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NAPERVILLE TOWNSHIP.

FRANCIS P. ABBOTT, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Ireland, born in the year 1832, and received but a limited schooling. In 1851, he came to the United States, and in October of that year to Du Page County, Ill., and worked on a farm by the month for two years and four months for one man, and then some six years he lived with his mother and sister, and worked at odd jobs. He then rented a place, and began farming on his own account, renting some eight years. He then bought a place of his own, and in 1868 came to his present place, which contains 100 acres located three and one-half miles northwest of Naperville. March 29, 1864, he married Miss Tamar Simpson, a native of New York. She came to Du Page County with her parents. By the marriage there are two children—Arthur E. and Nora M. He is Republican in politics.

MARTIN BROWN, merchant, Naperville, is a native of Lancaster County, Penn., born August 3, 1831, and is the third in a family of five children born to David and Mary (Fry) Brown, natives of Lancaster County, Penn.; their parents were also born in Lancaster County; David and Mary were married in Lancaster County, where she died in 1838, leaving five children, all of whom are now living, and grown up.

About 1839, David married Elizabeth Clinson, a native of Lancaster County. He was a blacksmith by trade, but during the last nine years of residence in Pennsylvania he followed farming. In 1844, he came, with his family, in company with thirteen other families, to Naperville, Ill., the company being induced to settle in this neighborhood by Bishop Seibert, of Lancaster County, who had traveled as missionary in this vicinity. The party bought land here, and Mr. Brown farmed until about 1867, when he sold his place. In 1865, he engaged in mercantile business with his son, Martin, and was connected in mercantile business in all about five years, and lived retired thereafter until his death, November, 1875. Mrs. B. is living here in Naperville. Five children, all of whom are living. He served as Road Commissioner in Naperville Township; also Assessor. Was a member of the Evangelical Church. Our subject lived at home until the spring of 1851, when he went to Chicago and engaged as clerk in the general goods business, wholesale and retail, where he remained two years. He then determined to go to California, and went via New York and Nicaragua route, arriving at San Francisco March 24, 1853. Remained a little over two years, engaged in mining, and

had fair success. Returned to Naperville, and worked on the farm for four years. He had sent money home, which was invested in land, and had to wait until he improved it in order to realize upon it, which he did, and in 1860 engaged as clerk for Mr. Yount, and continued about two years. He then, with his father, bought out the business of Mr. Yount, and continued about two years, when Mr. Brown, Sr., withdrew and Mr. E. Holler became a partner, and continued five years, Mr. M. Brown being the sole proprietor since. In 1856, he married Miss Catharine C. Rickert, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in October, 1869, leaving three children—Emma, Lincoln and Mary. In 1871, he married Miss Mary A. Barr, a native of Pennsylvania, who has borne two children—Clarence and Irvin. Has been connected with the Evangelical Church since 1843.

B. B. BOECKER, grain and coal dealer, Naperville, is a native of Prussia, born in 1840, and lived in his native land about twenty years; received a fair education, including a high school course. At the age of sixteen, he began clerking, and at nineteen he went into the army and served as volunteer one year. In 1860, he came to the United States and vicinity of Naperville, where a friend lived, and worked several years on a farm. He then went to Germany and married Miss Annie Ohn; returned to Naperville and farmed two years. He then sold his farm and engaged in the lumber business and hay press; continued nine years; sold out and bought his present business; has served as Alderman and Mayor, and is now the Supervisor of Lisle Township. He deals in grain and coal, and is doing a very thriving business. He has three children—Theodore, Adolphine and Arnold. He is a Democrat.

D. C. BUTLER, clerk, with W. Scott & Co., Naperville, was born in Burlington, Vt., in 1825, son of Roswell and Ruth (Worden) But-

ler, natives of Vermont, in which State they were married. Roswell Butler was engaged in the lumber business and conducted a farm. He was also interested in a paper-mill and a flour-mill; he died about the year 1830; his wife came West about 1849 or 1850, and lived in Naperville with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Peaslee, until her death, which occurred about the year 1868. The subject of this sketch received a common school education, and afterward took an academic course. In May, 1838, he came to Naperville with his brother-in-law, Mr. H. L. Peaslee, and assisted in the latter's store till 1840, when he returned to Vermont and attended school two years. He then moved to Chicago, where he clerked in a grocery store two years; thence to Naperville, and again engaged with Mr. Peaslee, remaining with him until he sold out his business, about the year 1853, and continuing on five years longer in the same store in the employ of Mr. Peaslee's successor. In 1858, he formed a partnership with H. L. Peaslee, and conducted a general store for a year. In 1861, he engaged as Sutler in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, but afterward sold his business at Washington, D. C., to Col. Beveridge, and returned to Naperville and engaged in the hardware business two years. He afterward engaged as clerk for Robert Naper for two years, and for two years longer with Naper's successors, then as book-keeper for the Chicago Ale and Malt Company four years. He then returned to Naperville, clerked two years in grocery business for L. G. Kent, and then engaged with W. Scott & Co., with which firm he has since been employed. In 1851, he married Freedom Herrick, a native of Vermont, who came to Naperville with her mother about the year 1849. Mr. Butler has been School Trustee two terms, and was President of the Board of Naperville for the year 1862.

DR. J. A. BELL, of the firm of Drs. Bell & Nauman, Naperville, is a native of Morgan County, Ohio, born March 19, 1838; came to

Illinois with his parents about the year 1853, and settled in Knox County. He received his education at Hedding Seminary, of Abingdon, Knox County, and began reading medicine in 1858 with Dr. Andrew McFarland, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum of Jacksonville, Ill., under whose tuition he remained until 1861. In that year, he enlisted in the Tenth Illinois Infantry; was detailed as Assistant Surgeon in the general hospital at Cairo; served in that capacity and on detached duty until December, 1861; then served in the field until August, 1862, when he resigned his position and returned to Jacksonville; thence he went to Cambridge, Ill., where he practiced his profession until 1866, and in 1868 came to Naperville, where he has since been engaged in the practice of medicine; since he came to Naperville, he has taken the degree of M. D. at the Hahnemann Homœopathic Medical College of Chicago. In 1861, he married Miss Elizabeth Eagle, a native of England, who came to the United States with her parents, and settled in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Ill. From this union two children have been born. The Doctor is a member of the Illinois State Institute of Homeopathy.

BISHOP BARTHOLOMEW, farmer, P. O. Warrensville, is a native of Whitehall, Washington County, N. Y., and was born in the year 1817; he was raised on the farm, and received a common school education. In 1837, he came West; he went on the Erie Canal to Buffalo, to Detroit by the lakes, and, in company with several others, drove by team to Lake Michigan, thence to Chicago by boat; he had \$75 when he landed in Chicago, and felt that he would not give his \$75 for the town. He footed it to Naperville, and stopped with Mr. Z. Jones, who was formerly neighbor with him East. In 1838, he married Elmina Jones, daughter of Mr. Z. Jones. She died about 1848. After his marriage, he farmed on shares a number of years, and then bought a place adjoining his

present place, but afterward traded for his present place, where he has lived for the past twenty-eight years. In 1850, he married Miss Asenath McFerren, a native of Vermont; they were married in New York, and came here to Du Page County. They have two children—Henry and Nettie. By the first marriage there were three children—Susan, Darius and Emma. He owns 200 acres of land located on river, three miles of Naperville. He is a Republican.

AMOS BUTZ, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Lehigh County, Penn., born in the year 1811, was raised on the farm and received a common-school education. At the age of twenty-two, he married Esther Wenner, a native of Lehigh County, Penn. He lived at home until he was twenty-seven years of age, and then bought a place of his own, which he farmed until 1845; he then came West by team to Illinois, and stopped about a month at Naperville, where he bought his present place, and, except three years' residence in Naperville, has lived here since. He owns 116 acres, located one and a half miles northwest of Naperville. He is a Republican, and has served as School Director in his district for some ten or twelve years. By the marriage there have been six children, five of whom are living—Abigail, George, Owen W., Aaron, Eva Louise, Anna Eliza. He is a member of the Evangelical Association since 1835.

PHILIP BECKMAN, harness, hides and leather, Naperville, is a native of Bavaria, born in 1836, and received a common-school education up to the age of thirteen; then apprenticed to his trade, and served three years, and came to America and stopped nearly two years in Cleveland; thence to Chicago, where he worked for about five years. In 1859, he came to Naperville, worked as jour until April, 1864, for Martin Ward, when he bought him out, and continued to the present time. He married Miss Elizabeth Pfeiffer in Chicago, in 1858, a native of Germany. They have eight children

—Pauline, Carl, Mattie, Ellen, Libbie, Lula, Bernice and Philip, Jr. Is a Republican.

ANTONI BAPST, retired blacksmith, Naperville, was born September 25, 1817, in Alsace, Germany; is a son of Joseph and Ursal Bapst. He came to this county in 1846, and worked at the blacksmith's trade at Naperville, which he began at the age of sixteen. In 1862, he abandoned the business and moved on his present farm of eighty acres, near the village, in Naperville Township. He was for a few years engaged in a grocery store in Naperville; was married in 1849 to Caroline Cooney, who blessed him with nine children, viz.: Mary, Fannie, Joseph, Antoni, Carrie, Frank, Louisa, Annie and Helen. He and wife are the artificers of their own fortune, having started their married life with \$20. They are members of the Catholic Church.

HON. HIRAM H. CODY, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Vernon Center, Oneida Co., N. Y. He was born June 11, 1824, and is the son of Hiram Cody and Huldah, née Hitchcock. His paternal grandparents, Samuel Cody and Susannah, née Carroll, were among the pioneers of Oneida County. The former was a soldier in the Revolutionary army; the latter, with pardonable pride, traced her lineage to Charles Carroll, of Carrollton. His maternal grandparents, David Hitchcock and Mercy, née Gilbert, formerly of Connecticut, but during many years residents of Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y., were universally respected for their many virtues. Hiram's parents took a deep interest in his early education, and intended to give him the advantage of a thorough course of study in Hamilton College, five miles from their home. Their design was that he should enter the legal profession, and in all his instruction, both at school and under private tuition, this purpose was kept in view, and, being well known to him, made a very deep impression upon his hopes and aspirations for the future. A sad disappointment, however, awaited him. His father,

who was engaged in mercantile business, was by a sudden reverse of fortune compelled to resume the occupation of his early life, that of shoemaking. Hiram, the eldest of the five children, then about sixteen years of age, was expecting to enter an advanced class in college the following year, instead, however, he voluntarily left his school and assisted his father in the support of the family, pursuing his studies afterward to some extent under private instruction. This circumstance, though it seemed a great calamity, and the destroyer of his highest hopes and aspirations proved to him a blessing in disguise, by inducing his removal to the West and settlement in Illinois. In 1843, with his father's family, he removed to Lisbon, Kendall Co., Ill., and one year later the family settled at Bloomingdale, Du Page County. In 1847, Mr. Cody removed to Naperville, having been elected Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court of Du Page County. Two years later, upon the adoption of the constitution of 1848, he was nominated by acclamation, and in 1849 elected the first County Clerk of said county, and during the six years he held the office he applied himself to the study of law, and finally, was admitted to the bar, after which he retired from public life and devoted himself to his profession. Politically, his views were Democratic, but during the war of the rebellion his earnest efforts and eloquent appeals in behalf of the Union cause will ever be remembered by his fellow-citizens, and it was to these that Du Page County was largely indebted for her brilliant record made during the war. In 1861, in a convention assembled without distinction of party, he was nominated and afterward almost unanimously elected County Judge of Du Page County. In 1869, he was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and was one of its most useful members, being elected by votes irrespective of party. He acted with a small number of independents who in the convention really held the

balance of power, which they so used that party spirit was more nearly banished from that assembly than from any deliberative legislative body that ever convened in Illinois. He was the chairman of the important committee on Revision and Adjustment. In 1874, he was elected to succeed the Hon. S. Wilcox as Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Illinois (composed of the counties of Kane, Du Page and Kendall) by the largest majority ever given in the circuit, every town in his own county giving him a majority, and in the three south towns, which have been his home since 1847, out of a total vote of 1,021 he received 1,007. During his official term as Circuit Judge, the Appellate Court was organized and the State redistricted, the counties of Lake, McHenry, De Kalb and Boone being combined with Kane, Du Page and Kendall, forming what is now known as the Twelfth Judicial District. At the end of his term, the Republicans of the new circuit held a convention and nominated a party ticket for the three Judges then to be elected, which resulted in the retirement of Judge Cody from the bench, though he was largely supported as an independent candidate by those who were opposed to making political nominations for judicial offices. Although the district had a Republican majority of about 12,000, and was well organized, the Judge lacked but about 2,000 votes of being successful against the regular party nomination. Immediately after the election in 1879, he commenced the practice of his profession in Chicago, having formed a copartnership with Messrs. E. H. and N. E. Gary, the firm being as Gary, Cody & Gary, and having an extended and rapidly growing practice. In the fall of 1880, Judge Cody was nominated by the Democrats first for the office of State Senator for the Fourteenth Senatorial District, and soon after for Representative in Congress for the First Congressional District, both of which nominations he declined. As a Judge, he was peculiarly free from prejudices,

and his thorough investigation of the law, his clear perceptions and his careful, deliberate and correct opinions made for him a most enviable reputation at home or abroad. During his whole term as County Judge, no appeal was ever taken from his decisions, and of the appeals taken during his term as Circuit Judge over 81 per cent were affirmed by the Supreme Court. Judge Cody was married, December 31, 1846, to Miss Philomela E. Sedgwick, daughter of Parker Sedgwick, M. D., formerly of Lowell, Oneida Co., N. Y., but since 1843 a resident of Du Page County, Ill., where he is widely known as an eminent and successful physician. Mrs. Cody is a lady of intelligence and refinement, esteemed for her earnest piety and her true womanly qualities; a devoted wife and fond mother. They have from early life both been members of the Congregational Church.

HARLOW CROSIER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, Ill., is a native of Berkshire County, Mass., born in the year 1812; was raised on the farm and received a common-school education. At the age of twenty, he apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and the next year began drawing wages. In 1837, he went to Ohio and clerked in a tavern in Mentor, and in 1839 he married Miss Mary S. Nowlen, a native of New York, and soon after the marriage came to Naperville, Ill., and the next year began farming near the village, and about two years later came to his present place, where he has lived since. During his residence here, he has worked alternately between farming and building, he having built most of the buildings in this vicinity. By the marriage there were six children, of whom five are living. Mr. Crosier is a Republican in politics. He owns eighty-six acres, located on the railroad, three miles west of Naperville.

NATHANIEL CRAMPTON, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born in Connecticut in 1815; was raised on the farm, received a very limited

education, and at the age of twelve years moved to Benson, Vt., with his parents. On attaining his majority, he came West, and stopped with Robert Strong, who lives in Will County, Ill., near the Du Page County line. Here he remained for a time, assisting in the erection of a barn; then went to St. Charles and took a claim, which he sold, next season; then came to this county. Here he bought for \$400 a claim of 160 acres, located four miles west of Naperville, on the Naperville & Oswego road, where he lived until 1878, when he retired from farm life and moved to Naperville, where he has since resided. On the farm is a fine grove, which Mr. Crampton set out about the year 1870. In 1839, he married Lucy Dudley, a native of Connecticut. They have had five children, three of whom are living, viz.: Milton, Rosetta and May. Mr. Crampton is a zealous member of the Congregational Church; has held the office of Supervisor for his township and President of the Du Page County Agricultural Society.

EDGAR G. CRANE, farmer, P. O. Eola, Ill., is a native of Naperville Township, Du Page Co., Ill. He was born in the year 1837, and is the third of seven children born to David and Catharine W. (Stolp) Crane, who were natives of Wayne County, N. Y. They came West in 1835, and settled on the present place, where he lived until his death, June 2, 1849. Mrs. Crane lived on the place a number of years, when she married Mr. Edgar Galloway, and moved to Wayne County, N. Y., where she now lives. Our subject was raised on the farm; he received a common-school course of study. On becoming of age, he went by team to California, and lived there and in Oregon for seven years. He was principally engaged in mining. In 1866, he returned home, and, in the spring of 1867, went to Montana and mined for a year and a half; he then returned and bought out the heirs to the place. In January, 1869, he married Miss Salinda M. Griswold, a native of

Wayne County, N. Y. By the marriage there have been five children, of whom three are living—George S., Edith May and Charles F. He owns 243 acres located on the west county line, three miles northeast of Aurora.

W. M. CRAMPTON, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Du Page County, Ill., born in the year 1844, and is the third of five children born to Nathaniel and Lucy H. (Dudley) Crampton. Our subject was raised on the present place, and received a common-school and academic course of study. In 1862, he entered the Post Quartermaster's Department as clerk, and was located at Springfield, Mo. In 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Infantry, Company D, and became Sergeant of his company, and served until the close of the war, when he came home and occupied one of his father's farms, adjoining the present, and farmed there until 1873, when he went by railroad to California, and lived there for five years, during which time he was engaged as a clerk with the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and located at Oakland and San Francisco, though he always lived in the latter place. He then returned East, and occupied the present place, where he has lived since. In 1869, he married Miss Minnie A. Kimball, a native of Wisconsin; she came to Naperville, Ill., with her parents. By the marriage, there are two children—Genevieve and Florence. Mr. Crampton is Republican in politics. In January, 1882, he was elected President of the Du Page County Agricultural Society.

M. C. DUDLEY, attorney, Naperville, is a native of Oswego, N. Y., born October 7, 1820, and is the fifth of a family of nine children born to Asa and Levina (Olcott) Dudley, who were natives of Vermont and Connecticut. In May, 1839, he with his family, wife and five children, came West and settled in Bloomingdale Township, where one of his married daughters, Mrs. Kent lived. He occupied a piece of land and took the claim and bought of Government,

and farmed the same. Mrs. D. died in winter 1862-3, after which he lived with his children, and in 1868 died at the home of his daughter, near Norwood Park, in Cook County. He was aged eighty-three, and was one of the early County Collectors; was a Baptist. Our subject was educated in New York, principally. He early began clerking in a general merchandise store. At first, when he came West, he assisted on the farm, and began teaching; he then worked about two years in a store at Peoria, when he returned home and married Miss Lucinda Willey, a resident of Du Page County; then entered a claim and followed farming until 1853, when he was elected County Clerk, and served until 1861. During the latter part of his term he, in company with David Hate, engaged in general merchandising in Naperville, firm of M. C. Dudley & Co., and continued until about 1868, when the business was closed up. In 1869, Mr. D. was elected County Judge, serving until 1873, since which time he has practiced his profession. During his terms of office, he read law, and was admitted to practice. While County Judge, he was appointed Master in Chancery. His business is principally in that and the County Court. He has had born to him five children, three of whom are dead, the other two, daughters, are living, Ida and Eva. He is a Baptist and a Republican.

ELI H. DITZLER, Naperville, of the firm of Ditzler & Hosler, dealers in general merchandise, was born in Stark County, Ohio, in 1841, second child of a family of four born to Jonathan and Esther (Alspaugh) Ditzler, natives of Pennsylvania. Jonathan Ditzler, who was a carpenter by trade, removed with his family to this county in 1844 or 1845, and settled in Naperville, where he followed his trade until his death, which occurred September 18, 1880. His wife is still living on the old homestead. Our subject received a fair education, and at the age of fifteen engaged as clerk in the gen-

eral store of W. Scott & Co., where he remained until 1861. In that year, he enlisted in Company E, Eighth Illinois Cavalry. He served three years, during which time he participated in the battles of Beverly Ford, Rappahannock Station, Fair Oaks, Gettysburg, Boonesboro, and all the other engagements in which his regiment took part. During his last year of service, he was detailed as Orderly to Gen. Chapman. In October, 1864, he returned to Naperville and resumed his former occupation until February, 1867, when he formed a partnership with Joseph Hilligas in a general merchandising business. In 1870, Mr. Hilligas sold his interest in the business to Alvin Scott, who, in 1873, sold to Mr. Hosler, the business being since conducted under the firm name of Ditzler & Hosler. In the spring of 1882, he was appointed Treasurer of Lisle Township; has served as Village Treasurer for some time. In 1870, he married Celia A. Babcock, a native of Ohio, and at the time of her marriage a resident of Cook County, Ill., who has borne him six children, viz.: Hugh W., H. Ione, Wenona A., Guy E., Lyman B., J. Elmo and Bell Eloise. Mr. Ditzler is a Republican, and polled his first vote while in the army.

