Civil war broke out, and was impressed into the Confederate service, in which he was compelled to serve a year, although his sympathies were with the North and he had two brothers in the Union service, Lieut. Daniel and Abraham. In order to escape he secured a Union uniform, made his way at once to his home and joined his family, and was able to reach the North after a perilous and exciting journey. Abraham Nave died in Tennessee, while Lieut. Daniel Nave still resides in Carter County, where he is successfully engaged in a mercantile business.

Daniel S. Nave was one of a family of six sons and five daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters still survive: Levi, a resident of South Bend, Indiana, and foreman in the plant of the South Bend Malleable Iron Stove Company, is married and has children; Daniel S., of this review; Pliney, who is engaged in the real estate business at South Bend, is married and has a family; Margaret J., the wife of Perry Miller,

of Knox, and has one son and two daughters; and Lillie, the wife of E. G. Coffin, lives in Chicago and has a large family of children.

Daniel S. Nave was reared on his father's farm in Wayne Township, and there received his education in the district schools, at one time being a student under the lady who afterward became his wife. When he reached the age of twenty-one years he started upon his career as an educator, his first school being in Washington Township, from whence he went to Davis Township and then to Center Township, his teaching career covering a period of eleven years, the greater part of this time being in Davis Township. When he left the schoolroom to enter commercial pursuits, Mr. Nave went to South Bend, and later to Chicago, Illinois, where for two years he represented the Empire Bottle and Supply Company, of New York City. In 1911 he was offered and accepted the position of representative with the Illinois Glass Company, of Chicago, which has numerous branch offices and a home office at Alton, Illinois. Since coming to Knox, Mr. Nave has occupied a well-appointed place of business on West John Street, and has built up an excellent business, having for the past year specialized in the handling of milk bottles. He is known as a capable, energetic and progressive business man, thoroughly alive to modern methods and ideas, and with an excellent reputation for solidity and reliability in his transactions. Since coming to Knox he has evidenced a sincere desire to assist in the advancement of the movements which promise to make for business and civic betterment and has refused his support to no worthy cause.

While a resident of Washington Township, Mr. Nave was married September 5, 1889, to Miss Catherine I. Horner, a sister of John W. Horner, in whose sketch in another part of this work a history of the family will be found. Mrs. Nave was born in Washington Township, April 10, 1868, was well educated, showed herself an apt and assiduous student, and at the age of sixteen years began teaching school. Among her students were Prof. Carson Rebstock, now superintendent of district schools of Starke County; Cora and Bessie Coffin, who are now teachers in the county; the present county sheriff, Mr. Pettes, and his wife, and Agnes Laramore, deputy postmistress of Knox. Some of these pupils also went to school under Mr. Nave, so that both have taken a part in the education of some of the county's prominent people. Mrs. Nave was known as one of the most popular educators the community has known, and universal regret was expressed when she left the schoolroom to enter matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. Nave have had no children, but are foster parents of a nephew, Berwyn Coffin. Mrs. Nave is a member of the Christian Church, while her husband has affiliated with no religious body, although always ready to support movements which will make for good citizenship, morality and religion. He is also independent in his political views, although with leanings toward republicanism.

CHARLES BURIANEK. For upwards of thirty years one of the solid agricultural families of Starke County has been the Burianeks, with residence in section 7 of Wayne Township. Charles Burianek has spent

all his life since childhood in Starke County, grew up on his father's farm and has been its practical manager for a number of years and is now its owner.

Charles Burianek was born in Cook County in the City of Chicago, Illinois, July 4, 1877, a son of Frank and Barbara (Uchitil) Burianek. The parents were both born in Bohemian Bavaria. In that country Frank Burianek was reared, learned the trade of carpenter, and married a farmer's daughter. They lived for some years within about thirty miles of the City of Prague and while there four children were born to them. Two of these died young, and two daughters, Katie and Antoine, are still living, residents of Chicago, and have large families of their own. In 1869 the family left the old country, taking passage on the steamship Baltimore at Bremen and two weeks later reaching New York. They journeyed on to Chicago, where the father was for a time employed in the railroad service, but subsequently resumed his trade as carpenter.