XAVIER DRENDEL, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Alsace, France, now Germany, and was born in the year 1829. He was brought up a farmer, and received a common school education. He came to the United States of America in the year 1846 with his parents, Xavier and Theresa (Rhode) Drendel; they were natives of France, and settled in Milton Township, Du Page Co., Ill., and they lived there a number of years, and then moved to a farm near by, located in Lisle Township, where he died February 15, 1872. Mrs. Drendel owns the old homestead in Lisle, and lives with her son-in-law, Mr. Swartz. Our subject was seventeen years of age when his folks came to the United States of America; he lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-

five years of age, when he went to California and lived there two years; he followed mining, and met with fair success; he went via Panama, and returned by the Nicaragua route. In the fall of 1857, he married Miss Elizabeth Winkler, a native of Alsace, France; she came to the United States of America with her parents in 1845, and settled in Will County, Ill. By the marriage there have been eight children, seven of whom are living, four boys and three girls. After his marriage, he lived on the old homestead, and in 1869 came to his present place, and has lived there since. He owns 200 acres of land located two miles west of Naperville. He is a Democrat.

R. H. DICKINSON, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Otsego County, N. Y., born in the year 1834; he was raised on the farm and received a common school education, and taught a short period, on becoming of age. He began business on his own account as news man, and two years later he became Deputy Route Agent on the Syracuse, Binghamton & New York Railroad, which position he held until 1861, when he enlisted in the Twenty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, Company D, and served two years. He was in the first battle of Bull Run and Gaine's Mills. After his first year's service he was detailed as Mail Agent under Gen. Slocum. After he was mustered out, he remained with the command as News Agent a number of months. He returned home and engaged with the United States Express Company and resided in Binghamton, and in the spring of 1868 came West prospecting, and in August following located on his present place. In 1863, he married Miss Edna R. Bennett, a native of Broome County, N. Y. They have two children—Lewis E. and Lee A. He owns 100 acres located on the railroad, two miles west of Naperville.

JOHN DRISSLER, grocer, Naperville, is a native of Lehigh County, Penn., born in 1813. His parents were poor and his education was

limited to one month's attendance at the district school. When about twelve years of age, began working among his neighbors. When he became eighteen years of age, he apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, at which he served two years and a half; then engaged in farming a few years, after which he followed teaming about ten years. In 1845, he came to Naperville, where he worked a farm on shares, and also engaged in teaming to Chicago. From 1851 to 1865, he was engaged in the furniture business, keeping also a stock of groceries, and in 1865 sold out the furniture stock, and engaged in the grocery business exclusively. In 1876, he sold out his business, and in 1880 opened his present place, where he has since been engaged in the grocery trade. In 1835, he married Mary Gilbert, a native of Pennsylvania, who died March 8, 1872, leaving one child—William, now a member of the police force in Chicago. In May, 1874, he married Mrs. Mary Raisley, formerly Miss Mary Stucker, a native of Pennsylvania. She is the mother of five children, one boy and four girls, by her first marriage. Mr. Drissler is an adherent of the Republican party.

GEORGE EHRHARDT, boots and shoes, Naperville, of the firm of Ehrhardt & Brother, dealers in boots and shoes, was born in Alsace, France, now Germany. He was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade at the age of fifteen, and served three years. He then worked at his trade till twenty years of age, when he entered the French Army. While in the army, he worked at his trade for his regiment, remaining till 1852, when he emigrated to the United States. In the spring of 1853, he came to Naperville, where he has since remained, engaged in the boot and shoe business, in partnership with his younger brother, Jacob, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. In 1858, he married Louisa Kagler, a native of Alsace, France, now Germany, who has borne him two children—Julia and Carolina. Mr.

Ehrhardt is a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Evangelical Church.

JACOB EHRHARDT, boots and shoes, is a native of Alsace, France, born in 1831. At the age of fifteen, he was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, at which he served three years. He then worked with his father until 1854. In that year, he emigrated to the United States, and joined his brother, George, in Naperville, with whom, after working a few years at his trade, he entered into partnership in the boot and shoe business. In 1864, the brothers built a store in Naperville, where they have since carried on a retail boot and shoe business, doing a good trade. He married, in 1868, Mary Catherine Sturm, a native of Alsace. From this union three children have been born, viz.: Emilia, Minnie and Henry. Mr. Ehrhardt has held the office of City Trustee. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Evangelical Church.

JOHN EHRHARDT, of the firm of J. Ehrhardt & Co., manufacturers and retail dealers in boots and shoes, is a native of Alsace, France (now Germany), born September 12, 1841. His father was a shoemaker, and subject learned that trade, beginning when fourteen years of age. In 1859, subject came to the United States, and settled in Naperville, where his brothers, who had preceded him, then lived. He worked at his trade with his brother till July, 1861, when he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Illinois Infantry, was chosen Corporal of his company, and remained in service until the close of the war. He participated in the engagements of Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, was in the Atlanta campaign, the "march to the sea" and through the Carolinas, and was with Gen. Corse at Alatoona Pass. In 1865, he returned to Naperville, worked at his trade till 1873; then opened a shop and engaged in business, in company with Mr. Gushart. In 1867, he married Maria Nadelhoffer, who was born in Alsace and came

to the United States in 1860. They are the parents of two children, one of whom is living, viz., Maria S. Mr. Ehrhardt is a member of the German Lutheran Church. He is a Republican.

HON. LEWIS ELLSWORTH, agriculturist, P. O. Naperville, is a son of Nathan and Betsey B. (Palmer) Ellsworth. He was born at Walpole, N. H., July 22, 1805, and lived in his native State until his eighteenth year, when he moved to Rutland County, Vt., where he learned the tailor's trade. In 1827, he went to Troy, N. Y., and engaged in the merchant tailoring business. In 1836, he sold his business and made a trip West, buying an improved Government claim of some four or five hundred acres, and in 1837 he opened a general store in Naperville. During this year, he also built a frame house on his land, and occupied the same with his family in October. In 1848, he sold his general store business, and in 1850 engaged in the nursery business, which he has conducted until the present time. In December, 1828, he married Miss Chloe M. Skinner, a native of New Lebanon, N. Y. She died October 16, 1876. Of the five children, two are living. In 1839, Mr. Ellsworth was elected the first Probate Judge of Du Page County, and served four years. He is deeply concerned in the subject of agriculture, and from its earliest days in Illinois he has taken a leading part. He was one of the incorporators of the Union Agricultural Society (which was the first held in Northern Illinois) and subsequently became its Vice President and President. He was one of the organizers of the county society and also one of the constituent members of the State Agricultural Society organized at Springfield in 1853, and served as its President during the years 1859-60; also at present a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

WILLIAM FEY, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born October 7, 1819, in Schuylkill County, Penn.; is the son of Rudolph and Eve (Snyder)

Fey, natives, the former the same county as the subject, and the latter Bucks County. They were the parents of five children, viz.: William, George, Joseph, Paul and Lewis. The father was a weaver by trade; the parents were Lutherans. Mr. Fey had some school advantages and has always been a farmer; was married, in 1841, to Esther Hoy, the union resulting in eleven children, all of whom are living—Albert, Henry, William, Lydia (Mrs. Abert Rickert, who died December 11, 1877), Laura (Mrs. Charles Lefler), Elizabeth (Mrs. Henry Houser), Emma (Mrs. Joseph Good), George, Lewis, Morgan and Anna. Our subject came to Illinois in 1854, settling at Naperville, and soon after rented a farm in Lisle Township. In 1855, he bought 145 acres, a part of his present farm of 251, on which he settled and has remained since. He started with scarcely anything but stout hands and a willing heart, having experienced many hardships in Pennsylvania. He has been no office seeker, yet has served in some of the smaller offices. He has always been a temperance advocate, and has reared his large family without the use of coffee or tea. He nor none of his boys ever used tobacco, a very rare case indeed. The family are members of the Evangelical Association at Naperville; vote the Republican ticket.

THOMAS FINLEY, dealer in ice, Naperville, was born in Massachusetts in 1822. Is the second child of a family of seven children born to Alexander and Elizabeth (McCray) Finley, natives of the North of Ireland. Alexander Finley, subject's father, came to the United States with his wife and one child about the year 1821, landed at Boston, Mass., and settled in Meadville, Penn. In 1839, came to Naperville, where he followed farming, and died in 1856; his wife died in 1858. Subject received a common-school education, and lived with his parents on the farm till 1850, when he organized a company of thirteen men, and went by

the overland route to California, where he remained four years engaged in mining. He then returned home, but soon after started on his second trip to California, taking with him forty-four horses, of which number he had but seven when he reached his destination, the rest having either died or been stolen on the way. After remaining in California three years engaged in mining, he returned home in 1857, bought a farm in York Township, this county, occupied it three years, then sold it and bought a place near Warrenville, this county, where he farmed for six years, then sold out and came to his present place, where he has since followed farming. In 1875, he built an ice-house, and has since been engaged in the ice business. In 1858, he married Mrs. Butterfield, formerly Miss Ann Bennett, a native of this county, her father being one of the pioneer settlers; they have a family of three children—Charles H., Samuel A. and Frances. Mr. Finley is a supporter of the Democratic party.

JOSEPH S. FERRY, farmer, P. O. Aurora, Ill., is a native of Washington County, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1829, and is the youngest of three children born to Sylvanus and Rhoda (Wilson) Ferry; they were natives of Massachusetts and New York. He was a tanner, and moved to New York when a young man, and married there. In the spring of 1835, they moved to Terre Haute, Ind., and occupied a place belonging to his brother-in-law, and worked at his trade in the town. In 1838, they moved to Warrenville, in Du Page Co., Ill., and rented his brother-in-law's (Joseph Wilson's) place. The next year he bought a claim, and soon afterward Mr. Ferry died. The family continued on the place until about 1845, and Mrs. Ferry lived with her son thereafter until her death in 1879. Our subject was raised on the farm, and received but a limited course of study in the district schools. When he was sixteen years of age, he bought, with the help of his uncle, fifty-three acres of land, and, with

his mother and sister, occupied the place, which he farmed with a yoke of oxen. About 1850, he sold the place and bought 120 acres close by, and farmed it until 1868, when he moved to Aurora to obtain school facilities for his family, and lived there six years, during which time he built and sold property. He then came to his present place, and has lived here since. He owns 600 acres, which is divided into three adjoining farms, located two and a half to three miles east of Aurora. In 1855, he married Miss Sophronia B. Kenyon, a native of Washington County, N. Y. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents about 1853. They have three children—Adelaide, Jennie and William. Mr. F. attributes his success to industry and economy. He is a Republican in politics.

ROBERT FREEMAN, retired, Naperville, was born in Meadville, Penn., February 21, 1809. He learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, and in 1833 moved to Chicago, where he followed his trade for ten years, after which he moved to his farm, located in Du Page and Will Counties, part of which he had bought as early as 1837. He followed farming until 1876, when he built his present elegant brick residence. Mr. Freeman has been thrice married—in 1841, to Miss Adaline Bordman, a native of New York; she died September 10, 1859; of their children, two are living—Mrs. Emma M. Wescott, of Naperville; and Eliza Jane Morris, of Keya Paha, Nebraska. He married, December 11, 1861, Miss C. J. Dewey, a native of New York; she died March 14, 1866, leaving two children—Arthur R. and Ella C., living at home. The present Mrs. Freeman, formerly Mrs. Brown, is a native of Du Page County, Ill.; her maiden name was Miss F. B. Wescott. By the present marriage there is one child—Jessie. Though not an office holder, Mr. Freeman has been an active partisan, an Old-Line Whig, a strong anti-slavery man, and a Republican in politics. In 1820, he became a Presbyterian and continued

in his faith until he came to Naperville, when he joined the Episcopal Church, in the affairs of which he has taken an active interest.

D. N. GROSS, merchant, Naperville, is a native of this county, born in Lisle Township December 11, 1837, and is the sixth child of a family of seven born to George Conrad and Salome (Dather) Gross, natives of Bavaria, Germany, he born in Limberg, in July, 1796, she in Giersbach, July 13, 1804. George Conrad Gross was married in his native land, May 28, 1825, where two of his children were born. In 1832, he, with his family, emigrated to the United States, and located in Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until 1835; then came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Lisle Township, this county, where he lived until 1844, when he moved to a farm in the town of Naperville, where he died in March, 1850. His widow, a number of years after his death, married Jacob Snibley, and lived in Lisle Township until her death in May, 1864. Our subject began working for himself at the age of fifteen, and lived with his brother. When seventeen years old, he was apprenticed to the carpenter and joiner trade, and served with the late John Collins, of Naperville, three and one-half years, and, having learned his trade, worked with his employer until the breaking-out of the late war. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, was detailed as Orderly to Gen. Sumner, and served until June 30, 1862, when he was wounded in the battle of White Oak Swamp, Va., and remained in the hospital in Baltimore until December 13, 1862, when he was discharged, the severity of his wound having necessitated the amputation of his foot. During his term of service, he participated in the engagements of Yorktown, Williamsburg, on the Chickahominy, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, being wounded the last day of the Seven Days' fight. Mr. Gross was an eye witness of the naval battle between the Merrimac and the Monitor. On being discharged,

he returned to Naperville. In 1863, was elected County Treasurer. Was elected to that office three terms, but, owing to the removal of the county seat, served but five years. In 1869, he received the appointment of Postmaster, which position he held until the spring of 1882, when he bought a mercantile business in Brownsville, Mo., which he conducts at the present time, though he still retains his residence in Naperville. He married, January 4, 1864, Mary E. Dudley, a native of Lisle Township, this county. They have five children—Bertha C., Cheeny C., Dean D., Mary S. and Fred A., and also living with the family, Adeline M. Smith, an adopted child of Mrs. Dudley. Mrs. Gross' sister, now a missionary, will also become one of the family. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Barrows, organized and taught the first public school in Chicago.

HOWARD H. GOODRICH, attorney, Naperville, is a native of this county, born in Lisle Township September 25, 1852, was raised on the farm, and attended the district schools till he was seventeen years of age, when he entered the Beloit, Wis., College, which he attended one year, then, upon the removal of the Northwestern College to Naperville, he entered that institution, where he completed his classical course, graduating in 1876 with the degree of M. A., and the honor of valedictorian of his class. After his graduation he taught district schools one term. In the spring of 1877, he began reading law with Judge H. H. Cody, and the same year attended the Union College of Law, Chicago; in 1879, he passed an examination by the Appellate Court, and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court in session at Mount Vernon, Ill. In 1880, he received the degree of A. M. Began the practice of his profession at Naperville, and soon after entered into partnership with Samuel W. Smith, who however withdrew from the partnership January 1, 1882, and went to Iowa. Mr. Goodrich

is the eldest child of a family of four born to Charles H. and P. Jane (Turner) Goodrich.

FRANK S. GETSCH, of the firm of Strauss & Getsch, manufacturers of the Naperville plows, Naperville, is a native of this county, born in Milton Township in October, 1850, third child of a family of six children born to Anthony and Philisitus (Hilts) Getsch, residents of this county; subject was raised on the farm, and at twelve years of age hired out by the month, and worked on the farm of L. Meacham a year and three months; thence to Kankakee County, Ill., where he worked on a farm for a year. He then returned home, where he remained a year; then in 1865 enlisted in Company H, Twenty-third Illinois Infantry, and remained in service till the close of the war; then came home, and worked on a farm till 1866, when he went to Danby (now Prospect Park). There he apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, at which he served three years and four months, then came to Naperville, where he worked in the fork shops; worked a year in plow works in Chicago, also a year in South Elgin Fork Shops, and finally in 1876, became partner in present business. In May, 1876, he married Frances Bapst, a native of Naperville; they have two children, viz., William and Edwin.

DAVID B. GIVLER, editor *Clarion*, Naperville, is a native of Ashland County, Ohio; born November 20, 1841, and is the fifth in a family of seven children born to Solomon and Leah (Brown) Givler. They were natives of Lancaster County, Penn.; he was a farmer and moved to Ohio, settling on a farm in Wayne County; thence to Ashland County, where they farmed until 1851; then came to Illinois, and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Naperville, where he lived until his death, in December, 1868. He took an active interest in politics, and was a Republican; member of the Evangelical Church. Mrs. Givler is living in Naperville with her son, David B. Our subject

was raised on the farm, where he lived until 1861, when he enlisted in the Seventh Illinois Infantry, Company C; served during the war; was in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Alatoona Pass and the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman at the surrender of Johnston. He returned in 1865, and farmed for one year; he then worked as clerk in the grain warehouse at Naperville one year. In 1868, he bought the *Du Page County Press*, and has published since, having, in 1869, changed the name to the *Naperville Clarion*. January 24, 1864, he married Miss Abbie Matter, a native of Pennsylvania. (Mr. G. married while home from the army on furlough.) They have six children, three sons and three daughters. Mr. G. has served as Justice of the Peace, Police Magistrate, Collector, etc., etc.

WALTER L. GOOD, Naperville, house and carriage painter, is a native of Lehigh County, Penn., born in 1843; son of Charles and Mary Ann (Miller) Good, natives of Lehigh County, Penn., and who were the parents of eleven children, subject being the third. Charles Good, subject's father, was raised on a farm; learned the tailoring trade. In 1846, he came to Naperville, where he learned the painter's trade, which he followed until his death, which occurred in Naperville in the spring of 1867; his widow married Mr. Jacob Trumbauer, and now resides in Polo, Ogle County, Ill. Walter L. was raised in Naperville, received a fair education, and, when eleven years of age, began working with his father at the painter's trade, remaining till he was seventeen years of age. He then went to Chicago, where he worked for three years; then enlisted in Company H, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry; was chosen Corporal; afterward promoted to a Sergeancy, and mustered out after a two years' service. His regiment operated principally in Missouri, and, though in no pitched battles, was constantly employed among the guerrillas; was ten weeks

on the Price raid, fighting in the battles of Lexington, Independence and others. At the end of his service, he returned to Naperville and worked at his trade, with his father, until the death of the latter, since which time he has worked on his own account. In 1867, he married Sarah Rickert, a native of Geneva, Ill., who has borne him one child—Charles W. Mr. Good has held the office of Village Trustee for some time; he is a Republican.

MICHAEL HINES, Naperville, Justice of the Peace, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, April 9, 1803, son of Michael and Jane (Walker) Hines, who emigrated to Canada and settled on a farm near the Vermont State line. At the age of eighteen years, our subject was apprenticed in Montreal, Canada, to his trade, and served three years. He then worked for a time at Grand Isle, in Lake Champlain, and in Vermont. In 1834, he came West, stopped in Chicago about a year, and, in 1835, came to Naperville, and engaged in business in partnership with a friend, Samuel Talmadge. He afterward bought out Talmadge's interest, and continued business alone, being very successful; he built several stores on water street, which were swept away in the ice gorge during the big flood, his loss being over \$10,000. He married Lucetta Stephens daughter of Capt. John Stephens, who was one of the old pioneers of this county, and who served during the Black Hawk war; they have had five children, of whom three are living—Thomas S., agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Moline, Ill.; has been in the employ of that company since his discharge from the army; he served three years in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry; Mrs. Holman, of Creston, Iowa; and Mrs. Smith, of Naperville. In March, 1850, he started by the overland route for California, in company with Stephen J. Scott, and accomplished the journey in four months and seventeen days. After mining for two years in California, he returned home via the Isthmus of Panama and

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HERMAN HAMMERSCHMIDT, farming, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Westphalia, Prussia; he was born in the year 1830. He received, in addition to a common school education, two years' attendance at college. When he was eighteen years old, he came with his brother to the United States, and bought a farm in Naperville Township, Du Page Co., Ill., and some eight years later Herman bought his present place and has lived here since. In 1856, he married Miss Emma Van Oven, a native of Westphalia, Prussia. She came to the United States with her married sister in 1852. By the marriage there have been ten children. He is a Republican, and has served

as Assessor for four years; he has also served as School Trustee. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, of which he has been Trustee a number of years, and has taken an active interest. He owns eighty acres located three miles west of Naperville and six from Aurora.

S. B. HILL, farmer; P. O. Eola, Ill., is a native of the State of Maine, and was born in the city of Calais in the year 1823. He was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. When he was eighteen years of age, he came West to Chicago, and traveled transient, stopping at Galena and in the pine-ries of Wisconsin. He then came to Warrensville in 1842, and rented a farm. He also ran a thresher, in company with Mr. Daniel Warne, until 1849, when he went to California. He went with a company of twenty-five men, they driving overland by ox teams. He lived about three years in California, during which time he followed mining and kept a butcher's shop in the mountains. He returned, via Panama, to Du Page County, and bought his present place. He married Miss Caroline, daughter of John Warne, of Michigan. She came to Du Page County in 1834 with her parents. By the marriage there have been six children, of whom three are living—Annie, now Mrs. Paxton, living in this county; Howard, at home; Lorin, at home. After his marriage, he lived on his farm, where he has lived since. He is a Republican in his politics. He is a member of the M. E. Church. He owns 425 acres, located in Naperville and Winfield Townships, two and one-half miles north of Eola. He first bought about one hundred and sixty acres, and has added the rest since.

CHARLES JENKINS, farmer, P. O. Naperville, Ill., is a native of Allegany County, N. Y. He was born in July, 1826; was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. When he was sixteen years of age, he began working by the month for himself, and at the

age of nineteen he came West and stopped about six months in Du Page County, Ill. He then worked about one year in Kane County, when he again came to Du Page County, and worked by the month until the spring of 1849. He then worked on the shares one year, and in 1850 went overland by team to California, and lived there for two years, during which time he worked at mining. Returning by the Nicaragua route, he rented his present place, and two years later bought it. Mr. Jenkins first voted for Gen. Taylor and has been a Republican since the organization of the party. He has held the offices of Township Trustee, Road Commissioner, and has served as Supervisor for a number of years. In May, 1852, he married Miss Harriet H. Thatcher, a native of Wayne County, N. Y. She came West with her parents in 1839. By the marriage there are three children. He owns 219 acres of land, located three miles west of Naperville.

H. W. KNICKERBACKER, Naperville, is a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., born November 20, 1813, and was raised on a farm. At the age of eighteen, he began reading law, and in October, 1833, he moved to Chicago, where his brother lived (Abram V., Assistant Superintendent with Capt. Allen in building the harbor); our subject went in the store of P. F. W. Peck, and in May, 1834, he came to Naperville and purchased a claim adjoining the town; he then went East and married, returning to his claim in the fall and built a frame house, considered at that time the best in Northern Illinois; though not very pretentious, he lived on his claim until 1843, when, upon the death of his wife, he went East, in the spring of 1844, and, in order not to lose his residence, he returned in the fall and voted for Henry Clay. His first wife was Miss Sarah Groesbeck, a native of New York; they had three children, all living. He engaged in mercantile business in Lansingburg, N. Y., and continued for twenty years. In 1847 or 1848, he married Miss

Clarissa A. Seelye, a native of New York. In 1868, they came to their farm here at Naperville, where she died in 1875, after which he went East, and next year, he went to Adrian, Mich., where he engaged in mercantile business for about one year; he then again returned to Naperville, where, in 1877, he married Miss N. C. Cunningham, a native of Jonesboro, Tenn., daughter of Rev. J. W. Cunningham, and engaged as Preceptress and Professor of English Literature in the Northwestern College of Naperville. Mr. K. was the first Assessor in this county. During the war, he resided in Lansingburg, N. Y.; he took an active part, devoting his time and money to forwarding military affairs. He used his influence with Governor to establish a hospital at that joint. He had been the principal officer of the agricultural society, and through his influence they gave the location for the hospital on which the Government erected buildings costing over \$100,000, and during the war our subject made daily visits with the surgeons, his object being to cheer the patients, who became greatly attached to him. Is a Freemason; was a Whig, and is at present a Republican, and a "no license" advocate, also a member of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES H. KAYLER, Naperville Marble Works, Naperville, is a native of Germany, was born in 1837. In 1843, the family emigrated to the United States and settled at Cleveland, Ohio, where Charles H. lived till he was twenty-three years of age, his father being engaged in agricultural pursuits. At the age of eighteen our subject was apprenticed to the marble-cutting trade, at which he served three years, under his brother John, who conducted the business. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked at the trade as journeyman till 1861, when he enlisted in the Sixth Ohio Cavalry, Company C, and served till the close of the war. During his term of service, he participated in the battles of Winchester and Port Republic, and in

all the engagements in the Shenandoah Valley, where his regiment operated under command of Gens. Fremont and Pope. At the close of the war, he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked at his trade till 1866; he then came to Chicago and engaged as baggage-master on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, which position he held for six years. He then removed to Naperville, where he engaged in the marble business. He employs from four to six workmen, and does an annual business of from \$16,000 to \$20,000. His establishment, which is the only one of the kind in the county, turns out well-executed work, which finds ready sale; he has furnished many elegant jobs for the city of Chicago. Mr. Kayler has been twice married. In 1860, he married Prudence P. Stevens, a native of Ohio, who died in 1865, leaving three children, viz., Clarence, Oscar and Byron. In 1872, he married Emma B. Bolliman, a native of Naperville, who has borne him two children—Robert and Lulu.

FREDERICK KAILER, clothing and gents' furnishing, Naperville, a native of this county, born in Naperville in 1841; is the second child of a family of seven. His parents, Jacob and Dorothea (Degen) Kailer, natives of Alsace, Germany, came to the United States about the year 1839, and to Naperville in 1840. Jacob Kailer, who was a shoemaker by trade, died in January, 1852; his widow, now Mrs. Louis Wendelberg, resides in Chicago. Frederick received a fair education, and worked on the farm till 1861, when he enlisted in Company E, Fifty-fifth Illinois Infantry; was elected Sergeant; was in the battles of Shiloh, siege of Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, Lookout Mountain, also served in the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea. The regiment was veteranized in 1864, and he returned to Naperville. Soon afterward, he went to Chicago and engaged in the butcher business for a number of years. In 1868, he opened a clothing store in Naperville, where he has since remained engaged in that

business. In 1870, he married Melvina Snyder, a native of Pennsylvania, and from this marriage five children have been born. Mr. Kailer is a Republican, and a member of the Evangelical Church.

WILLIAM KING, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Germany, born in the year 1829. He received a common-school education, and, at the age of eighteen, came to America. In 1848, he arrived in Bloomingdale Township, Du Page County, where he had relatives living, and the following year he engaged by the month on a farm about five miles south of Naperville, where he remained about three years. In 1852, in company with a party of forty-four, headed by Dr. Barnes and Thaddeus Swift, he started overland with ox teams for California. At Fort Laramie, the party divided, Mr. King joining a company bound for Oregon. The company had considerable trouble with the Indians, who stole their oxen, requiring them to abandon some of their wagons, and in the "lava beds" (since made historic by the Indians under Capt. Jack) their vanguard were massacred by the Indians. Mr. King remained in Oregon and California about five years, during which time he followed mining and butchering—returning by water via Nicaragua route. January 22, 1857, he married Miss Hypsa Royce; she was a native of New Hampshire and was raised in New York, daughter of Jonathan Royce, who came to the vicinity of Naperville in 1835, and was largely interested in farming. After marriage, they settled on a farm he had bought, and farmed until 1870; he then moved to Naperville, and engaged in the manufacture of brick and tile in company with Mr. George Martin, they making the first tile in the county. After some six years, Mr. King withdrew from the business, and has lived retired since, his farming interests, amounting to some four hundred acres located a few miles from Naperville, being managed by tenants. Politically, Mr. King is independent, though generally in

harmony with the Republican party. In 1875, he was elected Supervisor of the town of Lisle, and was re-elected successively for six terms.

ADAM KELLER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and was born in the year 1831. His father was a forrester, and Adam assisted in the business, and on becoming of age he came to America. He had received a district school education. He came through to Naperville, where he expected to meet his brother, but the latter had gone to Minnesota. Adam worked on the farm in this vicinity by the year until 1860, when he married Miss Barbara Weigand, a native of Bavaria, Germany. She came to the United States with her parents when she was a child. Her parents, John and Barbara (Pfister) Weigand, were natives of Bavaria, Germany. They came to the United States in 1848, and settled in York Township, Du Page Co., Ill., where he farmed until his death in 1861. His first wife, Barbara Pfister, died in Germany; the second wife, Cuigunde Waltz, also died in Germany, and the third wife, Gertrude Fleeman, survives him, and is living in the old home. After the marriage he rented farms (three) for about nine years. He then bought 152 acres where he now resides, and has since added eighty-nine acres, having in all 241 acres, located on the river two miles northwest of Naperville. Mr. Keller came to this vicinity \$9 in debt, and has earned all he has by his labor and management. He is Democratic in his politics, though he votes generally independent. He has served three years as Road Commissioner, and is now serving as Supervisor of the township. By the marriage there have been nine children—seven girls and two boys.

WILLIAM J. LAIRD, police, Naperville, was born in Naperville April 12, 1835, and is the youngest of two children born to William and Philinda (Stevens) Laird. William Laird, our subject's father, came west to Naperville with his brother George in 1832, opened a store

and traded with the Indians till the fall of 1833, then went to Fox River and took a claim a mile above Aurora, but owing to the Indians claiming the land he abandoned it, and removed to Montgomery County, Ill., where he took a claim and where he afterward died. Our subject's mother, daughter of John and Polly (Taylor) Stevens, came to Naperville with her parents about the year 1832, where they took a claim and afterward conducted a hotel. John Stevens was born in Rindge, N. H., September 2, 1785, removed when quite young with his parents to Hartland, Vt., where he afterward married Miss Polly Taylor, a native of that place—born April 23, 1786. He moved to Enosburg, Vt., thence in 1832 to Naperville, Ill., where he bought a claim and afterward ran a hotel there. He died May 3, 1862. During his life he had worked at his trade—carpentering—farmed and engaged in the hotel business. His wife, our subject's grandmother, died January 23, 1873. Of their eight children, three are now living. Our subject's mother, after the death of his father, returned to her father's place near Naperville, where she lived until January, 1844, when she married Mr. Hiram Fowler, a native of Berkshire County, Mass., born in 1798, came to this vicinity in 1833, and bought a claim three miles from Naperville, which he occupied a number of years, then retired from active life, and is now living in the town of Naperville. The subject of this sketch was raised in Naperville, received an ordinary education in the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years he was apprenticed to the harness-maker's trade, at which he served three years. He soon after opened a shop in Naperville, where he followed his trade. In May, 1861, he was appointed police, which position he held until 1863, when he was commissioned as recruiting officer for the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry. He raised twenty-eight men, joined his regiment at St. Charles, was appointed Second Lieutenant of Company H January 22, 1864, and promoted

to the rank of First Lieutenant August 8, 1865. Company H, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, was organized by Capt. L. C. Matlack January 22, 1864, at St. Charles, Ill. Our subject served as guard for prisoners at Alton, Ill., thence went to Glasgow, Mo., and served in guerrilla warfare; joined Gen. Ewing's army in defense of Jefferson City; engaged in the fights at Independence and Osage, Mo.; was on the forty-three days' march, for which the command received the thanks of the Missouri Legislature; was present at the surrender of the rebel Gen. Jeff Thompson at Chalk Bluff, Ark.; served on the Kansas frontier, and marched to the relief of Gen. Dodge, who was endangered by the Indians, and was discharged at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., December 21, 1865. After the war he returned to Naperville, and engaged in the harness-making business until 1873 or 1874, when his shop was destroyed by fire. He was appointed police on his return from the army, and also served as Deputy Sheriff eight years. In 1858, he married Miss Marie Vosburg, a native of Milwaukee, Wis. They have had three children, two of whom are living—Arthur W. and Edward S.; Louie L. was killed on a train at Riverside, Ill. Upon the organization of the Naperville Light Guards, Company K, Third Regiment Illinois Infantry, in 1877, Mr. Laird was appointed Second Lieutenant, and is now serving his second term as Captain of the company.

NORMAN LENT, blacksmith, Naperville, was born in Bradford County, Penn., June 17, 1826, son of Egbert and Polly (Stocking) Lent. Egbert Lent, born in Peekskill, N. Y.; was a carpenter and wagon-maker by trade, and died about the year 1847; his wife, born in Binghamton, N. Y., is now living with her daughter in Iowa, and is eighty years of age; of their eleven children, ten are still living. Subject received but a limited education; at the age of thirteen moved with his parents to Onondaga County, N. Y., and when nineteen

years old was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade ; served four years, and then worked at his trade as journeyman two years. In 1851, he came to Illinois, worked at his trade in St. Charles for one year, and March 2, 1852, came to Naperville, where he worked as journeyman three years. He then went into partnership with Willard & Loomis, but after one year withdrew from the firm, and has since carried on business on his own account. He married on July 4, 1848, Miss Caroline M. Richmond, a native of Vernon, Oneida Co., N. Y. From this marriage eleven children have been born, of whom seven are living, viz., Elgin E., Edwin W. and George W., all engaged in the blacksmithing business in Correctionville, Woodbury Co., Iowa ; Emma J. (wife of Mr. Thompson, a farmer of Cherokee, Iowa), Lillian, Walter and Minnie, at home. Mr. Lent is a Republican.

SAMUEL LONG, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Lehigh County, Penn., and was born in the year 1819. His father was a miller, and Samuel was brought up to the business until he became sixteen years of age, when he began working at farming, and on becoming seventeen he apprenticed to tailoring, and served for four years ; he then worked as a journeyman for a number of years, and about 1843 came to Illinois, and settled in Naperville, and worked on the farm. In 1848, he married Miss Martha Nitz, a native of Lehigh County, Penn., who came to this county with her parents about the same time he came. The following year after his marriage, he began work at his trade in Naperville, opened a shop, and, a year later, in company with Mr. Weaver, he opened a clothing store, he buying Mr. Weaver's interest a few years later, and conducted the business until 1863, when he sold out and bought the present place where he has lived since. By the marriage there have been fourteen children, eleven of whom are living. He is Republican, and is a member of the Evangelical association for upward of forty years.

He owns 158 acres located six miles southwest of Naperville, and four and one-half miles southeast of Aurora.

FREDERICK LONG, furniture and undertaker, Naperville, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born in 1837. In 1853, he came to America and stopped with his brother in Chicago, who had come to the country previously, and the same year he hired on a farm near Wheeling, remaining one and one-half years. In 1856, he came to Naperville and apprenticed to the cabinet trade with Mr. Butts and served for three years, then worked as journeyman for two years longer. He then began on his own account, opening a shop on the south side of the river and doing business in a small way, putting in all his time, and in 1866 he bought his present location and built the buildings, and has conducted the business since ; has one building 100 feet deep, two stories, and in the spring of 1882 he added two stories, 22x40—now doing a business of over \$12,000. In the spring of 1861 he married Miss Amelia Beidelman, a native of Illinois. They have one adopted son whom they took when but six weeks of age. Is a Republican.

GEORGE MARTIN, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the year 1826, only child of George and Elizabeth (Christie) Martin, who were natives of Scotland. George Martin, Sr., was engaged in the grain business, running vessels between the Baltic and Black Seas to ports in England and Scotland. In 1833, the family came to America, and in June of that year, stopped with Mark Beaubien in the old pioneer hotel, Soginnash, of Chicago. From this point, Messrs. Martin & Christie started on a prospecting tour to Ottawa, and returned via the Naper settlement, where Mr. Martin bought a claim of Capt. Joseph Naper, having thirty acres fenced and broken ; the unimproved portion included all the land desired, west of the river, there being no settlers there then. The family occupied

the claim in August, living in a log house until spring, when they occupied their new frame house, which was the first frame house in what now constitutes Du Page County. Mr. George Martin, Sr., improved and lived on the farm until his death in 1841; his wife also remained on the old homestead until her death in 1872. Both were life-long members of the Presbyterian Church, and were active and liberal in their support to its cause. He was a man of fine education; a Liberal in his native land, he joined the Liberal party in his new home, and lived enjoying the respect and confidence of all who knew him. George Martin, Jr., came with his parents, and has always lived on the old homestead. He received the advantages of the district and select schools of his vicinity, and, in addition to the management of his farming interest, has been identified, first in the mercantile business in Naperville, and, later, in company with the Hon. J. G. Wright, established the Producers' Bank of Martin & Wright. He has also engaged himself in laying out several additions to Naperville, which include all that portion of the city lying south and west of the river. He is at present engaged in the manufacture of brick and drain tile on his place, which has grown to be an extensive business, his works being the largest in the State. Mr. Martin also owns a fine stone quarry, located on his farm, which, though not fully developed, gives ample proof of an inexhaustible supply of the finest of building stone. In 1854, Mr. Martin married Miss Sibelia Riddler, a daughter of the Rev. Alexander Riddler, of Peoria. There are four children—Elizabeth, Kittie, George and Carrie.

J. F. METZ, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Du Page County, Ill., born in the year 1849, and is the fourth of seven children born to Adam and Elizabeth (Knapp) Metz, who were natives of Germany and Warren County, Penn. He came to America with his parents when he was but one year of age; they

settled in Buffalo, N. Y. When he became of age, he came to Illinois and worked on the canal, and about 1840 married and began farming, renting the first few years; he then bought a place of the Government, and in 1849 went to California, overland, with a company from this vicinity. He was gone three years, and was engaged in mining; returning, he occupied his place, which he had bought of the Government, and farmed there until 1875, when he removed to Naperville, where he died in March, 1879. Mrs. Metz is living at the old home in Naperville. Our subject was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. In 1870, he married Miss Mary Grove, a native of Cumberland County, Penn.; she came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents in 1865. By the marriage, there have been six children, of whom five are living—Edna, Emery A., Arthur A., Sherman G. and Elsie M. He owns 104½ acres located one and a half miles southwest of Naperville. He is Republican in politics.

E. MUSSELMAN, grain dealer, Naperville, is a native of Northampton County, Penn., born in 1816, and lived in his native county until 1847. His father was a weaver. Our subject learned the carpenter's trade, and followed the same during the summers and teaching school during the winters. He was apprenticed when seventeen years of age, and served with his employer six or seven years. He received a district school education, and was fond of books, studying the higher branches at home. At about the age of twenty-one, he began teaching, which he did during the winters for some ten years. In 1839, he married Miss Catharine Hilliard, a native of Pennsylvania, who died January 31, 1882; they had eight children, six living. In 1847, they came to Du Page County, and settled at Naperville, and engaged at his trade for a number of years in this and Will Counties, and then about 1855 became a minister of the Evangelical Association, traveling in

the interest of the Association for fifteen years. He then located at Naperville, and worked at his trade of carpenter for several years. During the past five years has been engaged in his present business, buying and shipping grain and dealing in coal. He is now Justice of the Peace, an office he formerly held in Will County.

JOSEPH MEANS, deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Pittsburgh in the year 1795, and was raised a farmer, and in the year 1834 came West to Illinois, and made a claim to the present place, which he began improving and cultivating. In 1840, he married Miss Mary Vaughan, a native of Vermont; she died in 1853. In 1855, he married Miss Abia Vaughan, a sister of the first wife, and a native of Vermont, by which marriage there were born four children, two of whom are living—Archibald and Nancy. Mr. Means died on the old homestead in 1872. Mrs. Means has lived on the homestead since.

LEVI MANBECK, gardener, Naperville, is a native of Berks County, Penn., was born in 1820, and was raised to farming, receiving a common school education. In 1847, he came to Du Page County and farmed, and teamed in the meantime to Chicago, always making his home in Naperville. In January, 1847, he married Miss Hannah Hoy, a native of Schuylkill County, Penn., from which union have been born two children: Mrs. Ida Hafle, residing near Freeport, Ill., and Celia, at home. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and a Republican.

PHILIP ORCUTT, contractor, builder and undertaker, Naperville, was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., in that portion since annexed to Hamilton County, that State, December 12, 1819; was raised on the farm, and received a limited education in the common schools. His father was a carpenter, and from him subject learned the trade at home; he also acquired the shoemaking trade, working at the latter during the winter and at carpen-

tering in the summer seasons for fifteen years. In 1844, he came to Illinois, where he stayed with his brother Daniel, and farmed and worked at carpentering. In 1846, he married Laura Gates, a native of New York, who came to Illinois with her parents at an early date; she died November 15, 1859, leaving four children, viz., John P., merchant and Deputy Postmaster at Gilman, Ill.; Thomas (in Iowa); Frank, Assistant Cashier in post office, Chicago; Fred, at home. After his marriage, Mr. Orcutt bought a piece of land one and a quarter miles west of Naperville, on which he lived till about the year 1855, when he moved to Naperville and there engaged in the lumber business, also contracting and building. About the year 1859 he discontinued the lumber business. In the fall of 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Ninth Illinois Cavalry, and remained in service three years, his regiment operating in the West with Grant's army. He returned to Naperville in 1864; afterward worked in North Carolina, where he assisted in the construction of seven bridges over the Neuse River; returned to Naperville in 1865, where he has since followed contracting and building. His second wife, Anna Ingalls, whom he married December 11, 1868, is a native of New York, and came to Illinois, with her parents, when a child; she has borne him two children, of whom one is living, viz., Daniel. Mr. Orcutt is a Republican.