It was in 1887 that the family came to Starke County, where Frank Burianek bought 160 acres in section 7 of Wayne Township. When he located here his home was in the midst of the wild woods. He and Jacob Keller took the contract to cut off the timber and deliver it to the Erie Railway Company. After the removal of most of the woods Mr. Burianek improved the land, shipped in lumber from Chicago and built his home with his own hands. In the same year he constructed a barn on a foundation 20 by 20 feet and two years later doubled its size. As a carpenter he found many ways to improve and increase the value of his farm, and also brought under cultivation about forty or fifty acres of the land before his death. He passed away September 15, 1907, at the age of sixty-eight. He was always a hard worker, a man of upright character and had a large number of friends both in Starke County and in Chicago. His widow, Mrs. Burianek, is still living, having her home with her son in Wayne Township. She is seventy-six years of age, having been born December 4, 1839, and in spite of her years is still active and hearty. She has been a communicant of the Catholic Church all her life, as was her husband. Several years after she came to Chicago she was followed by her mother and two sisters, and the mother died in Chicago, and one of the sisters, Anna, is now married and has a family in Chicago. Frank Burianek and wife became the parents of several other children after reaching America. Two of them, Mary and Anna, died young. Those living are: Mary, second of the name, who is the wife of James Novak, of Chicago, and has two sons and four daughters; Charles, who is next in age of those living; Barbara, wife of Frank Manina, a resident of Chicago, and they have a son and two daughters; Anna is the second wife of Frank Pethoua, farmers in Railroad Township of Starke County, and parents of three children; Emma lives at home with her mother and brother, and is unmarried.

Charles Burianek received his first educational opportunities in Chicago, and attended school for several years after coming to Starke County. He has kept his home on the old farm ever since reaching maturity, and two years after his father's death bought the interests of

the other heirs and for the past five years has been owner of the entire estate. He has been exceptionally successful as a farmer, grows all the crops known to Starke County agriculture, including the grain cereals and potatoes. He keeps some first-class horses, cattle and hogs, and is a progressive farmer who believes in utilizing his land to the highest advantage and at the same time conserving its fertility. Part of his farm is in timber and he also has some pasture land and wild hay. Mr. Burianek has never married, having chosen the unselfish course of looking after his parents, and has been devoted to their interests since early childhood. He was reared in the Catholic faith, but maintains a somewhat independent attitude in religious matters, and in politics is one of the staunch advocates of the grand old party.

JOHN C. FERCH. Now living virtually retired in a pleasant home within the corporate limits of the village of Hamlet, Mr. Ferch has been a resident of Starke County since his infancy, was here reared and educated, and as a youth he assisted materially in the reclamation and improvement of the fine old homestead farm of which he is still the owner and which is eligibly situated in Davis Township. Though he now rents this property to a good tenant he still gives a general supervision to the same and is one of the vigorous and progressive men of the county in which he is a representative of an old and honored family and in which he himself is held in unequivocal esteem.

Mr. Ferch was born in the City of Laporte, Indiana, on the 10th of November, 1870, and in 1872 his parents came to Starke County, where they passed the remainder of their lives. He is a son of John C. and Augusta (Creig) Ferch, both natives of the Province of Posen, Prussia, where the father was born December 25, 1835, and the mother on the 3d of May, 1845. John C. Ferch, Sr., was reared to adult age in his native land, and as a young man he immigrated to the United States and made the City of Laporte, Indiana, his destination. There he established his residence in July, 1861. His marriage was solemnized about three years later, his wife having come on a sailing vessel from Hamburg to New York City and having had a long and weary voyage. In the spring of 1872 John C. Ferch came with his family to Starke County and established his residence in the village of Hamlet. Here he became identified with agricultural pursuits, and eight years after coming to the county he purchased a tract of eighty acres of land in section 13, Davis Township, near the village of Hamlet. This land he reclaimed to effective cultivation and here he continued to reside for a quarter of a century. He made excellent improvements on his original homestead and in 1893 purchased an additional tract of 160 acres, so that at the time of his death he was the owner of a valuable landed estate of 240 acres. Much of the property was reclaimed from a virtually wild condition, and his enterprise and good judgment were specially shown in the excellent drainage system which he installed upon his farm, the dredging and ditching having redeemed much land that was swampy and having made the same rich and prolific soil. Mrs. Ferch was summoned to the life

eternal on the 21st of September, 1891, and her husband survived her by about a decade, his death occurring on the 11th of May, 1902. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Lutheran Church and their lives were guided and governed by those sterling principles that made them loyal and worthy in all the relations of life. Mr. Ferch was a stanch republican in his political proclivities, was a man of industry and mature judgment and was a citizen who commanded the high regard of all who knew him. Of the children five are now living. Emeline is the wife of Rudolph Pett, of Van Wert, Ohio, and they have two sons and three daughters. Rudolph Ferch holds a responsible position in the City of Gary, Indiana, and he has one son and one daughter. Amelia is the wife of Gabriel Doyle, concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this publication. John C., Jr., subject of this review, is the next in order of birth. Marie is the wife of Carlton Wright, D. D. S., who is engaged in the successful practice of his profession at Hartford City, Blackford County, and they have one daughter and twin sons.