H. L. PEASLEE, retired, Naperville, is a native of Burlington, Vt., born 1810, second child born to Robert and Amanda Loomis Peaslee, natives of New Hampshire and Vermont. Our subject engaged as clerk in the mercantile business in his native town at about the age of sixteen, and clerked until he was nineteen or twenty, when he took a position as teller in the bank of Burlington, where he remained about two years. He then, in company with his brother-in-law, Amos W. Butler, engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a general store, until about 1834-35. In May, 1836,

he and wife came West to Chicago, where he had relatives. Harmon & Loomis having established a store in Naperville about 1835, our subject took charge of it, which he conducted until 1841, when, owing to sickness in his family, he returned to Vermont, where he remained two years; then came to Chicago and assisted Mr. Harmon in wholesale grocery for several years. In 1845, he came to Naperville, where he and Mr. Loomis engaged in general merchandising, continuing about ten years, when the business was sold to Mr. Yount. He then, in company with others, established a deposit bank, known as the Producers' Bank, with which he was connected about three years. He then engaged in merchandising, with the object of establishing his son, Luther L., in business; and soon after, his son enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, he holding the office of Second Lieutenant, and served through, with his command, to Atlanta, where he resigned and came home, owing to the failure of his father's health. Our subject continued the business a few years after his son went into the army, and then sold out, and has lived retired ever since, excepting a few years which he devoted to the management of Mr. Loomis' business, during the latter's trip to Europe. Upon the organization of the county, he was made Coroner and Justice of the Peace. In July, 1831, he married Miss Amelia M. Butler, at the latter's home in Essex, Vt. They have had five children—three living—Luther L., of Chicago; Horace H., merchant at Naperville, and Harriet L., now Mrs. W. H. Moore, of Peru, Ill. Mrs. Peaslee was a daughter of Roswell Butler and Ruth Wardner. He was a merchant and lumberman, and previous to our subject's moving West, Mrs. Peaslee came West and lived with her daughter twenty-two years, and died here in Naperville about the year 1868.

H. H. PEASLEE, proprietor of Du Page County Cash Store, Naperville, is a native of

this county, born in Naperville in August, 1846, son of H. L. Peaslee. Subject was raised in his native village, where he received a fair education. His father was a merchant, and H. H. was early trained in mercantile business, beginning when quite young, and assisting his father until the latter closed out his business. In 1865, he went to Chicago, engaged as clerk with King, Harmon & Co., wholesale dry goods, etc., and in 1868 went to Chelsea, Iowa, opened a hardware store on his own account, and remained in business there till 1869, when he sold out to his partner, and returned to Naperville. Thence he went to Memphis, Tenn., where he engaged as collector for an ice company; the same year he entered the retail store of Field, Leiter & Co., Chicago, as clerk, and at the end of the first year was given charge of a department, and soon after became a general salesman, having charge of the woolen department, in which he was assisted by seven salesmen. In 1874, owing to ill health, occasioned by overwork, he resigned his position with Field, Leiter & Co., visited Colorado for a few months, and in 1875 came to Naperville, where he has since been engaged in his present business. In 1873, he married Nellie Threadgold, daughter of Capt. Theadgold, a seafaring man; she was born in the East Indies; sailed with her father till she was fifteen years of age, then settled in Jersey City, where she was educated; she and her married sisters moved to Chicago, where she resided at the time of her marriage. From this union two children have been born, of whom one is living, viz., Henry L.

WILLIAM PIERCE, farmer, P. O. Aurora, Ill., is a native of England, born in the county of Kent in the year 1817, eldest of eight children born to William and Ruth (Stephenson) Pierce, who were natives of Kent and Nottinghamshire, England. He was raised on the farm, and when about sixteen years of age he entered the army and remained a soldier until about the year 1817, having served for nine years,

and fought with Wellington at the battle of Waterloo, was at the siege of Antwerp and the other battles of those days. In 1832, the family came to America, and located in Wayne County, N. Y., where he farmed, and in 1835 moved to Ohio, locating in Summit County, where he farmed until his death in the year 1875. She died in Ohio about the year 1850. Our subject was raised on the farm, and at the age of sixteen, was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade. In 1839, came to Illinois, and worked at farming in Du Page County until the fall; he then began threshing in Kendall County, and in the spring of 1840, he worked at his trade on the Illinois and Michigan Canal until the fall of that year, when he came to Du Page County again and worked at farming, until the fall of 1842, when he went to Iowa, and worked at his trade in various places, and in the summer of 1843, he came here to his present place, which he bought at the land sale in the winter of 1842-43, and farmed here until the fall of 1844, when he went to Michigan and carried on the lumber business, and in the fall of 1845 he returned to his farm. In 1848, he married Miss Susan Davis, a native of Vermont; she came to Du Page County with her parents when young; she died in 1849. He then followed his trade in Aurora until 1852, when he married Miss Margaret Regan, a native of Canada. She came to Aurora with her parents. In 1853, they came back to the farm and have lived here since. They had six children, two sons and four daughters. Mr. Pierce first voted for Martin Van Buren for President, and has been a Republican since organization of the party. He has 230 acres of land located on the line of Kane and Du Page Counties, four miles southeast of Aurora.

J. H. PAXTON, retired farmer, P. O. Eola, Ill., is a native of Maury County, Tenn., born in the year 1822, and is the sixth of twelve children born to Thompson and Cynthia (Potts) Paxton. They were natives of North Carolina,

he born January 23, 1783, and she January 16, 1790. They married March 6, 1816. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and fought under Gen. Jackson against the Creek Indians. His brother, James Paxton, was in the battle of New Orleans. They moved to Maury County, Tenn., soon after their marriage. He had a small farm and worked at his trade of cabinet-making, he carrying on a shop. They moved to Fountain County, Ind., about the year 1830, and he carried on farming on a large scale there until 1833. In 1832, he came to Illinois, and made claim to a large track of land, probably over six hundred acres, and the next year brought his family and settled on the place in a log cabin. He was a colonizationist in his views on the negro question and a strong anti-slavery man, and voted the only vote in Cook County for James G. Birney, the anti-slavery candidate. Mr. Paxton kept a station of the Underground Railroad, and frequently assisted in effecting the escape of the slaves. His house was a place of public worship and Sabbath school. He was a Presbyterian until the latter years of his life he joined the Christian Church. He died September 12, 1859, and his wife died March 19, 1853. Our subject lived with his parents until he was about twenty years of age. In addition to the district schools, he attended Granville Academy, Ill., he intending to prepare for college, but owing to his health he turned to farming after two years' attendance. He began working with his brother, in partnership, on the claim, and on coming to Illinois he farmed on his father's claim, and later went with his father and others and deeded the land. March 31, 1846, he married Miss Miranda Pitcher, a native of New York. She died in April, 1847. July 4, 1850, he married Miss Olive E. Fowler, a native of York Township, Du Page County. January 27, 1869, he married Miss Sarah Ann Crosier, a native of New York. By the first marriage there was one child, since deceased. By the second mar-

riage there were seven children, six living. There are no children by the present marriage. After deeding his land, he followed farming until he was taken sick, and left the farm and lived for ten years in Aurora, and then came back to the old farm and has lived on the place since. During the past three years, he has been confined to the house, owing to an illness.

JAMES P. PAXTON, farmer, P. O. Eola, Ill., is a native of Fountain County, Ind.; he was born in the year 1831. His parents came to Du Page County, Ill., in 1835, and settled on the present place. Our subject was raised on the farm. He received a common school education, and at the age of nineteen took charge of his father's place and has managed the farm ever since. His father deeded him 180 acres, and after his death he paid the other heirs a sum of money. He bought some 200 acres since, and has deeded a portion to his son. He now owns 280 acres located six miles northeast of Aurora. Mr. Paxton has been thrice married. His present wife was Miss Nettie M. Olmstead, a native of Canada. She moved with her parents to Kendall County, Ill., in 1856. They were married in Aurora, March 26, 1868. By the first wife there is one child living—Frederick E. By the present marriage there are four children—Nellie L., Edward S., J. Everette and Roy N. Mr. Paxton is a Republican in politics. He has served as Assessor and School Director, and belongs to the Congregational Church. His first wife was Emeline McPherran, a native of Whitehall, N. Y., who came to Du Page County with her parents, who lived in Bloomingdale Township. She was married July 5, 1856, and died October 31, 1859, aged twenty-six years.

PROF. C. F. RASSWEILER, A. M., teacher of mathematics, Northwestern College, Naperville, was born in Allentown, Penn., in 1846, youngest child of a family of five born to Henry and Catharine B. (Hoffman) Rassweiler, natives of

Prussia. Henry Rassweiler, the father of subject, was married in Prussia, came to the United States in 1831 and settled in Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade—that of a weaver. In 1850, he came to Illinois and settled in Stephenson County, where he engaged in weaving, while the male members of his family followed farming. He is now seventy-seven and his wife seventy-nine years of age; they live retired in the village of Dakota, Stephenson Co., Ill. The subject of this sketch early assisted his father in weaving, and, having received a fair education, began teaching school at the age of sixteen. When seventeen years of age, he entered the Northwestern College at Plainfield, Ill., but was unable to attend regularly, on account of ill-health, for the next three years or more, but afterward attended regularly and graduated in 1870, having taught in the college part of the time during his attendance in order to meet the expenses of his tuition. After graduating, he made a regular engagement with the college, acting as tutor for several years, then Assistant Professor of Mathematics until 1879, when he left the college for a two years' furlough, which time he spent in California managing a branch office of the Western Publishing House, Chicago, with which establishment he has been connected since 1875. On his return from California, in 1881, he became Professor of Mathematics in the college, which position he now holds. In 1871, he married Lizzie E. Harlacher, a native of Wisconsin, daughter of Rev. Joseph Harlacher, now of Cedar Falls, Iowa. From this union three children have been born, viz., George F., Katie M. and Inez Josephine.

PROF. H. H. RASSWEILER, A. M., natural science, Naperville. The eldest of a family of seven children. Is a native of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Penn., born April 3, 1842. In 1857, the family removed to Illinois and settled in Stephenson County, where they engaged in farming. Subject, at the age of

seventeen, began teaching in the district schools of Stephenson County, and also assisted his father on the farm. When he became twenty years of age, he entered the Northwestern College at Plainfield, Ill., and, by teaching during the college vacations and acting as tutor in the college, he earned sufficient money to give him a thorough collegiate education. He graduated in 1868, and was appointed Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science, which position he maintained till the spring of 1881, when, owing to the increase in his classes in natural science, he resigned his position as Professor of Mathematics, and has since given his attention solely to the natural science department. In 1868, he married a former classmate of his, S. Victoria Harlacher, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., who has borne him two children, viz., Lorena Belle and Harry Clinton. Prof. Rassweiler has been Superintendent of the Sunday School in connection with the college since its organization in 1870; he is a member of the Illinois Conference Evangelical Association; was licensed in 1876 and ordained in 1880. The Professor's parents, Philip and Dora (Haeseler) Rassweiler, were natives of Germany. Philip came to the United States when a young man and settled in Lehigh County, Penn., where he learned the weaving trade, and afterward worked with his wife's father in Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Penn. Was married in 1841; in 1844, moved to Millersburg, Penn., and, in 1857, to Illinois, where he has since followed farming. His wife came to America with her parents, who were weavers, and settled in Schuylkill County, Penn.

A. McS. S. RIDDLE, cashier for W. Scott & Co., bankers, Naperville, is a native of the city of New York; born in 1837; second child of a family of nine children born to John J. and Elizabeth (Sanderson) Riddler, natives of Scotland, where they were married, and where also their eldest child was born. John J.

Riddler and family came to the United States in 1837; lived one year in New York City, thence moved to Chicago; thence, in 1838, to Flag Creek, Cook Co., Ill., where he carried on farming; in 1840, moved to Du Page County; thence, in 1844, to the village of Naperville. In 1843, he became Deputy Recorder, and, in 1847, was elected Recorder, serving in that office from 1850 to 1854. Was engaged in mercantile business in Naperville; was Postmaster there from 1856 to 1860, and thereafter held the office of Justice of the Peace until his death, in 1866. His widow lives on the old homestead in Naperville. The subject of this sketch received a fair education, and, when thirteen years old, entered his father's store in Naperville. In 1855, secured a position as clerk in a store in Omaha, Neb., which he resigned in 1859 on account of ill health, and returned to Naperville, where he secured the office of Treasurer, and was elected Clerk in 1861. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Eighth Illinois Cavalry; served three years and ten months, and was mustered out in July, 1865, as First Lieutenant, having attained to that rank by successive promotions from Fifth Corporal. During his time of service, he participated in the battles of Beverly Ford and Hazel Run, W. Va., South Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg and other engagements in which his regiment took part. Returned to Naperville at the close of the war. He was elected Village Clerk in 1866, which office he held till 1873. In 1867, he engaged as clerk in Dr. Daniels' drug store, where he remained until 1872, when he took his present position, cashier for the banking firm W. Scott & Co. He has filled the offices of Village Trustee for three years and President of the Board one year. In 1874, he married Mary D. Collins, a native of Naperville, daughter of John Collins, one of the early residents of this vicinity.

LOUIS REICHE, hardware and agricultural implements, tin manufacturer, Naperville, is

a native of Hoenstein, Saxony, born in 1839, and is the fifth in a family of eight children born to Fritz G. and Caroline (Eidam) Reiche, natives of Saxony. In 1850, the family came to the United States and bought a farm in Cook County, which they occupied, but afterward sold to a railroad company and bought another place near the Indiana line, and farmed until about 1867, since which time he has lived retired, being now eighty-one years of age. Mrs. Reiche died in Chicago about 1860. Our subject lived with his parents until he was eighteen years of age. At sixteen, he was apprenticed to the tinner's trade, in Chicago, serving about two years; then came to Naperville in 1857, and finished his trade, working as journeyman several years in Chicago and other places. In 1863, he came back to Naperville and worked for Mr. Fridley, and in 1867 he and Mr. W. H. Hillegas formed a partnership and bought the business which they have continued since. In 1864, he married Miss Elizabeth Hickel, a native of France, who came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents, when quite young. They have two children—Otto and Edwin; also, living with them, is Elizabeth, daughter of George Hickel (deceased). Is a member of the Lutheran Church, and independent in politics.

SAMUEL H. RICKERT, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Schuylkill County, Penn., born in the year 1841, and is the younger of two children born to John and Rebecca (Clowser) Rickert, natives of Pennsylvania, who, in 1845, moved west by teams to Cleveland; thence by lake to Chicago; thence to Naperville, and bought a farm southwest of the town, where they farmed until his death in 1847; she remained on the place a few years, and married Mr. John Messner, and they moved to Brookville, Ogle Co., Ill., where he died; she is living in Brookville at the present time. Our subject lived at home until he was twenty-one. On becoming of age, he married Miss Elizabeth Hummel, a native of Pennsylvania, who came

to Ogle County with her parents. After marriage they rented a farm, and the next year occupied a place of his own in Ogle County, and farmed six years; he then bought a place in Du Page County, and lived on the place for three years. He then moved to Naperville, where he lived four years; then bought a farm, and farmed it some three years. He then went to Nebraska, where he lived about one year, and returned to Du Page County, and rented his present place, and two years later bought the same. In 1865, he enlisted in the Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, Company K, and served about seven months. He is a Republican in politics. By the marriage there have been three children—Amelia C., John C. and Gertrude H. Mr. Rickert owns a number of fine stock, and a fine seven-year-old Clydesdale stallion. He owns 115 acres, located one mile north of Naperville.

DANIEL N. RESSLER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Du Page County, Ill., born on his present place in the year 1847, and is the fourth of eight children born to Joseph and Susan (Swilley) Ressler, who were natives of Lancaster County, Penn. They married there, and came to Du Page County, Ill., in 1842, where they lived until their death—he, in July, 1881, and she, in May, 1879. He was a miller in his native State, but followed farming in the West. Our subject was raised on his present place, and, in addition to the common schools, attended the Northwestern College, at Plainfield, Ill., a number of terms. In his twenty-second year, he married Miss Hannah Rickert, a native of Kane County, Ill. After the marriage, he rented his father's farm a few years, and then moved to Iowa, where he farmed in Black Hawk County for four years. He then returned to Du Page County, Ill., and rented his father's farm again, and, after his father's death, he bought his present place, being the old homestead. He owns

eighty acres, located two miles southwest of Naperville. By this marriage there have been five children, four of whom are living—Oscar, Wilson and William, and Robert.

WILLARD SCOTT, Sr., banker, Naperville, was born at Unadilla, Otsego Co., N. Y., April 20, 1808. His father, Stephen J. Scott, was, in early life, a sea-faring man, having been the owner and master of a schooner bearing his name, and engaged in the coast trade along the eastern shore of our country. The mother, whose maiden name was Hadassah Trask, was a relative of Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. They were married in Connecticut, and moved from Hartford to Unadilla, Otsego Co., N. Y. In 1816, the family moved to Maryland, where they lived about ten years. During this time, Willard Scott, Sr., received his education, which was confined to the district school course of study, except a short special course in mathematics. His desire was to be a sailor, as his father before him, but abandoned the idea, yielding to his mother's entreaties, to whom a sailor's life seemed full of peril. In 1825, his father determined on seeking a new home in the West. The family visited New York, and then started for St. Joe, Mich. At Buffalo, N. Y., the father shipped the household goods, going with them by sail vessel to Detroit, and Willard, with the family, started overland through Canada. At Detroit, the family went by schooner for St. Joe, save Willard, who, in company with a man from Ohio, crossed the country in order to meet the goods which had been sent in advance. The journey was a perilous one, there being no habitation save the Indians, and no route marked except by blazed trees and Indian trails, through the dense Michigan forests. They arrived ten days ahead of the boats, during which time they lived on corn and potatoes obtained from a Frenchman who lived on an island in the river. Not liking the east side of the lake, the family crossed and built a habitation with posts, poles

and blankets, at Gross Point, now Evanston, theirs being the first house at the place. In 1829, July 16, at Holderman's Grove, our subject was married to Caroline Hawley. Her father, Pierce Hawley, moved from Vermont to Vincennes, Ind., in 1818, and later moved to Illinois, living at various places, settling at Holderman's Grove in 1825. In the fall of 1830, Willard, with his father, father-in-law, and their families, settled at the junction of the two branches of the Du Page River, three miles south of Naperville. At that time, Cook County included the present counties of Lake, McHenry, Du Page and Will. Chicago was the voting place, and of the thirty-two votes polled that year, the father of our subject heads the list. In 1832, the Black Hawk War broke out, and Willard's knowledge of the habits and wiles of the Indians made him a useful man to the settlers during those perilous months. In the spring of 1838, he removed to the village of Naperville, where his father had preceded him the previous year. He built the Naperville Hotel, which he conducted for eight years. He then commenced merchandising, and for nearly twenty years, most of the time with his eldest son, Thaddeus (since deceased, leaving one son, Willard H.), continued the business by which the firm name of Willard Scott & Co. has been made historical. After the late war of the rebellion, he retired from active business life as a merchant, in which, however, he has been succeeded by his son, Willard Scott, Jr., who continues the business under the same firm name. During the time of his residence in Naperville, he has been President, first, of the Du Page County Bank and afterward of the Bank of Naperville, and since he retired from mercantile life has been doing business as a private banker; and the banking house of Willard Scott & Co., is considered one of the absolutely safe institutions of its class in Northern Illinois. An attendant of the Congregational Church, his religious views may be

classed as orthodox, except for a strong leaning toward the belief of the final salvation of all, through the Savior. In politics, he is a Democrat; voted for Jackson, loved Douglas, and with him believed in "obeying the laws and supporting the Constitution." Mr. and Mrs. Scott have both been residents of Illinois for more than half a century, and all that time have lived near Chicago. They have seen and helped to produce the remarkable progress of this section, and now move around amid their children, grandchildren and neighbors, enjoying the confidence, esteem and respect of everybody.