John C. Ferch, Jr., found the period of his childhood and youth compassed by the conditions and influences of the home farm and he early began to lend his aid in its work, so that he came well fortified when he engaged in independent farming operations. He made good use of the advantages afforded him in the public schools of Davis Township, and after his marriage he assumed the active management of the homestead farm of 240 acres, of which property he is now the owner. The farm is improved with good buildings, including a commodious residence, a barn that is, with its wings, 72 by 62 feet in dimensions; with granary and cribs capable of holding 3,000 bushels of grain, and with good tool sheds and other buildings. The house has seven rooms, is provided with bathroom and other modern facilities. While on his farm Mr. Ferch devoted his attention to diversified agriculture and to the raising of high-grade live stock.

In 1907 Mr. Ferch retired from his farm and established his residence in the village of Hamlet, on a part of the old homestead estate of his wife's parents. Here he has an attractive home and is known and honored as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Starke County. Though he has had no ambition for political office and has held no public preferment save that of superintendent of roads, he gives unqualified allegiance to the republican party and takes lively interest in local affairs. He and his family are communicants of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Ferch married Miss Wilhelmina Lotter, who was born at Hamilton, Ohio, on the 8th of June, 1876, and who received her education principally at Berne, Adams County, Indiana, whence she finally came with her parents to Starke County. Mrs. Ferch is a daughter of John P. and Catherine (Skeles) Lotter, both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1840 and the latter in 1842. Of the two children born in Germany one there died in infancy, and in 1870 Mr. Lotter, in company with his wife and their one daughter, Anna, came to the United

States. They located in Butler County, Ohio, later removed to the City of Hamilton, that state, and finally they came to Indiana and established their home on a farm in Adams County, Mr. Lotter having become also the owner of a good farm in Davis Township, Starke County. He died in 1892, and his widow passed her declining years in Starke County, where she was accorded the utmost solicitude in the homes of her children and where she died on the 18th of August, 1912. She was a devout member of the Lutheran Church, as was also her husband, and in politics he was a democrat. They are survived by nine children: John, who is a resident of Michigan; Andrew, who maintains his home in Kentucky and who has five children; Barbara is not married and has charge of the domestic affairs of the home of her brothers who are operating the Ferch farm; Alice is the wife of William Sprague, a railway man, and they reside at Kankakee, Illinois; Mrs. Ferch is the next in order of birth; George, Lawrence and Conrad reside upon and have practical charge of the farm owned by Mr. Ferch of this sketch, all being bachelors and their sister Barbara having her home with them, as already noted; and Cora is the wife of Frederick Mickow, personally mentioned on other pages of this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Ferch have two children: Richard, who was born March 5, 1902; and Carl C. W., who was born January 27, 1906, both sons being pupils in the graded schools of Hamlet.

JACOB KELLER located in North Judson during the Civil war, and there he and his brother Lewis engaged in the mercantile business, doing quite an extensive business for several years. He also engaged in the real estate business, making many sales and causing a fair emigration of foreigners to locate in and around North Judson. The class of farmers that he was instrumental in locating in Wayne Township are a very industrious class of citizens, honest and upright in all their transactions, and have added wonderfully to the progress of that neighborhood. Those people consisted chiefly of Polish and Germans and the farms they occupy tells what this class of people means to any locality.

Mr. Keller was appointed to the very important office of county real estate assessor on June 1, 1891, and held that position for several years. He was a business man throughout, and took great interest in road building, having contracted and built some of the finest gravel roads in the county. He carried on the manufacture of artificial or cement blocks for building purposes, being the first to undertake a thing of that kind in Starke County. Since then others have taken up the work of manufacturing those cement blocks which are now so extensively used in building, and for foundations and cellar walls, and many use those blocks for building barns and automobile garages.

Mr. Keller was one of the leading spirits in locating the sand-lime brick factory at North Judson, the manufacture of which was carried on very extensively for several years. The plant is now, however, out of commission, although some parties are talking of reviving it, as there was always a good demand for the brick that was made at this plant. Mr.

Keller always took an active part in whatever enterprise was undertaken for his home town and was instrumental in accomplishing many enterprises that helped so nobly in the growth and development of North Judson and vicinity. He died in 1910, leaving behind him a name that will forever be remembered by all who knew him, for he was always charitable, giving to those in need, and one great trait of Mr. Keller was to give employment to all within his power, thus helping those that would otherwise have been in deep want.

He often said that he would live to see Starke County become the leading county in the state for raising the products so well adapted to our soil and climate. He was a strong advocate of drainage and attributed the progress of Starke County greatly to that account.