REV. A. A. SMITH, A. M., President Northwestern College, Naperville, is a native of Berkshire County, Mass., born November 23, 1806. His early life was spent on a farm, and there began his thirst for knowledge. His means and the times were not favorable for obtaining an education, but he was fond of books, and spent many hours by the fire-side in study. However, he obtained a few short terms of instruction at the district schools, and, at the age of seventeen, began teaching during winter, later attending two terms at an academy in Lenox, Mass. At the age of twenty-one, he moved to Ashtabula County, Ohio, where he was alternately engaged in teaching and studying; was also for a short period in the mercantile business. He taught first in the public school, and then in an academy; then attended Oberlin College for a year or more, and, in 1838, began teaching in the Grand River Institute, finally becoming its President, and continuing with the institution until 1857, when he resigned and became Principal of the Greensburg Seminary, which position he held for five years. While there, he received the honorary degree of A. M. from the Farmers College of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1862, he was called to Plainfield, Ill., as the President of

the Northwestern College, and has continued in his position since. May 23, 1833, he married Miss Eliza Cowles, a native of Litchfield County, Conn., born in 1808. They have one child. While in Ashtabula County, Ohio, Mr. Smith was licensed to preach by the Congregational Conference, and was ordained a minister while at Greensburg.

HENRY COWLES SMITH, A. M., Professor, Northwestern College, Naperville, was born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, in the year 1839, only child of the Rev. A. A. Smith, A. M., and Eliza Cowles, with whom he has always made his home. He received a district and academic course of study, and, at the age of eighteen, began teaching in the Greensburg Seminary. In 1860, he entered Oberlin College, graduating in 1863. Mr. Smith is a natural musician, and, early in life, matured to a more than ordinary musician, as early as the age of fifteen beginning to give instructions in vocal and instrumental music. After graduating from Oberlin College, he came to Plainfield, Ill., and engaged as teacher of music in the college, and in 1869 he became Professor of Languages, Latin and Greek. Since 1870, he has been Professor of Latin and Music. In July, 1863, he married Miss Mary H. Dreisbach, of Circleville, Ohio; they have had five children: Annie May (died), Fannie Eyre, Mattie Eliza, Lucy Jewett, Henry Augustine and Charles Arthur.

G. W. SINDLINGER, Professor of Greek in Northwestern College, Naperville, was born in Tioga County, Penn., March 5, 1843; was raised on the farm, where he remained with his parents, who were in moderate circumstances, until he was twenty years of age. He attended the common schools, and afterward a select school, and, being desirous of obtaining, a thorough education, devoted himself zealously to his studies. At nineteen

years of age, he began the business of life, teaching public school in winter and working at the carpenter's trade during the summer. He came to Illinois, locating in Freeport, where he followed teaching and carpentering till the summer of 1864, when he enlisted in Company G, Ninety-second Illinois Mounted Infantry, and remained in service ten months. Soon after enlisting, and while on their way to join their regiment, which was with Sherman, the new recruits were detached to serve under Maj. Cox, with Gen. Thomas, and took part in the three days' engagement at Nashville, afterward engaging in a six weeks' campaign in pursuit of Hood through Tennessee and Alabama. He returned to Nashville, thence by steamer to Louisville, thence by train to Crestline, Ohio, thence via Harrisburg and Baltimore to Annapolis, Md., thence by steamer to Fortress Monroe, thence to Beaufort and Newbern, N. C., thence on a campaign to Goldsboro, N. C., engaging in the battle of Kingston, and at Goldsboro joined his regiment, continuing in the command until the surrender of Johnston. The day previous to the entrance of the army into Raleigh, the Ninety-second Regiment was on the advanced guard, and were repulsed by the rear guard of Johnston's army, subject having a narrow escape from being captured. He returned to Freeport, Ill., after the war, with \$1,000, which he determined to devote to the procuring of an education. In the fall of 1865, he entered the Northwestern College, and graduated in the classical course in 1869, making three terms during vacations. He then took charge of the public schools of Naperville, and, after remaining there two years, resigned his position on account of ill health, and went to Weston, Mo., where he taught two years as Assistant Principal in the public schools of that place. Thence he went to Holden, Mo.; was Principal of pub-

lic schools there for two years; then traveled a year for his health. In 1876, he came to Naperville, engaged as Assistant Professor in the Northwestern College; and, in 1880, was appointed to his present position, Professor of the Greek Language in that institution. In 1870, he married Miss A. M. M. Pfeiffer, a native of Pittsburgh, Penn.; they have one child, Edna G.

PHILLIP STRUBLER, Postmaster, dealer in seeds, plants, etc., Naperville, is a native of Warren County, Penn., born in 1832, second in a family of four children born to George and Saloma (Stocker) Strubler. They were natives of Alsace, France, and were married there, and came to the United States in 1832, locating in Warren, Penn., where he followed rafting on the Alleghany. In 1837, he came to Naperville and worked at his trade of shoemaking, walking to Chicago for leather; continued his trade here a number of years, when he engaged in farming, living in town, and, after a few years, rented his land; continued to reside here until death, September 28, 1868; she died August 16, 1871. Our subject lived in Naperville until 1854, when he went to California via New York and Panama, and remained about five years engaged in mining the first eighteen months, after which he was on a ranch and followed teaming. In 1859, he returned to Naperville, and engaged, in company with his brother George, in livery and staging, which they followed about ten years. and, about 1859 or 1860, they took the agency of the American Express Company. In 1866, our subject was elected Sheriff of the county, and served one term. At the end of the ten years, our subject sold the livery business to his brother, and, in connection with his agency of express, he engaged in the fruit and seed business. On April 26, his name was sent to the United States Senate,

and he received the appointment of Postmaster of Naperville. In 1860, he married Miss Maria Mottinger, a native of Ohio, and came with her parents to this vicinity when she was young. They have four children—Linnie M., Clinton P., Oliver W. and Arlette. Is a Republican; has served several terms in Town Council; also as Assessor of Corporation.

CHARLES SCHULZ, tobacconist and barber, Naperville, was born in Prussia in 1829, son of Carl and Henrietta (Geistler) Schulz, natives of Prussia. Carl Schulz was a commissioned Government Pilot on the Baltic Sea for upward of forty years, and is now a pensioner, living retired. Charles received an ordinary education in the schools of his native land, and, at the age of fourteen, was apprenticed to the barber's trade in Stettin, Prussia. After learning his trade, he worked as journeyman in a number of the leading cities of Germany. From Berlin he went to London, England, where he stayed two years; thence to Liverpool, remaining there a year; and thence, in 1852, to America, and settled in New York City. He worked as a journeyman barber in New York for three and a half years, then opened a shop of his own, which he carried on for a year and a half, then sold out and came to Chicago, intending to locate permanently there, but, not liking the appearance of the city at that time, came to Naperville and opened a shop, and has since conducted business there. In 1859, he added the tobacco and cigar business; in 1873, sold out the barber business to one of his apprentices, and devoted his entire attention to the tobacco and cigar trade, which grew to large proportions, he traveling and selling goods in the adjoining counties. In December, 1874, the frame building owned by Mr. Schulz, containing the tobacco store and barber shop, was destroyed by fire, he suffering

a loss of about \$10,000, insurance only \$1,000. After the fire, he purchased the good will of his former barber business and opened a shop, keeping also a stock of tobacco and cigars; improved the site of his former business place, to which he added a lot, and built his present two-story brick block, 30x-70, located corner of Main and Jefferson streets, now occupied by the post office and his tobacco and barber business. In New York, in 1855, he married Eliza Jeep, a native of Hanover, Germany, who has borne him five children, of whom three are living, viz., Bertha, Robert and Emma. In January, 1882, Mr. Schulz visited his parents, who are living in Prussia; his father is now eighty-one, his mother seventy-nine years of age.

JOHN F. STROHEKER, blacksmith, Naperville, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1838. His mother died when he was seven years old, and, two years after his father and family emigrated to the United States and settled in Wayne County, Ohio, where they lived about eight years; thence removed to Plainfield, Ill., where they lived one year, and, in 1855, came to Naperville. Jacob, subject's father, who had followed farming in Ohio, began weaving carpet and doing general labor in Naperville after he came there; since 1877, however, he has been engaged exclusively in weaving. John F. worked at farming and teaming for a year, and, in the fall of 1856, was apprenticed to N. Lent, blacksmith, of Naperville, under whom he served two years; he then worked at his trade as journeyman at Joliet, Plainfield, Aurora and Kaneville, Ill. At the latter place, August 8, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-second Illinois Infantry, and was chosen Corporal. In the battle of Pittsburg Landing, he received a wound in the left thigh, and came home to Naperville, and, June 18 following, again joined his regiment,

and participated in the battles of Iuka and Corinth, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. January 17, 1864, the regiment disbanded, and he came home, but re-enlisted for three years, and took part in the battles of Resaca, in the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea, and through the Carolinas. In July, 1865, he returned home to Naperville, and, three days afterward, went to work at his trade. In November of the same year, he opened a shop at Turner Junction, remaining there till 1867, when he went to Kaneville and worked as journeyman for a year, after which he opened a shop there. After running a shop in Kaneville for two years and a half, he came to Naperville, built a house, and, one year later, bought his present shop, where he has ever since carried on business. February 22, 1862, he married Maria Good, a native of Pennsylvania, who has borne him two children—Charles F. and William S. Mr. Stroheker is a Republican; is a pensioner; in 1876, he organized the Naperville Light Guards, numbering seventy-two members, of which force he was Captain for two years.

GILES E. STRONG, farmer, P. O. Aurora, Ill., is a native of Tompkins County, N. Y., born in the year 1827, eldest of five children born to William J. and Caroline Blodgett Strong; they were natives of Tompkins County, N. Y., and Massachusetts, though she lived in New York at the time of her marriage. In 1834, they came West by the lakes, and lived in the vicinity of Naperville, and, in the fall, he made a claim in Section 30, which he sold in the spring of 1835, and made a claim on Section 20, settled on it and lived there until the year 1857, when he sold out to his son, G. E., and moved to Aurora, where he has lived since. While living in Du Page County, Mr. Strong served as Justice of the Peace, and also as County Com-

missioner. Mrs. Strong died in Aurora in 1878. Our subject was raised on the farm. In addition to a common school course of study, he attended several terms at the Collegiate Institute of Rochester, N. Y. On becoming twenty-one, he drove an ox team to California, where he lived about six years, during which time he followed mining, teaming, and also carried on a ranch a few years. In 1855, he returned home via Panama and New York, and lived at home until October of that year, when he married Miss Frances M. Crane, and rented his father's farm, and the next year he went to Kansas and Nebraska, taking a quarter-section claim in the latter State, and also made a quarter-section claim in Kansas. He returned home the same year, and went to California to settle up his business, via Panama; returned same route the following spring, and bought his father's farm, and has lived here ever since. By the marriage there have been four children, three living—Edward C., Wilbur, (died), Nettie E., Mervin W. He is a Republican.

L. S. SHAFER, contractor and builder, planing-mill, Naperville, is a native of Dauphin County, Penn., born in 1837. When quite young, he began working in a wagon shop, at which he continued until he was eighteen years old, when he went to Dixon, Ill., and worked there as a carpenter about six months; then to Naperville; thence to Kansas, remaining one year, when he returned to Naperville; thence to Indiana, and again to Naperville. In September, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, Company E, and served three years and one month, being First Sergeant when discharged; was in battles of Williamsburg, seven days' fight around Richmond, South Mountain, Gettysburg and the other engagements of his regiment. After the war, he returned to Na-

perville and became the foreman and machinist in the agricultural works, where he remained about five years. He then erected his present saw-mill, and conducted it, in connection with his business as a contractor and builder, he building many of the best buildings in the city. In 1866, he married Miss Hannah Naugle, a native of Cumberland County, Penn.; they have four children, two living—Elizabeth and Adelia.

S. E. SHIMP, farmer and auctioneer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Lancaster County, Penn., born in the year 1831, and is the eldest of eleven children born to William and Nancy Eberly Shimp; they were natives of Pennsylvania; he was a farmer, and died on his old homestead in Pennsylvania in the year 1878; Mrs. Shimp is living in Pennsylvania, at the old homestead. Our subject was raised on the farm, and attended a few months at the district schools. In 1851, he went to Ohio and apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade in Wooster, and served for three years. He then came to Illinois and stopped at Plainfield, where he followed his trade for three years, when he moved to Naperville and followed his trade until the spring of 1861, when he married Miss Catharine L. Kline, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Du Page County with her parents when she was young. After the marriage, he settled on a farm in Naperville Township, and has farmed most of the time since. In 1864, he was elected Sheriff, and served for two years. He then came to his present place, and, in 1876, was again elected Sheriff, and has been re-elected twice since. In 1876, he moved to Wheaton, and lived there until 1880, when he came to the farm. Mr. Shimp first voted for Franklin Pierce, but has been a Republican since the formation of that party. By the marriage there have been eleven children, of whom eight are living. During the past twenty-

three years, Mr. Shimp has followed the business of auctioneer.

GEORGE SIMPSON, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Vermont, born at Alburg in the year 1837, and is the youngest of eight children born to George and Tamer (Bell) Simpson; they were natives of England; they married there, and came to the United States about the year 1831, and settled in Vermont, where they farmed until 1837, when they moved to Clinton County, N. Y., and farmed there until about the year 1852, when they came to Illinois and settled in Du Page County, where they farmed until their death—he in 1857, and she in 1875. Our subject was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. His father died when he was in his twenty-first year, and he took the home farm, buying out the heirs, and farmed the place until about 1873, when he rented it out, and purchased and occupied the place. In 1871, he married Miss De Etta C. Marlet, a native of Otsego County, N. Y.; she died in 1876; they had two children, only one of whom is living, Grace E. In 1880, he married Miss Etta Ferry, a native of Du Page County, Ill.; they have one child, viz., Birdie. He owns 251 acres in this county, located on the railroad, two and a half miles west of Naperville.

ANDREW STOOS, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Alsace, France (now Germany); he was born in the year 1828; he received a common-school education, and, at the age of fifteen, he apprenticed to the wagon-maker's trade, and served three years; he then went to Paris, where he worked at his trade until 1851. He then came to the United States, landing at New Orleans, in which rity he worked at his trade about nine months; he then went to St. Louis, whence he left for Chicago, but stopped off at Naperville and went to work in the plow factory, where he

worked for nine years. He then started a wagon shop of his own, which he conducted for five years. He then traded his business for his farm, and occupied the place, and has farmed here since. In 1856, he married Miss Jennie Kreyder, a native of Alsace, France, who came to the United States with her parents and settled in Du Page County. By this marriage there have been ten children, nine of whom are living. He owns 200 acres of land, located one and a half miles west of Naperville. He is Democratic in his politics, and has served as Road Commissioner for three years.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Vermont, born in Alburg in the year 1832, and is the sixth of eight children born to George and Tamer (Bell) Simpson. He was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. When he became of age, he began work on his own account, working at carpentering, which business he continued for some twelve years, and then occupied his present place, and has farmed since. In 1863, he married Miss Adelia Ferry, a native of Du Page County. By the marriage there are three children—Edgar G., Carrie and Oscar. He owns 145 acres of land, located on the railroad three miles west of Naperville. He has been Republican in politics.

GEORGE STRUBLER, livery, feed and sale stable, Naperville, was born in Warren County, Penn., in 1829; is the eldest of a family of four children born to George and Sallie (Stucker) Strubler. He came to Naperville when seven years of age; received a fair education, and, when twenty years old, began teaming to Chicago. In 1853, he was elected Constable of Naperville, which position he has ever since held, with the exception of eight years, when he acted as Police, Constable and Collector of Naperville; has

been Village Treasurer two years, Deputy Sheriff two years under P. Strubler, and six years under Kline. In 1850, he married Wilhelmina Meyers, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Illinois with her parents; she died in 1859, leaving one child, Charles G. In 1860, he married his second wife, Leo Hartman, a native of Pennsylvania, who has borne him two children, viz., Frank and Edward. Mr. Strubler is a Republican. He began the livery business in the fall of 1856, and has ever since carried it on.

ALFRED SHAFFER, contractor and builder, Naperville, was born in Dauphin County, Penn., September 7, 1831, and received an ordinary education in the district schools of his native State. When eighteen years of age, he was apprenticed to the carpenter and cabinet-making trade, at which he served three years, and worked one year at his trade in Western Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1854, he came to Chicago, where he followed his trade for about six months; thence to Naperville, where he remained three years; he then went East to his home, and, after a stay of six months, returned to Naperville, where he remained till 1858. He then moved to Kansas, worked there four months, then went to St. Paul; thence to St. Louis; thence to Beardstown, and, in 1860, returned to Naperville. In 1865, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Infantry, and served till the close of the war; enlisted as a soldier, but was detailed to work at his trade, and worked principally at Chattanooga and Memphis. At the close of the war, he returned to Naperville, where he has since been in business; since 1862, has been working on his own account, taking contracts of building. He married, July 5, 1861, to Elizabeth Stover, a native of York County, Penn., who has borne him five children, three of whom are living, viz., Emma

S., Edmond C. and Lewis F. Mr. Shaffer is a supporter of the Republican party.

MATTHIAS A. STEPHENS, contractor and builder, Naperville, was born in Lehigh County, Penn., in 1839; his parents, Jacob and Judia (Leibig) Stephens, were also natives of that county, and now reside at Allentown, Penn. Subject, at the age of sixteen, began working in the iron mines, and finally became overseer of a mine. When twenty-one years of age, he went West, to Tiffin, Ohio, where he worked in a grist-mill for a year, then came to Naperville, to which place he had been recommended by a young man whom he met in Tiffin, Ohio. He arrived in Naperville in April, 1861, and worked on a farm about one and a half years, then enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the war. During his time of service, he participated in the battles of Resaca, Lost Mountain, Burnt Hickory, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek and Savannah, being in the Atlanta campaign, march to the sea and through the Carolinas. After the war, he returned to Naperville, and, in July, 1865, married Elizabeth Yost, a native of Naperville, who has borne him five children, four of whom are living: Ida M., Emma L. (deceased), Nora L., Josie L., and Sherman H. After his marriage, he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked as journeyman seven years; he then formed a partnership with C. B. Schuster, with whom he engaged in the contracting and building business four years; then with Abraham Kinsey four years, since which time he has carried on business himself.

NICHOLAS STENGER, deceased, was born in Germany in 1830, and came to the United States with his parents, who settled at Naperville. In July, 1852, he married Elizabeth Snibley, born in Germany in 1831,

daughter of Jacob and Louisa (Dather) Snibley, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States in 1832, and located in Warren County, Penn. Jacob Snibley, who was a farmer by occupation, removed from Pennsylvania to this county with his family in 1835, and settled two miles east of Naperville; his first wife died in 1850, leaving ten children; the same year, he went with a company raised in this vicinity to California, traveling with teams by the overland route; he remained in California two years, and returned to this county, making the return trip via the water route; he died in June, 1863; his second wife, Saloma Dather, sister of his first wife, died in 1864. The subject of this sketch, who was engaged in the brewing business in company with his brother John, died December 31, 1865. Of his seven children, five are living. Mrs. Stenger has recently purchased the old homestead where her parents first settled. She now resides in Naperville.

SIMON STRAUSS, Strauss & Getsch, manufacturers of the Naperville Plows, Naperville. This gentleman, one of the old pioneer plowmen of Du Page County, is a native of Lehigh County, Penn., born in 1819; he was raised on the farm, and, at the age of eighteen, apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, and worked at the trade until 1847, when he came West and opened a shop in Naperville, and, about two years later, he began work in the plow shop of A. S. Jones, where he remained for seven years, after which he resumed business on his own account, doing business successively at Bloomington, Lisle Station and Barber Corners. At the latter place, he purchased ninety acres of land and farmed nearly two years. He then returned to Naperville and worked in the plow shop there, then conducted by Boughton & Co., for three years, after which

he established his present business, and, in 1876, associated in partnership with himself Mr. Getsch. The firm make the old Naperville or Jones Plow, which is celebrated for its light draught and efficient work. It is particularly adapted to this soil, and has for the past four or five years been awarded the premium. Mr. Strauss was married, in 1843, to Miss Catharine Butz, a native of Lehigh County, Penn.; she died about 1860; they had five children. In 1862, he married Miss Mary Frost, a native of Lebanon County, Penn.

WILLIAM SHIMP, carriage manufacturer, Naperville, is a native of Lancaster County, Penn., born September 24, 1833; was raised on the farm, and received a district-school education. When he was eight years of age, his father died, and he lived with neighbors until he was about sixteen, when he went to Wooster, Ohio, where his uncle lived, and learned the carriage-maker's trade, after which he worked as a journeyman in Terre Haute and Greencastle, Ind., and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. About 1857, he came to Naperville, and, a few years later, he engaged in business for himself. In 1861, he enlisted in the Fifty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and was elected Second Lieutenant in Company B. While in Camp Douglas, he saw the Forty-second Illinois Infantry preparing to move, and determined to try and join it; he made application, and finally was told to pick his company; he viewed the regiment, and decided on Company H; the Colonel and Adjutant of the regiment disputed as to his pluck, and the Adjutant, a very large man, stepped up and gave him a blow on the breast; the little Lieutenant sprang at him, and stated, if the Adjutant raised a hand, he would knock him over; the officer stepped back, and said he would make a soldier; he entered the company as private, and, later, was

made a Sergeant; the Adjutant became Colonel, and was always a good friend to Sergt. Shimp; the latter's old Company B, of the Fifty-fifth, was in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and lost every officer and twenty-eight men. Mr. Shimp served in the Forty-second three years and two months, and was in the battles of Corinth, siege of Nashville, Stone River, Chickamauga, the Atlanta campaign, and other engagements. In 1864, he returned to Naperville, and has continued his business here since. In 1861, he married Miss Louisa E. Moyer, a native of Northampton County, Penn.; she died May 3, 1879; they had nine children, eight of whom are living, viz., Andrew, Alice, David, William, Abbie, Dollie, Ida and Burd; Louisa died.

JACOB SALFISBERG, proprietor of the Naperville Quarry, Naperville, was born in Switzerland in 1834. He received an ordinary education, and, at the age of seventeen years, apprenticed to the miller's trade, served two years, and afterward worked at his trade in his native land. In 1854, the family emigrated to the United States and settled in Oswego, Ill., where his father died; his mother now resides in Aurora, Ill. Subject worked at his trade in Oswego, Ill., for five years; then went to Chicago, where he tended a flour and feed store for a year; he then went to Aurora, Ill., where he manufactured lime for eight years; thence, in December, 1868, to Naperville, and purchased his present quarry property, consisting of seven and three-fourths acres, underlaid with the well-known Naperville stone. He married, on January 4, 1859, Anna Salfisberg, a native of Switzerland, who has born him nine children. Mr. Salfisberg is a Republican.

T. J. SPRAGUE, M. D., Naperville, was born in 1855 in Du Page Township, Will Co., Ill., where his parents, T. J. and Lydia

(Swift) Sprague, now reside. He received a rudimentary education in the district schools, and afterward attended the Lockport; High School. In 1875, he began reading medicine with Dr. William Hanley, of Lockport; in 1876, entered the Rush Medical College, and graduated in February, 1879. He began the practice of his profession in Chicago, in partnership with his preceptor, Dr. William Hanley, who had moved to that city, remaining in Chicago till October of the same year; thence he moved to Rockford, Ill., where he carried on a drug store in addition to his practice till February, 1881, when he sold out his business and came to Naperville, where he engaged in the practice of his profession, and, in the following August, formed a partnership with Dr. J. H. Chew. In October, 1881, Dr. Chew removed to Chicago, and Dr. Sprague has since carried on the business himself. He is a member of the Aurora Medical Society. In March, 1880, he married Emma, daughter of Jonathan Royce, of Du Page Township, Will' Co., Ill.; they have one child, Frank.

E. B. STOLP, farmer, P. O. Eola, is a native of Du Page County, Ill., and was born on his present place in the year 1857, and is the second of six children born to Charles W. and Sarah (Bristol) Stolp, who were natives of New York, and came to Illinois in 1835. Mr. Stolp has always lived on his present place. In November, 1880, he married Miss Alice Updyke, a native of Kendall County, Ill. After his marriage, he took the management of his father's place, the latter moving to Aurora. He is a Republican.

DANIEL STRUBLER, blacksmith and manufacturer of wagons, etc., Naperville, is a native of Naperville, Ill.; he was born September 15, 1837, son of George and Saloma (Stucker) Strubler. He received a common-school education, and, at the age of seven-

teen, apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade. In April, 1858, he opened a shop of his own, in company with Mr. Samuel Shimp; the latter, after a year and a half, sold his interest, and Mr. Strubler formed another partnership, which lasted about three years, since which time he has been alone in business. He does a general blacksmith business, is a first-class mechanic, and, in October, 1866, was awarded the first premium by the Du Page County Agricultural and Mechanical Association for horseshoes finished with hammer. Connected with his shop, he owns a wagon shop, which is rented to a wagon-builder, the two shops manufacturing carriages and wagons. July 14, 1859, he married Miss Mary Krimbill, a native of Pennsylvania, and, at the time of her marriage, living with her uncle, Mr. S. M. Skinner, an old resident of this vicinity. They had one child, since deceased; living with them is Lorena Krimbill Strubler, an adopted child.

A. T. THATCHER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, Ill., is a native of Wayne County, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1809, and is the eldest of seven children born to Thomas and Roxana (Look) Thatcher; they were natives of Rhode Island and Massachusetts; they married in New York; he came West in 1838, and brought his family out the next year; he took a claim near Naperville, where he lived until his death, and farmed about one year, when his wife died. He then resided in Naperville about ten years, carrying on the grocery business. In 1851, he went to California by the overland route, and remained there about two years, where he followed mining. Returning to Naperville, he resumed the grocery business, and, a year later, came to his farm, in the fall of 1860. Mrs. Thos. Thatcher is now ninety-three years of age, and living with her son, A. T. Our subject was raised on his father's farm, and received a common-school

education. In 1838, he came West with his father and made a claim to his present place, which he afterward bought at the land office in Chicago. In 1840, he went to New York and married Miss Mary Cottrell, and returned to his claim, and has lived here ever since. In May, 1841, Mrs. Thatcher died. In 1848, Mr. Thatcher again married, and the following children were born to him: C. T. Thatcher, teacher, Rochester, N. Y.; Horace L. Thatcher and Emma L., now living at home with their parents.

JOHN WARNE, retired, Eola, Ill., is a native of Hunterdon County, N. J., and was born August 30, 1795; his father, John Warne, was born at Cranbury, N. J.; was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, a farmer, and carried on a flour-mill. Our subject was raised on his father's farm, and assisted in the mill. When he was thirteen years of age, he engaged as clerk in a general store, and clerked until he became twenty-one, when he engaged in the business on his own account, and, after three years, he moved to Warren County, where he bought a farm and put up a store and hotel, which he conducted some fifteen years. During this time, the Morris Canal was made, and Mr. Warne took a contract and excavated one mile of the canal, in which job he employed 200 men. In 1832, he came to Washtenaw County, Mich., where he farmed two years. During the latter year, he assessed his township (Ann Arbor). In 1834, he came to Illinois, made a claim to his present place and erected a log cabin. About four miles west of their place were camped about fifteen hundred Indians, of whom Mr. Warne has many pleasant recollections. Mrs. Warne could talk the language, and often visited the Indians, and they would return the visits, and never did anything to mar the friendship between them. Mr. Warne has lived here ever since his set-

tlement. He was married in New Jersey, in the year 1819, to Miss Sarah Stires, a native of Hunterdon County, N. J.; she was born in the year 1801; they had eleven children, of whom eight are living—two sons and six daughters; their eldest son is now sixty-three years of age. During his residence in New Jersey, he served for a number of years as Justice of the Peace. Mr. Warne has been a Democrat in politics, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for nearly fifty years; the early religious societies met at his house. He kept the post office here in his house, called the Big Woods Post Office, for some ten or twelve years, and had daily mails. While in New Jersey, he studied surveying, and followed it there for some time, and he also did surveying here in his vicinity. He has in his possession an old claim book, and in the beginning is a preamble forming the early settlers into an association for the protection of their claims from intruders.

MATTHEW WEISMANTEL, jeweler, and dealer in watches, clocks and silverware, Naperville, was born in Germany in 1841; is the fourth child of a family of eight children born to John and Rosina (Preisendorfer) Weismantel. His parents were natives of Germany; came to the United States in 1846, and, in 1855, settled in Joliet, Ill., where they died; his father was a stone-cutter by trade. Subject received a common school education, and, at the age of fourteen years, entered a general store in Defiance, Ohio, where he remained three years. He then apprenticed to the watch-maker's trade at Fort Wayne, Ind.; served three years; then worked as journeyman one year. In 1861, he came to Chicago and enlisted in Company A, Fifty-eighth Regiment Illinois Infantry, and remained in service from October, 1861, to April, 1866, participating in the engage-

ments at Fort Donelson, Pittsburg Landing, Iuka, Corinth, Nashville, Mobile, besides other minor engagements in which his regiment took part, and was also in the Red River expedition. He enlisted as private; was successively promoted till he became First Lieutenant, which rank he held when he was discharged. After the war, he came to Naperville and opened a jewelry store, in which business he has since been engaged. In 1866, he married Gertrude Schumaker, a native of Germany, who came to Fort Wayne, Ind., with her parents. From this marriage six children have been born, viz., Francis J., Gertrude, Catherina, Lora, John and Joseph H. Mr. Weismantel is a member of the Catholic Church, and is a Democrat.

OLIVER J. WRIGHT, farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native to Illinois, born in the year 1848, and was raised on the farm, three miles west of Naperville. In addition to the common schools, he attended the Jennings Seminary, of Aurora, for three years. At the age of twenty, he began teaching in Du Page County, and taught the greater part of six years. He then engaged in the grocery business in Naperville, and continued in business for about four years, after which he came and took his father's farm on the shares, and, three years later, bought the place. June 23, 1880, he married Miss Luella Finch, a native of Du Page County; they have one child, Elzora V. He is Republican in politics, and has served as Township Trustee two

terms; he has also served as Director and Marshal of the Du Page County Agricultural Association. He owns 163 acres, located three miles west of Naperville.

ALBERT YOST, of the firm of Sherer & Yost, dealers in hardware, and tin-manufacturers, Naperville, is a native of this county, born in Naperville in 1854, youngest of a family of five children born to Jacob and Magdalena (Voght) Yost, natives of France and Germany, who came to the United States about 1840, and settled in this county. Jacob Yost, subject's father, followed teaming and well-digging; in 1854 he went overland, with Thomas Finley's company, to California, where he stayed fourteen years; returned, in 1868, to Naperville, and resumed well-digging, and is now living retired; he is now sixty-nine, his wife sixty-eight years of age. Subject was raised in Naperville, where he received an ordinary education. At the age of sixteen, he was apprenticed to the miller's trade, at which he served three years; afterward worked several years at his trade as a journeyman, then conducted the mill for Mr. Robert Naper for about two years. In 1880, he formed a partnership with Christian Sherer and engaged in his present business, which has since been conducted under the firm name of Sherer & Yost. In 1877, he married Amelia Stenger, daughter of the late Nicholas Stenger; they have two children, viz., Libbie and Grace.

MILTON TOWNSHIP.

COL. C. P. J. ARION, real estate and farming, P. O. Wheaton, was born in Jefferson County, Ky.; was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. When about eighteen years of age, he purchased one-half interest in the *Indiana Republican*, published at Madison, Ind., and was connected with the paper for upward of twelve years, during which time he became the sole editor and proprietor, finally selling his paper, which became the *Republican Banner*, under which name it again came into his possession for a short period, he selling out, and engaged in the mercantile business, establishing the first book and stationery business in Madison, where he also conducted the wholesale grocery and iron store business. In 1858, he went to Chicago, where he engaged in the job printing business, and later took a position at the head of the dead letter department, where he remained for seven years, after which he engaged in real estate business, and in 1871 retired to his farm, one mile southwest of Wheaton, where he has lived since. During the past five years, he has carried on a real estate office in Wheaton. Col. Arion, as might be judged from his career, early took an active interest in politics. As a Henry Clay Whig, he represented Jefferson County in the Indiana Legislature, and later was elected a member of the State Senate. He has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and took an active part in the canvass for Lincoln. He has been twice married. His first wife, Miss Lucretia Givens, was a native of Kentucky; she and their six children all since deceased. The second marriage was to Mrs. Beson, formerly Miss Helen M. Test, daughter of Judge John Test, and aunt to Gen. Lew Wallace.

WINSLOW ACKERMAN, farmer, P. O. Prospect Park, is a native of Onondaga County, N. Y. He was born in the year 1826; was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. The family came to Illinois in 1833, and settled in the vicinity of Prospect Park. Our subject lived at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he married Miss Permelia Holmes. She is a native of New York, and came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents when she was a child. After the marriage, he settled on his present place, which consists of 180 acres, located one and one-quarter miles northeast of Prospect Park. He has held the office of Highway Commissioner. By the marriage there have been four children—Eben, Loraine, Perry and Adella; all the children are married, and all but one live in the county. Mr. Ackerman is a Republican. When he first came to his place, there were nine acres. He conducted a threshing-machine for some thirty years, and kept buying additions to his place until he now owns 180 acres.

MILES ACKERMAN, farmer, P. O. Lombard, Ill., is a native of Onondaga County, N. Y., born in the year 1831, and is the third in a family of five children born to John D. and Lurania (Churchill) Ackerman; they were natives of New York. Mr. Ackerman's father was a native of Holland, and came to America soon after his marriage. John D. Ackerman and family came West to Illinois, and settled here in Milton Township, where J. D. Ackerman died in 1859. Mrs. Ackerman is living on the old homestead, being now in her eighty-first year. Miles Ackerman lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age; he was reared on the farm and received a common school education. In 1852, he married Miss

Jane Cox, a native of England. She came to United States of America with her parents, who settled in Du Page County in 1850, and followed farming. By the marriage there have been five children, of whom four are living, viz., Edwin M., Emma, Charles M. and Fannie. After his marriage, he bought a farm in Bloomington Township, and lived there until 1861, when he came to his present place. In June, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Infantry, Company H, and served about five months. He was Corporal in his company. From the army he returned home and has lived here since; he owns 138 acres, located in Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12.

JONATHAN BLANCHARD, President Emeritus Wheaton College, is a native of Rockingham, Windham Co., Vt., born January 19, 1811, and is the ninth in a family of thirteen children born to Jonathan and Polly (Lovell) Blanchard. They were natives of Massachusetts and Vermont; he was a farmer, in which business he was extensively engaged. Our subject was raised on the farm. At the age of twelve years, began study in the Chester Academy, and in his fifteenth year he began teaching public school, and taught during winters until he became of age, by which time he had graduated from the Middlebury College, and became the Principal of the Plattsburg Academy, the oldest chartered school in that locality, which he taught several years. He has always, since his childhood, been an advocate of temperance, and at the age of eighteen he delivered a speech on that subject at Rockingham, and continued to speak in public thereafter. His early speeches were printed and widely circulated in the neighborhood. From the Plattsburg Academy he went to the Andover Theological Seminary, and in that year received an appointment to lecture in the State House at Boston, before the American Institute. He was next appointed by the American Anti-Slavery Society to lecture against slavery. He lectured one year in Penn-

sylvania, meeting in public debate Gov. Pinney, of Liberia, and many leading lawyers of the State. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he completed his theological course, under Dr. Lyman Beecher, of Lane Seminary. While there, he was called to the pastorate of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, of Cincinnati, where he presided for nine years, and received over five hundred members to the church. He was then called to the Presidency of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., which institution he found in debt, and left it in 1860 out of debt, with property worth \$400,000, and all of its present permanent buildings were erected during his administration. From Galesburg he came to Wheaton College, and served as its President until in June, 1882, when he was succeeded in that office by his son, though he was continued by the board as President Emeritus, with an annual stipend. In 1838, in Middlebury, Vt., he married Miss Mary Avery Bent, a native of Middlebury, Vt., by which marriage there have been twelve children, of whom seven are living. While in Middlebury College, Mr. Blanchard was editor, and with others established the *Under Graduate*, a college paper, which has continued to this day. He also aided in starting and edited the *Watchman of the Valley*, which paper has under different names been continued to this date. At Knox College, he started the *Christian Era*, since absorbed by the *Independent*. In 1868, he started and is editor of the *Christian Cynosure*, a sixteen-page weekly. Since 1840, he has been known as an open enemy to all secret organizations, and in 1881, he was nominated a candidate for President of the United States of America, by the American party in convention assembled at Galesburg, Ill.

CHARLES A. BLANCHARD, A. B., A. M., President Wheaton College, is a native of Galesburg, Knox Co., Ill., born November 8, 1848, and lived in his native town for twelve years, when the family came to Wheaton. Our sub-

ject received a public school course of study at Galesburg, and in 1870 graduated from Wheaton College. In 1865, he was employed to teach penmanship in the college, and continued until his graduating in 1870. He then engaged in lecturing for the National Christian Associations opposed to secret societies, delivering over four hundred lectures in nineteen States and Canada. In 1872, he was elected Principal of the Preparatory School in Wheaton College, in which position he remained several years, and was then elected Professor of the English Language and Literature, in which department he continued until 1880, when he was elected Professor of Logic and Rhetoric, where he continued until June, 1882. In 1879, he was elected Vice President of the college, and during two years, owing to the illness of the President, he performed the duties of that office. In June, 1882, upon the resignation of the President, he was elected President of the college. October 16, 1873, he married Miss Margaret E. Milligan, daughter of A. M. Milligan, D. D., pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburgh. They had four children, three of whom are living. In 1862, he became a member of the College Church, and in 1875 became acting pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Paxton, and served there one year, after which he preached transiently, and in May, 1877, he became the acting pastor of the Independent Church at Streator, Ill., for one year. He then became pastor of the College Church, and has continued in that capacity since.

RUFUS BLANCHARD, Wheaton, was born March 7, 1821, in Lyndeboro, Hillsboro Co., N. H. Went to New York City in 1835, and witnessed the great fire of that year. The next spring, in 1836, the banks in Wall street closed their doors and stopped payment by a concerted movement. The whole city was in an uproar, and the military were ordered from Governor's Island, to defend the banks from mob violence. The banks throughout the country

followed the example of the New York banks, and specie rose to 33 per cent premium, but gradually fell during the two years succeeding, till it again became par with bank paper, as bank after bank resumed specie payments, first on small and next on large sums. In 1837, R. Blanchard went to the wilderness portions of Ohio, where three years were spent in a bushwhacking life, hunting and trapping. In 1840, he returned to New York, and was employed in selling the publications of Messrs. Harper Brothers. In 1843, he opened a book store in Lowell, Mass.; in 1846, he removed to Cincinnati, where he continued the same business three years, in connection with his brother Edwin. During this term, he opened a branch of his store in New Orleans. During the winter of 1847-48, and the succeeding summer, witnessed the ravages of cholera along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, passing through Aurora and Rising Sun, Ind., from both of which places such as had not died had fled, leaving their empty houses behind. The same year he witnessed the great conflagration of St. Louis, which burnt almost the entire business portion of the city. It is worthy of remark that no case of cholera occurred at the place for two weeks after the fire. Out of a population of about 75,000, the death rate exceeded 150 per day during the height of the epidemic. From Cincinnati Mr. Blanchard removed to 191 Broadway, New York, where, in connection with C. Morse, son of the inventor of the telegraph, he commenced the publication of maps engraved in cerography, a new invention of Prof. Morse, editor of the *New York Observer*, and brother of the inventor of the telegraph. The same system somewhat modified is now used for railroad maps throughout the country. From New York Mr. Blanchard transferred his business to Chicago, in 1854, and introduced the manufacture of maps in the West, in all its departments. Perhaps it is not too much to say that his early experiences, together with

his twenty-eight years of activity in Chicago, have modified his aspirations in some directions, while they have been stimulated in other directions into new fields of industry better understood at full maturity than when the flood-tide of youth sometimes propels the machine faster than obstacles can make way before it, causing it to zigzag in its course.

EDWARD W. BREWSTER, retired, is a native of Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y., born July 9, 1793, was raised on the farm and received a common school education. At the age of sixteen he engaged as a clerk in a general store in Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y., and continued as a clerk until about the year 1814, when he became interested, as a partner, in the business and remained there until about 1820, when he sold out and bought a small farm and settled on the same, teaching school in the winters, and later became the Principal of the Blooming Grove Academy. In 1839, he sold his farm and came west, prospecting. He purchased a claim where Elgin now stands, and in the spring of 1840 he occupied the same with his family; and, finally, when the land came into the market, he received his title from President Tyler. Mr. Brewster lived on his farm until about 1854, when he sold the place and moved to Chicago, where he invested in real estate, and erected some buildings, and took the position of Professor of English in a private Jewish school, where he remained a number of years, during which time he was a member of the Board of Education of Chicago. After the great fire, in the spring of 1872 he came to Wheaton, where he has since lived. While living on his farm at Elgin, the Galena & Chicago, now the Northwestern, railroad was built, and Mr. Brewster took an active interest in furthering the interests of the road—granted them a free right of way through his land, and assisted them in many ways—and in recognition of his services he was given a free pass for himself and family over the road

for life. December, 1815, he married Miss Ann, daughter of Mr. Calvin Stewart, of Orange County, N. Y. She died in Chicago in 1861. They had six children, three of whom are living—Charles and Joanna S. at home; James R., now in California; Edward and Thomas died in infancy; Oscar, the eldest child, lived to manhood, was married, and was a successful lumber dealer of Chicago. He died, leaving one child, Josephine, living in Oak Park.