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Mr. Keller was always a democrat and took an active part in election and the selection of candidates, but never incurred the ill will or enmity of those holding to opposite opinions. A few years before his death he formed a real estate and insurance business with C. W. Weninger, a business they carried on quite successfully up to the time of Mr. Keller's death, after which Mr. Weninger became manager and the administrator of Mr. Keller's affairs, and took a true interest in settling up Mr. Keller's estate and Mr. Weninger conducted the real estate and insurance business without a hitch until he was elected county auditor in the election of 1912. He still conducts that business, although he cannot give it all the personal attention that he did before being elected county auditor. Thus we see that the business and interests established by Mr. Keller so many years ago are carried on the same as they were during his lifetime, an example that it would be well for any good citizen to emulate.

CHARLES J. DANIELSON came to Hamlet from Chicago in or about the year 1900 and lived in and near that town until his death. He opened up a fine farm in Davis Township, but continued to live in Hamlet most of the time, renting his farm out to other parties. He was elected to the office of township trustee for Davis Township, November 6, 1894, and held the office until August, 1899. Taking a great interest in opening up new roads in the township, and the schools, too, he never lost sight of giving much of his time to the care of that branch of business characteristic of every officer that loved good schools and the educational interest of his township.

Mr. Danielson was a heavy assessed landowner, being heavily assessed for the construction of the Place ditch, which was the straightening of



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the Kankakee River, thus making many acres of the Kankakee Valley fine farm lands. Those expenses he paid without a murmur, believing that this was the only solution to placing Starke County on a plain with the best counties in the state.

He was one of the leading church members of Hamlet, and contributed very liberally towards the building of the Methodist Church. Good churches, good streets and good sidewalks are his pride, and he was instrumental in making much improvement in that line and when he turned his office of trustee over to George Patrick, every one agreed that he had managed the affairs of the township in a good and honest manner, and this will remain in the minds of all down the ages of time.

Mr. Danielson previous to holding the township assessor's office held the office of justice of the peace of his township and made a very desira-

ble officer, using good judgment, and giving universal satisfaction in his decisions of cases tried before him.

JOSEPH NORMAN McCORMICK. Among the earliest recollections of Mr. McCormick are the removal of his family from old Virginia and its establishment as pioneers in the woods of Starke County. He has known this county three score years, and his knowledge of its physical condition and its people is of particular definiteness because of his long service as civil engineer and surveyor, and probably no other citizen has a more intimate and longer acquaintance with the county in its making and progress than Joseph N. McCormick.

While he comes of old Scotch stock, Mr. McCormick has little definite information concerning the family in its earlier generations, a fact which he personally regrets, and which shows the impossibility of maintaining knowledge of ancestry except through the written page. His grandparents were natives of Scotland, and from there moved across the channel to Ulster, Ireland, and lived as farmers in that section of Northern Ireland until their death. Among their children were two sons, one of whom was James, father of Joseph N. McCormick. James and his brother when young men left Ireland, being still under age, and by a long voyage on a sailing vessel landed in New York City. There the brother separated, James going to Virginia and his brother going west, and from that time they were lost to each other, and nothing is now known of the brother's fate. James McCormick, who was born about 1808 or 1810, began life in the New World as a Virginia farmer, and in Bedford County of that state married Miss Louisa Payne. She was born in Bedford County, Virginia, about 1820, of Virginia parents, and of English-Dutch stock. Her parents were James and Sarah Payne, both natives of Virginia, and James Payne died on his farm in Bedford County when about three score years of age. His widow, Mrs. Payne, in 1853, accompanied other members of her family to Starke County, Indiana, where she died in 1855, when about sixty-six years of age. After James McCormick and wife were married they lived on a farm in Bedford County, Virginia, and there four of their children were born: John T., William G., Joseph N. and Mary E. In 1852 all of them moved from Virginia to the West. A team of horses and wagon carried all their earthly possessions overland, and they camped out while on the way, being fifty-four nights and fifty-five days en route. The family arrived at a place called Twelve Miles, being that distance from Logansport in Cass County, Indiana. There they remained until the fall of 1853, and then came into Starke County. Starke County was at that time divided between the high sandy ridges and the low swamps, and the easiest method of entering the county was to follow the high ground on the ridges, and in that way the McCormick family came into this section. They finally preempted forty acres in section 6 of Washington Township, three and a half miles northeast of Knox, which at that time was a hamlet comprising only a few houses, and the village had been laid

out only two years previously. On the forty acres the family established a home in a log cabin, built in the midst of the woods, and there the father and the children employed themselves improving the land and subsequently in adding a frame addition to the log cabin. Eventually the homestead comprised 190 acres. Late in life James McCormick and wife moved to Grovertown, where he died in 1885, and his widow in the City of Knox in 1892. Both were members of the United Brethren Church, and consistent Christian people, kindly as neighbors, workers both for themselves and the community, and in many ways left the impress of their character on the community. James McCormick was a democrat in politics.

Brief mention of their children is made as follows: Margaret, first married Henry Guernsey and had two sons, Urban and Laban, and for her second husband married Horace S. McCumber, by whom she had two daughters, Bernice and Ardice. The son John, who lives in Hamlet, Starke County, a merchant, is married and has children, James, Charles, Erwood, Correy and Ruby. William is a carpenter at Knox, and his children: Flora, who lives in Lima, Ohio; Perry, who is cashier in the bank at North Judson and is married and has a family; Marion is a telegraph operator with the Erie Railway at North Judson and has one daughter; Chester is editor of the North Judson News and at the present time representing his district in the State Senate; Della is the wife of Charles Cannon and lives in Starke County; Neva lives at home and is employed in her brother's office; William Floyd is a telegraph operator at Hunter town, is married and has a daughter; Mary is the wife of Andrew J. Uncapher, of Grovertown, Starke County, and has a son Sidney, who is married and has two sons and one daughter; Mark lost his wife three months after marriage; Dora is the wife of Seward Reinhardt and has two daughters and one son.

Joseph Norman McCormick, a son of James McCormick and wife, was born in Bedford County, Virginia, February 7, 1846, and was seven years of age when the family moved to Indiana. He grew up in Washington Township, acquired a fair education, largely in the public schools, and as a young man studied at home and by practical experience acquired a thorough knowledge of civil engineering and surveying. In 1876 Mr. McCormick was elected county surveyor. In 1878 he was again elected to the same office and was chosen for the third time in that position in 1890 and for the fourth time in 1892. During his four terms of service as county surveyor, and also through the private practice of his profession, Mr. McCormick came to know every line stake and has worked over practically every section of land in each township of the county. A large amount of the ditching that has changed Starke County from an area of uncultivable marshes to fertile farm land was constructed during his terms of service as county surveyor. Mr. McCormick has also been a township trustee one term, two terms as town treasurer. His home has been in the City of Knox since 1873. He now lives at 515 South

Main Street, in a substantial modern home erected in 1893, and from 1874 up to that time his family had occupied an adjacent house.

As a democrat Mr. McCormick has done much work for his party, has attended as delegate the congressional convention, and through all his relations has been public spirited and has endeavored to serve his home town and county with disinterested efforts.

Mr. McCormick was married in Starke County to Martha A. Guernsey. She was born in Clark County, Indiana, September 18, 1855, and when a child came to Starke County with her parents, Nathan and Susan (Welch) Guernsey. Her parents died here, and she was reared and educated in the county and died at Knox in 1884. Their children were: Ida B., who was educated in the city schools of Knox and now lives at home; Alvin O., who is a carpenter and also lives at home; Clyde E., who has been a printer all his active career and is now connected with the Muncie Press at Muncie, Indiana, and by his marriage to May Nelson, of Winamac, Indiana, has the following children: Joseph Norman II and Mary Magdalene, twins, born March 10, 1906, and William T., born May 6, 1909; Henry Floyd, who died at the age of thirty-one on November 10, 1913, was a printer, and left one child, Graham, now ten years of age and living with his grandparents.

For his second wife Mr. McCormick was married in Steuben County, Indiana, to Miss Ida E. Weage, who was born in Springfield, Ohio, July 19, 1855. Her parents Daniel E. and Elizabeth (Bryant) Weage, the latter a relative of the William Cullen Bryant family, were both natives of New York State and were married there, moved to Coldwater, Michigan, lived on a farm in Branch County, and died there, the mother at the age of thirty-one and the father when sixty-seven. He was a Methodist and he was a strong republican. Mrs. McCormick was the oldest of four sons and two daughters, one of whom is deceased, and the others have families. Mrs. McCormick for some years before her marriage was a skilled dressmaker. She is the mother of one daughter, Arbie Verle, who was born in Knox, September 26, 1891, was educated in the city high school, graduating in 1910, and afterwards taking four terms of instruction in the Tri-State Normal School at Angola, where she studied music, art, and later completed her musical education in the South Bend Conservatory of Music. She was engaged in teaching music until her marriage on June 21, 1914, to Frederick Charles Farley of North Liberty, Indiana, a graduate of the South Bend Business College and for six years connected with the motor department of the C. I. & S. Railway. They have their home in South Bend. Mr. McCormick and family attend the Methodist Church.