DAVID BRONSON, retired, is a native of Broome County, N. Y., born in the year 1809. His parents, Stephen and Polly (Page) Bronson, were natives of Connecticut. They married there, and soon after moved to New York, where they followed farming. David was raised on the farm; he received a common school education, and at the age of twenty-two began to work for his father, for wages, and at the age of twenty-seven he married Miss Rhoda Page, a native of New York; she died in 1848. After the marriage they occupied a house he built on some land he had bought, and which he farmed until 1840, when he, his father and mother, brother and brother-in-law, sold out and came West, by teams, to Illinois, and located in Lisle Township, Du Page County, where they bought a claim of about 500 acres, and divided it into farms, occupied them and farmed the same. Stephen Bronson and his wife both died there. David Bronson lived there until 1859, when he rented his place and moved to Wheaton, where he has since lived. By the marriage there have been seven children, of whom only two are living, viz., Marantha J., now Mrs. Mack, of Butler County, Iowa; and Marilla E., now Mrs. Churchill, of Du Page County, Ill. Mr. Bronson married Miss Polly A. Ashley, a native of New York, in the spring of 1849. They had one child, since deceased.

LEVI BALLOU, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Onondaga County, N. Y., born in Jordan in the year 1811. His father, Ebenezer Ballou, was a cooper, and died in 1817,

leaving Mrs. Ballou (formerly Miss Marania Ward) with six children. Levi lived with his uncle from his father's death until he was twelve years of age. He then apprenticed to the carpenter's trade and remained until he was twenty-one, receiving a common school education. On becoming of age, he and another apprentice, who had just finished his time, set up in business for themselves, which they followed for about three years. Mr. Ballou then bought a farm and lived on it for one year, when, in 1836, he started for the West, driving by team to Lombard, where he landed with an old team and \$15, and took up a claim, and a few years later bought the same of the Government, and farmed there some five or six years. He then bought a place located just north of where the Wheaton College now stands, and in 1857 he came to his present place, which consists of 116 acres located one mile southwest of Wheaton. Mr. Ballou is Republican; he has served as Road Commissioner some twelve years; he also served as Poormaster for seven years, he being in office during the war. August 21, 1833, he married Miss Mary Marble, a native of Vermont. She had gone to New York with her parents; she died August 2, 1881. By the marriage there have been seven children, of whom five are living. Mr. Ballou is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having joined the church in his nineteenth year.

L. C. BROWN, jeweler, is a native of Chicago, Ill., born in the year 1849, and is the third of a family of nine children born to Hackaliah and Cornelia A. (Hough) Brown, who were natives of New York. He came West, a single man, at an early day; she came West with her parents, who settled in Bloomigdale Township, at an early day. She engaged as a school teacher, and married Mr. Brown about 1845. He was a carpenter by trade, and lived three years in Chicago, when the family returned to Du Page County, where L. C. lived thereafter.

He received a common school education, and also a commercial course in Wheaton College. He then went to Elgin, Ill., and worked in the watch factory for five years. He then went to Grand Crossing, where he was foreman of the Pinion and Finishing Department of the Cornell Watch Company for three years. He then went to San Francisco, Cal., and occupied a similar position in the California Watch Company, and two years later he came to Wheaton and engaged in his present business. He is Republican; has held the office of City Treasurer of Wheaton one term. June 14, 1871, he married Miss Evelyn A. Piper, a native of Oswego, N. Y. They have three children—Ernest Clair, Dora I. and Leuthold H.

JOHN CHRISTIE, retired farmer, P. O. Wheaton, Ill.; is a native of Scotland, and lived in his native land until 1833. His father was a farmer, and John was brought up to the same pursuit. In 1833, Mr. Christie came to America in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. Martin (deceased), formerly of Naperville. They came to Chicago, and from there drove to Ottawa on a prospecting tour, returning via the Naper settlement, where they concluded to locate. Mr. Christie lived with Mr. Martin some time, when, at the suggestion of Capt. Joseph Naper, he came to his present place and bought a claim for \$100, and put up a log house and began improving the place, and has lived here since. The place consists of about seven hundred acres located two and a half miles south of Wheaton. Mr. Christie has been twice married; first, to Miss Mary Boyd, a native of Leith, Scotland; she died March 4, 1862. There were seven children, of whom three are living—John, Andrew and William—all living at home. Mr. Christie's second marriage occurred June 27, 1866, to Janette M. Keith, a native of New York; she came to Du Page County with her parents in an early day. Mr. C. is Republican in politics, and a member of the Congregational Church.

CAPT. J. J. COLE, merchant, was born on the 16th day of April, 1833, in Putnam County, N. Y. His father, Berry Cole, was also a native of Putnam County, and was born June 24, 1769; he was a farmer and the principal owner of the first show or menagerie that ever traveled through the country; he died in his native county in 1835. Our subject was raised on the farm; he received a common-school education, and at the age of fifteen he went to New York City, where he engaged as a clerk in a dry goods store, and remained until he was twenty years of age, when he traveled for one year as the advertising agent for a circus and menagerie. He then returned to his home; the old homestead was sold, and, with his mother, brother and sister, he came to Illinois and located in the Big Woods, in Naperville Township, Du Page County, and a year later they moved to Downer's Grove, where he farmed until 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Upon the organization of the company, he was elected Second Lieutenant, and was later promoted—first, to First Lieutenant, then to Captain. He was taken prisoner in the rear of Vicksburg in December, 1862, and held four months at Vicksburg, Jackson and Libby Prison, in Richmond. From the latter place, he was exchanged in May, 1863, and joined his regiment within a few rods of the place where he was taken, and was with his command at the battles of Look-out Mountain, Mission Ridge and the other engagements of the regiment. After his three years' service, he returned home and engaged in mercantile business. In 1866, he was elected Supervisor of his township, and was re-elected four terms, when he was elected County Clerk, and moved to Wheaton, where he has since lived. During his last year in his term of office, he formed a partnership with Mr. F. G. Kimball, and engaged in the mercantile business, of which he became the sole proprietor in the spring of 1877, and, in 1878, formed his

present partnership. Mr. Cole has been twice married; first, to Miss Agnes P. Palmer, a native of New York; she came to Du Page County in 1854; her parents were dead, and she lived with her uncle, Mr. Riley Palmer, a farmer. The second marriage was to Miss Susan P. Smith, a native of Vermont; she came to Du Page County with her parents, who now live in Wheaton. By the marriage there are two children—Agnes M. and Reno B.

A. B. CURTIS, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Lewis County, N. Y., born in the year 1832, and is the youngest of two children born to Peter B. and Filena (Look) Curtis; they were natives of New York and Massachusetts; he was a farmer. In 1832, they moved to Ohio, where he worked on a farm for four years in Ashtabula County, and in 1836 they came to Illinois and located on the present place, situated two miles due west of Wheaton, purchasing the land from the Government at \$1.25 per acre. They erected a house and began improving the land, and, excepting two years spent in Missouri, the parents lived here until their death. They had two children; the eldest, Benjamin S., was killed by an explosion of a stationary engine at Turner Junction in 1850. Our subject was raised at home on a farm; he received a district school course of study, and attended a select school at Naperville; he also attended one short term at Lowville Academy, New York. At the age of twenty-two, he married Miss Rebecca Shatz, a native of Pennsylvania; she came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents in the year 1850. After marriage, he worked his father's farm on shares a few years, and then went by team to Missouri, where he farmed on the line of Miller and Maries Counties for about four years; he then returned to Du Page County and farmed the home farm for a number of years, when he went to Manteno, Kankakee County, where he farmed for two years; he then farmed the home farm in this county until 1870, when he went by

team to Iowa, and in the following spring, owing to his father's illness, he returned home, and has lived here since. By the marriage there have been four children, of whom three are living. Mr. Curtis became a member of the M. E. Church when he was eighteen years of age, and in 1856 was licensed as an exhorter, and as a minister in 1865.

A. T. CHILDS, carpenter, Wheaton, is a native of Windham County, Vt., born in the year 1817. His father, Jairus, was a carpenter, and also owned a fine farm, which though he lived on he followed his trade—building nearly the entire village of Wilmington, in his native county. A. T. early began working with his father, and continued with him until his death, in 1837. A. T. and his brother, L. J., finished an uncompleted contract of their father's. In 1839, A. T. and L. J. engaged in general mercantile business in Whitingham, and two years later they dissolved, A. T. moving to Wilmington, where he continued for twelve years, when he sold out and came West, and bought a farm in Elk Grove Township, Cook County, where he lived until 1856, when he sold out and came to Wheaton, where he has followed his trade since. In 1844, he married Miss Sarah N., daughter of Judge Roberts, of Windham County, Vt. They have three children—Terza, Jessie and Harriet. Mr. Childs has always been a Democrat.

MARK DAVIS, farmer, P. O. Lisle, is a native of Oneida County, N. Y., born September 19, 1827, and is the fifth child of ten children born to Samuel and Rheumilla (Tilden) Davis, who were natives of Oneida County, N. Y., and Poughkeepsie, Vt. Her father was a farmer and settled in Vermont with Ethan Allen, and moved to New York when she was young. She married Mr. Davis in Oneida County, and in 1834 they moved to Canada, where he followed his trade of millwright for three years and in 1838 they came to Illinois, and first stopped in Lockport, and in August of same

year came to the present place. He followed his trade of millwright, and his sons carried on the farm. Samuel Davis died June 3, 1861, and Mrs. Davis died here on the old homestead in 1872. Our subject made his home with his parents until their death. He received a limited common school education; he was raised on the farm, and after becoming of age he assisted his father at millwrighting, and also worked some at carpentering, and about 1857 he took the management of his father's farm, and has farmed the place ever since, and after his father's death he bought out the heirs. During Pearce's administration, Mr. Davis was Postmaster at Danby, now Prospect Park. Mr. Davis owns 118 acres located two and one-half miles north of Lisle.

G. B. DURLAND, of Durland & Congleton, livery stable, is a native of Luzerne County, Penn., born in the year 1836; he was raised on the farm. At the age of twenty-two, he married Miss K. J. Congleton, a native of Luzerne County, Penn. After the marriage, he rented a farm, and farmed on his own account until 1860, when he moved West, locating on a farm in Bloomingdale Township, Du Page County. In September, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and served until the close of the war; re-enlisted at the end of about thirty months as veteran. Mr. Durland entered Company D as a private, and was finally discharged as Quartermaster Sergeant of the company; was with the command at the capture of Yorktown, Fort Magruder, Gettysburg, Antietam, and all the engagements of the regiment. He returned home from the army, and in 1866 was elected Constable of Bloomingdale, an office he held eight years. In 1871, he was elected Collector. By the marriage there has been one child, viz., Sarah E.

A. J. EHLE, farming and stock-raising, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Oswego County, N. Y., born in the year 1833, and is the second in a family of eight children born to John H.

and Lucinda (Pierce) Ehle. They were natives of New York, married there and came West in 1849, and settled in Du Page County, Ill. They bought a farm near where Itaska now stands, and farmed there about ten years. They then sold their place and bought a place in Bloomingdale Township, where they farmed until 1861, when he entered the army, where he died. Our subject lived on the farm until the fall of 1861, when he enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, Company D, and served three years. He took part in the seven days' fight before Richmond, Antietam, Spottsylvania Court House, etc. During the latter part of his term of service he served at the headquarters of Gen. Wilson, having charge of his wagon train. From the army he returned home and resumed farming, buying a place in Bloomingdale Township, in which township he farmed until he came to his present place, which consists of 200 acres located one and one-half miles north of Wheaton. In the fall of 1865, he married Miss Martha J. Knowles, a native of Du Page County, Ill. They have two children—Frederick and Avis. He is Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church.

H. S. EHLE, livery, sale and feed, is a native of Oswego County, N. Y., born in the year 1840, and raised on the farm, receiving a common school education. His parents, John H. and Lucinda (Pierce) Ehle, were natives of New York; married there, and in 1848 came West to Illinois, and settled in Du Page County; bought a farm in Addison Township, and some eight or ten years later moved to Bloomingdale Township, where they lived until the war, when John H. Ehle enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry as bugler, and served with the regiment until his death, from sickness, in 1863. Our subject, H. S., enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was a Corporal in Company F. He was in the battle of Resaca (where he was wounded and was laid

up in the hospital several months), also in the other engagements of the regiment. From the army he came to Bloomingdale, and soon after married Miss Mary A. Patrick, a native of New York. After the marriage, he located on the farm, where he remained until 1879, when he came to Wheaton and engaged in his present business. By the marriage there has been one child—Alma. Mrs. Lucinda Ehle is living in Bloomingdale Village.

F. N. ENGELHARD, M. D., is a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, born November 24, 1847. He received a collegiate education, graduating from the Copenhagen University of Art in 1868, and in 1869 he graduated as Bachelor of Philosophy, and in 1870, as Bachelor of Medicine, when he entered the Commune Hospital, of Copenhagen, as an assistant, and remained three years, passing through the five divisions of the hospital service. He then, in March, 1873, entered the Royal Danish Navy as an Assistant Surgeon, and made a cruise on the North Sea, until the fall following, when he attended the lectures and experiments in the laboratory with the study of the natural sciences in the university until 1876, when he came to America, and first stopped in Chicago, then to Franklin Grove and Ashton, Lee Co., Ill., and in 1877 he entered the Chicago Homœopathic College and graduated the year following, and in August of the latter year he began as assistant with Dr. Leonard Pratt, with whom he now continues. In 1881, he married Miss Johanne Marion Juliane Ertberg, a native of Denmark. They have one child—Alef Muriel Anna Elisa.

PROF. H. A. FISCHER, A. M., is a native of Du Page County, Ill., born in the year 1846, and is the fifth in a family of ten children born to Henry D. and Maria E. Franzen, they were natives of Germany. Our subject was reared on his father's farm in Addison Township; he received a common school education, and also studied in private, and at the age of nineteen

entered the Wheaton College, graduating from same at the age of twenty-three. At the age of seventeen, he began teaching in the public schools. During the winter after graduating, he was appointed Principal of the preparatory department of the college, and after two years he was appointed Professor of mathematics and natural philosophy. In 1875, he received a one year's leave of absence, and attended the Leipzig and Heidelberg Universities, Germany, returning in 1876, and, resuming his former position in the college, continues since. In 1875, he married Miss Julia W., daughter of President J. Blanchard, of Wheaton College. They have four children, viz., Faith A., Paul B. Frederick L. and Herman. While in Addison Township, Mr. Fischer held the office of Township Treasurer a number of years and also the secretaryship of the Addison Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company. In December, 1881, he was appointed County Superintendent of Schools for Du Page County. Republican. Is a member of the College Church of Christ. Since graduating, he has held the position of College Treasurer.

ERASTUS GARY, retired, Wheaton, is a native of Pomfret, Windham Co., Conn. He was born April 5, 1806, and is the fourth of seven children born to William and Lucy (Perin) Gary, who were also natives of Pomfret. Erastus was raised on the farm, and in addition to the common schools he attended the Wilbraham Academy, of Massachusetts, a short term. At the age of eighteen, he began teaching school during the winters, working on the farm in the summers. In 1831, he came West, and made a claim four miles north of Warrentville, and began at once to cut and split rails, put up a small cabin, and "bached" it until about May, when he was advised to leave for Chicago, owing to the Indians. He abandoned everything, and footed it to Chicago, where he remained six weeks, during which time all were drilled for defense. After Gen. Scott came, Erastus

went to Michigan and taught school, and in the spring of 1833 he returned to his old claim, in company with his brother Jude and sister Orinda, who joined him in 1832, and spent the winter with him in Michigan; they put in a crop and continued improving the claim. In 1847, Erastus moved to a farm near Wheaton, and since 1864 he has lived in the village. He was married in 1841 to Miss Susan A. Vallette, a native of Massachusetts; she died in 1874, in Wheaton. Of their seven children, but four are living. Mr. Gary has served as Justice for twenty-one years; he has also been Supervisor and President of the village. He was Democratic in politics until the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, since which time he has been Republican. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since he was fifteen years of age.

NOAH E. GARY, a son of Erastus Gary, was born near Warrentville, in Du Page County, on the 8th day of September, 1844. In the spring of 1848, he removed with his parents to Wheaton, where he has lived ever since. He was educated mainly in the public schools, attending but two terms at Wheaton College. He followed farming until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and three months later was appointed Corporal, and at the expiration of a year was made Sergeant. May 15, 1865, he was severely wounded at the battle of Resaca, in Georgia, having been struck by four bullets in that action. He was discharged in November, but could not dispense with crutches until the following March. In November, 1865, he married Ella M. Guild, of Downer's Grove, who died in 1870. In 1868, he entered the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, and remained there until October, 1872. While in the Superior Court, he read law, and resigned his position as Chief Deputy to enter into the practice of the law with his brother, E. H. Gary. The rule of the Supreme

Court not allowing an examination for admission to the bar until the applicant had read law two years with an attorney in general practice, Mr. Gary was not examined and admitted until January, 1875. In 1873, he married Carrie H. Wheat, who for several years had been Principal of the Wheaton Public Schools. For two years he was President of the Wheaton Town Council, and in 1879 he was appointed Master in Chancery of Du Page County, which office he now holds. In 1879, Judge Cody joined the firm of E. H. & N. E. Gary, and the firm is now styled Gary, Cody & Gary. Mr. Gary had three children by first marriage, two living; three children by present marriage, two living. He is Republican, voting first for U. S. Grant. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he takes an active interest, and has been Superintendent of Sabbath school for some five years.

WILLIAM L. GARY, Cashier banking house of G. & W., is a native of Pomfret, Windham County, Conn., born in the year 1828, and is the second in a family of seven children born to Charles and Melinda M. (Morse) Gary. They were natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts. They married in Connecticut. He was the oldest son of William L. Gary, and followed farming. In 1837, the family came West to Illinois by the water route to Chicago, and stopped with his brother, Erastus Gary, who had settled near Warrenville, in Du Page County, and during the summer they erected a saw-mill two miles south of Turner Junction, and occupied a house which they erected at the mill, which they conducted until about 1864, and he lived on his farm thereafter until his death in 1871. Mrs. Gary died on the old homestead in about 1858. During his residence in this county, Mr. Gary held the offices of Postmaster at Gary's Mill and Justice of the Peace, both of which offices he held a long term of years. He was also Supervisor of his Township, and Associate Justice. He was a

member of the M. E. Church, and a licensed minister in that faith, preaching in his vicinity, and at one time on the regular circuit. He was widely known and respected by all. Our subject lived at home until he was twenty-four years of age. He received a limited common school course of study, assisting on the farm and at the mill. In 1852, he married Miss Elizabeth White, a native of the State of Maine, who was stopping with a married sister and teaching school in this county. After the marriage, he began the mercantile business, opening a general store at the mill, which he continued about two years, when he discontinued the store and engaged in farming. He was also interested in the mill. He continued the latter interest until the closing up of the mill, and the farming interest until 1874, when came to Wheaton and became Cashier in the banking firm of Miner Gary & Webster, which position he held through several changes in the firm to the present time, finally becoming interested as a member of the firm. During his residence in Winfield Township, Mr. Gary held the offices of Town Clerk and School Treasurer a number of years, also Assessor and Collector several terms. He has been a Republican since the organization of the party. By the marriage there are two children—John E. and William E. His father was a licensed minister of the M. E. Church, and held the position of Associate Justice.

W. K. GUILD, dealer in lumber, doors, sash, blinds, etc., Wheaton, is a native of Brookfield, Washington Co., Vt., born July 4, 1819, and is the third child in a family of seven children born to Israel and Rachel (Kellogg) Guild, who were natives of Vermont. He was a carpenter by trade. W. K. was raised on the farm, and received a common school education. At the age of sixteen he began making brooms, and in 1839 the family came West, taking the canal to Buffalo and steamer thence to Chicago, thence to Wayne Township, Du Page Co., Ill.,

where they settled on a farm, and also engaged in manufacturing brooms, which were probably the first brooms made in the West. W. K. lived at home until about 1842, when, with his older brother, he made a claim on some land, and later, at land sale, purchased the same, and upon his marriage, in 1844, sold his interest in the claim. In 1844, he married Miss Lydia A. Ford, a native of New York, who came to Illinois with her parents and settled in Wayne Township. After marriage, he settled on a farm and lived there until 1868 or 1869, when he came to Wheaton, and has lived here since. About one year after coming to Wheaton, he engaged in the present business and continued since. During a short period he had a partner, but principally conducted the business alone. While in Wayne he served as Highway Commissioner, and in Wheaton as a member of the Town Council. He has been a member of the Congregational Church for forty years, and a Deacon in same for the past thirty years. By his marriage he has five children, four boys and one daughter—Sarah L., at home; William B., merchant, Wheaton; Edwin L., lumber merchant, Dakota; Carroll W., with his father in the lumber business; Everett A., at home. Mr. Guild's parents died in Wayne Township on the old homestead. Mr. Guild was President of the Board of School Directors, in 1874, at building the schoolhouse in Wheaton. Mr. Guild cast his first vote in 1840 for Gen. Harrison, and has been a Republican since the organization of the party.

T. M. HULL, Circuit Clerk, Wheaton, is a native of Madison County, N. Y., and was born in the year 1840. He received a common school and academic course of study, and at the age of sixteen he began as a clerk in a general store in De Ruyter, Madison Co., N. Y., where he remained one year. He then removed to Montgomery County, Ill., and clerked one year in a store in Litchfield, where his brother lived, and the following year returned home and at-

tended the academy for about eight months; he then came to Du Page County, Ill., his parents having come hither the year previous, and settled in York Township—Babcock's Grove, now Lombard—where Mr. E. A. Hull practiced his profession—law. T. N. engaged in clerking in the Grove some three years; he then clerked for Potter Palmer in Chicago, and then engaged with his brother, G. H. Hull, in the market business; they continued about five years. He then traveled in Iowa one year, when he returned to Lombard and bought the general store business of Reuben Link, and conducted the business about four years. He then engaged with the Weed Sewing Machine Company in Chicago, filling the position of assistant book-keeper, correspondent, then city agent and finally as traveling agent, remaining with the company, in all, about six years. He then, in 1876, became Deputy Circuit Clerk under his brother, Frank Hull, and in 1880 was elected Circuit Clerk, which office he now holds. In 1868, he married Miss Caroline C. Whipples, of Oak Park, Cook Co., Ill. They have two children. He is a Republican.

HON. P. G. HUBBARD, Prospect Park, Ill., is a native of Hampden County, Mass., born in the year 1811. He was raised on his father's farm, and received an academic course of study. At the age of seventeen, he began teaching in the public schools, and taught during the winters thereafter for about seven years. He was married, in 1834, to Miss Elizabeth Le Baron, a native of Plymouth County, Mass., and resided in his native State until 1855, during which time he served in his township as Assessor and as a member of the Boards of Selectmen and of Examiners. During the term of 1847-48, he was elected by the Whigs a member of the State Legislature. In 1855, he came West to De Kalb County, Ill., and the next year moved to Knox County, where he engaged in farming. In 1864, he engaged in the commission business in Chicago, firm,

Hubbard & Bird. He came to Du Page County in 1870, and to Prospect Park in 1873. By the marriage there has been three children, of whom but one is living—William Le Baron Hubbard, of Chicago. Mr. Hubbard has been a member of the Congregational Church since he was eighteen, and has officiated as Deacon for upward of twenty-five years of the time.

HEZEKIAH HOLT, hardware, tin, etc., Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Pomfret, Windham Co., Conn., born in the year 1835, and is the second child in a family of six children, born to Hezekiah and Harriet Gary Holt. They were natives of Windham County, Conn. They married there and came West in 1837, coming through by wagon. It being in the winter time, part of the trip was made on runners put under the wagon. They arrived in the vicinity of the present village of Warrenville, where Mrs. Holt's brother, Erastus Gary, lived, and soon after Mr. Holt bought a claim located about one mile southwest of Wheaton. The claim was occupied and improved, and bought of the Government when the land came into market. Mr. Holt lived on his place until his death in 1850. He was well known among the old pioneers, and was a life-long member of the Methodist Church, and took an active interest in its affairs. He was anti-slavery in politics. The family continued on the old homestead until 1877, when they retired to Turner Junction, where they lived until May, 1881, when they moved to Wheaton. Our subject was raised a farmer, and was educated at Wheaton College. On becoming of age, he began doing business on his own account in partnership with his brother, conducting the farm. In 1877, Mr. Holt engaged in the hardware business in Turner Junction, in partnership with Mr. C. W. Gary, and in 1880 he sold his interest to Mr. Gary, and soon after served as Government Enumerator in taking the census of Winfield Township, after which he kept books a short period in Chicago,

and in March, 1882, he bought out the present business, and formed a partnership with his nephew, Mr. E. B. Holt. While in Turner Junction, Mr. Holt was elected Supervisor of Winfield Township, but was ineligible for the reason he had not lived one year in the township. He was afterward elected Police Magistrate and President of the Board of Trustees. The former position he held until he came to Wheaton.

A. H. HIATT, physician, is a native of Indiana, born in Fayette County in 1823; was reared on the farm; received a common school and academic course of study. At the age of seventeen, began reading medicine, and in 1846 graduated from the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio, and began practice at New Castle, Ind., where he remained until 1854; thence to Westfield, Ind.; remained there four years. He then came to Wheaton, and has practiced here since. In 1870, he opened an office in Chicago, and was burned out in 1871, and in 1872 opened another office in Chicago, which he attends daily. From 1877 to 1880, the Doctor was Professor of Surgery in the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, and has been Professor in Wheaton College of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, and gives a course of lectures every winter. In 1844, he married Miss Mary Ann J. Bowman a native of Tennessee, and moved with parents to Indiana when she was a child; eleven children, eight living.

LUTHER L. HIATT, druggist, is a native of Henry County, Ind., born in the year 1844; he received a common school course of study, and had entered the college course at the Wheaton College (having with his parents moved to Wheaton in 1859), when in 1862, October, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, Company F, and served until the close of the war. After the war he returned to Wheaton, and engaged as clerk in his father's drug store, and after became a part-

ner with his father, and later became the sole proprietor of the business, which he continues at the present time. Mr. Hiatt is Republican in politics; he has held the office of Town Clerk of Milton Township, also of the corporation of Wheaton, holding the latter office in all some ten years; he also held the office of Police Magistrate, being elected three times. In July, 1882, Mr. Hiatt was nominated by the Republican Convention candidate for Representative of the Fourteenth Senatorial District, comprising Kane and Du Page Counties. October 4, 1865, he married Miss Statira E. Jewett, a native of New York. They have three children living, three sons.

HIRAM H. HADLEY, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Bethel Township, Windsor Co., Vt., born on his father's farm in the year 1824, and is the eldest of three children born to Abial and Elmina (Chadwick) Hadley. They were natives of Vermont, married there and followed farming; he was also a carpenter, and principally followed his trade. In 1841, the family came West by the water route to Chicago, thence by team to Du Page County, and settled in Milton Township, one and a half miles southwest of Wheaton, where he bought 160 acres of the Government at \$1.25 per acre. They occupied the place and farmed there some eighteen or twenty years; then moved to Wheaton, where he has lived since. Mrs. H. died in Wheaton in the fall of 1873. Our subject lived at home until he became of age; he received a very limited course of study in the common schools of his district, and was brought up to farming. In 1845, he married Miss Charity S. Lewis, a native of New York. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents, who were farmers, when she was young. After the marriage they located on their present place, which adjoins the old homestead, and they have lived there since. By the marriage there have been three children, of whom two are living—Philip L., married

and farming in Milton Township; Catherine E., now Mrs. Beebe, of Milton Township. Mr. Hadley first voted in 1848, was anti-Slavery and Republican since organization of party. (In 1848 he voted for the Whig candidate.) He is a Wesleyan Methodist; been a member since 1844.

ELIAS JEWELL (deceased), was a native of Connecticut. He was born June 22, 1791. While yet a child, his parents moved to New York, where they followed farming. He was married, February 26, 1815, to Harriet Howe, and after the marriage settled on a farm, where they lived until about 1825, when they went to Canada, and he worked at the building of the Welland Canal, and a few years later they moved to Michigan, where he farmed and conducted a brickyard near Detroit. While here, Mrs. Jewell returned to Canada on business, and died while away. In 1833, he married Miss Cynthia Whitney, a native of Detroit, Mich., born in the year 1808; her father, Solomon B. Whitney, was a Sergeant Major under Gen. Hull, at Detroit, during the war of 1812. In 1838, they came to Illinois, and made a claim to the present place, where he lived until his death in 1858. Mrs. Jewell is living on the old homestead. By the first marriage there were five children, of whom but one is living, viz., Elias. By the second marriage there were no children. Mr. Jewell was a soldier in the war of 1812.

ELIAS JEWELL, JR., farmer, P. O. Naperville, is a native of Canada, born June 11, 1827, and is the only surviving child of Elias Jewell, Sr., deceased. He was raised on the farm and received a common-school education. March 11, 1849, he married Miss Sabra A. Winchell, a native of Lake County, Ohio. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents in 1844 or 1845. After the marriage, he occupied an 80-acre farm his father gave him, and farmed on his own account, and has lived on the place ever since, except a short residence

in Michigan and Chicago. By the marriage there have been six children, of whom five sons are living. In 1860, Mr. Jewell began as a traveling salesman for the McCormick Reaper Company, and the next year engaged with the Chicago branch of Messrs. D. M. Osborn & Co., manufacturers of reapers and mowers, and continued with them for fifteen years. During the past seven years he has worked on short engagements for different companies, his health not permitting regular engagements. He owns 110 acres, located one and a half miles north-east of Wheaton.

O. F. JOHNSON, lumber merchant, Chicago, P. O. Prospect Park, is a native of Vermont, born in the year 1838, son of William J. and Harriet (French) Johnson, who moved to Erie, Penn., at an early day, thence to Ohio, thence to Lockport, Ill., and thence to Du Page County, in 1839, locating on a claim he bought in the southeastern part of Milton Township. A year or two later, they went to Chicago and kept the New York House. and in the spring of 1844 came to Prospect Park. Our subject lived at home until he was seventeen. He then began as a brakeman on the North Western Railroad, where he remained about seven years, quitting as a conductor. He then engaged as conductor, for two years, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. He then engaged as manager of a lumber camp in Michigan, conducting two mills, etc., where he remained until 1863. He then conducted a lumber yard at Prospect Park for three years. He then took charge of the Lumber Department of Goss & Phillips Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, where he remained for seven years. He then opened in the lumber commission business for Johnson & Gibbs, 248 South Water street, and has remained since. He has always kept his home in Prospect Park. He married in 1864 to Miss Emily Churchill, a native of Du Page County, Ill. He enlisted in Company E, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and remained with the com-

mand about three months, when he was discharged, owing to ill health. He has had six children, five living. Republican.

HORACE JAYNE, carpenter and agricultural implements, is a native of Wyoming Co., Penn., born in the year 1823, and was raised on the farm. His father carried on the farm, and was also engaged in the lumber business, and Horace assisted his father both on the farm and in his business, living at home until he was twenty-three. He then worked at farming and carpentering in the neighborhood until 1849, when he came West and located at Rockford, Ill., where he worked at carpenter work until 1860. He then came to Du Page County, Ill., and located on a farm he bought two miles west of Wheaton, and farmed for fourteen years. He then sold his farm and came to Wheaton, where he engaged in the hardware business, which he continued about three years, when he sold out and retired from active business. In 1847, he married Miss Lucy M. Robinson, a native of Susquehanna County, Penn. She died in Wheaton, Ill., in 1878. They had seven children, five of whom are living. July 27, 1879, he married, in Pennsylvania, Elzina (Brown) Corey, of Susquehanna County, that State. After the marriage, they came to Wheaton, and have lived here since.

CAPT. M. E. JONES, carpenter and house mover, is a native of Rutland County, Vt., born in the year 1830; was raised on the farm, receiving a common school education; his father, Ephraim Jones, was a wagon-maker, and the Captain early began to labor with his father. When seventeen years of age, he began peddling jewelry, and a year later went West, stopping in Niagara County, N. Y., and Medina County, Ohio, finally reaching Chicago, where he worked about four years, during which time he married Miss Sarah Reece, who died there about two years after the marriage. The only child died when seven years of age. In 1858, Capt. Jones came to Du Page Page County

and located at Danby, now Prospect Park, and worked at his trade. August 5, 1861, he enlisted in the Eighth Illinois Regiment Cavalry, Company E, and served until the close of the war. He entered his company a private, and was elected First Duty Sergeant; was several times promoted, coming home as Captain of his company, and now, may it be told for the benefit of history, that while placing his men on pickett at Gettysburg, about fifteen minutes of 4 A. M., Capt. Jones took a carbine of his Sergeant, Levi S. Shafer, and fired at the advancing enemy, the first shot in that mighty battle. From the army he returned to Wheaton, and, except a few months, lived there until 1872, when he went to Colorado and engaged in the stock business, returning again to Wheaton in 1877, and has lived here since. September 1, 1864, in camp near Washington, D. C., he married Miss Elvira N. Meacham, a native of Benson, Rutland Co., Vt. She had come to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents in 1854.

DANIEL KELLEY, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, is a native of Rutland Co., Vt., born in the year 1818. On becoming seventeen, he began teaching public school in the winter, teaching in all three terms. He also was was a shepherd, having charge of his father's flock; when he was twenty-six years of age, he came West by the water route, and purchased and occupied his present place, where he has lived ever since, located two miles due north of Wheaton. He soon began the sheep business in the West, and early placed some fine merinos on his place, and has carried on the business on a large scale ever since, having as high as 2,600 head at one time. In 1846, he married Miss Mary E. Huls, a native of New York. She came to St. Charles, Ills., with her parents. She had eleven children, nine of whom are living. He first voted for Harrison, and has been Republican since the organization of the party. He has been a member of the Baptist Church for the past thirty years. On coming to Du Page County, he had

\$602, and has owned over 1,400 acres of land here, but has lately sold portions to his children and others. He was President of the Wool Growers' Association of the State of Illinois, by virtue of which office he also became Delegate to the National Convention. He was the first President of the Northern Illinois Wool Growers' Association and is now Vice President of the State Association.

A. D. KELLEY, Sutcliffe & Kelley, grain, lumber and agricultural implement dealers, Wheaton, is a native of Milton Township, Du Page Co., Ill., and was born June 30, 1849; was raised on his father's farm, and received a common school education, living at home until the fall of 1872, when he married Miss Callie A. Smith, a native of Walworth County, Wis. After the marriage, they settled on a farm that he bought in Kane County one mile west of St. Charles, where they lived for seven years. He then sold out his farm and moved to Wheaton when he engaged in his present business, and has conducted ever since. By the marriage there have been three children born, of whom one is living—Raymond Albert.

JUDSON A. KELLEY, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Milton Township, Du Page Co., and was born on his father's farm in the year 1858, and in addition to a common school course, attended Wheaton College for a year or two. February 15, 1882, he married Miss Lillian A. Taylor, a native of Wisconsin. After the marriage, they located on the present place, which he bought of Mr. J. L. Bennett, and consists of fifteen acres, located one and three-fourth miles north of Wheaton. Mr. Kelley is Republican in politics.

F. G. KIMBALL, farming, P. O. Wheaton, is a native of Washington County, Vt., born Sept. 9, 1825, fifth child in a family of eleven children born to the Rev. William Kimball, who married Miss Lovisa Lathrop. They were natives of Vermont; married there, and came West in 1836, coming by the water route, and

bought a claim in what is now Wayne Township, Du Page Co., Ill., where they farmed for about three years, when the family moved to Aurora, where Mr. Kimball preached in Kane and Du Page Counties for some thirty years, when he retired from the active ministry, having returned to Wheaton, Du Page County, where he died in 1869. Mrs. Kimball died two years previous, in Wheaton. Our subject lived at home until he was twenty years of age; he received in all only about nine months' study in the district schools. He followed farming until about 1850, when he engaged as a clerk in the general merchandise business at Turner Junction, continuing there about ten years. He then traveled for some five years, and in 1865, in company with Mr. M. Smith, engaged in the mercantile business in Wheaton, they continuing in business some seven years, when they dissolved, and Mr. Kimball engaged in farming, and a few years later he again engaged in mercantile business, but owing to ill-health, he soon gave up his business and returned to farming, which he has continued since, locating on his present place, which consists of thirty acres, located one mile southwest from Wheaton. In 1866, he married Miss Mary E. Barnes, a native of Michigan, and living at Mendota, Ill., at time of her marriage. By the marriage there have been three children, two of whom are living, viz., Frank Grant Kimball, Ida May Kimball. Mr. Kimball has held the office of Collector and Road Commissioner in Winfield Township, and Supervisor in Milton Township. He first voted for John P. Hale; was anti-slavery and Republican since the organization of party. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for about twelve years.

L. E. LANDON, retired farmer, is a native of Whitestown, Oneida Co., N. Y., born November 19, 1809, second child of a family of five children born to Joseph and Sarah Wood Landon. They were natives of Connecticut and

New York; he moved to Whitestown, N. Y., at an early day, and there married Miss Wood, daughter of Deacon Wood of the Congregational Church of that place. Joseph Landon, at the time of L. E.'s birth, was engaged in a saw-mill, and Salter moved to Wales' Paper-mill and bought rags and sold paper for same, and thence to a farm; and, about the year 1820, he moved to Oswego Village (now city), he carrying the mail from Utica to Oswego, his being the first four-horse stage ever driven through that route; his wife died in Oswego in March, 1825; he married again to Mrs. Huldah, widow of Samuel Farnham, by whom he has one child, a son; he moved to Hannibal, and thence to Marcellus, where his second wife died; he married again, and lived in that vicinity until his death. Our subject lived at home until he was about twenty-two or twenty-three years of age; he received a common school education. In 1825, he married Miss Huldah M. Farnham, in Oswego, N. Y.; she was a native of Canada, where her parents resided on a farm forty-five miles northeast of Kingston, she being on a visit to her aunt's, at Oswego, N. Y., at the time of her marriage, after which they lived on a farm for about a year and a half, and then went to Upper Canada, where they lived also about a year and a half. In January, 1838, they drove by sleigh to Marcellus, N. Y., and, gathering some effects, they started on February 22d of that year for Illinois, sleighing to Cleveland and thence by wheels to Addison Township, Du Page County, where his brother lived, and soon after arriving he bought a claim located in Section 12, Bloomingdale Township, and occupied the same, where he lived until about 1857 or 1858; he then moved to Section 14, where he lived until the fall of 1867, when he moved to Wheaton, and has lived here since. By the marriage there were five children, four of whom are living, three daughters and one son; all married. The son, A. S., merchant in Wheaton; Laura A.

Gates, in Bloomingdale; Hattie M. Beach, of St. Joe, Mo.; Sarah E. Mann, of Geneva, Ill.

W. H. LUTHER, station agent, Northwestern Railroad and dealer in grain, coal and feed, of the firm of Luther & Newton, Prospect Park, is a native of Springfield, Mass., and was born in the year 1846. In 1854, the family came West to Rockford, Ill., where they now reside. W. H. Luther, Sr., was a manufacturer of cotton and woolen goods in the East, and after coming West, followed farming. Our subject received a common school education. In 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois Regiment Infantry, Company A, and served one year. After his return from the army, he engaged in farming, which he continued about five years. He then became station agent at Winnebago, Ill., and in 1874 he became agent here at Prospect Park. In 1877, in company with E. C. Marks, engaged in the coal and feed business, and three years later, Mr. Marks sold his interest in the business to Mr. W. C. Newton. Mr. Luther married Miss F. A. Copeland, daughter of Dr. Copeland, of Winnebago. By the marriage there are two children, viz., Flora L. and Paul G. Republican in politics. Clerk of the Board of Trustees and the School Board of Prospect Park.

S. W. MOFFATT, retired farmer, is a native of Orange County, N. Y., born March 1, 1818. He was raised on a farm until he was about sixteen years of age. He received a common and select school course of study. On becoming sixteen, he began teaching, and continued to teach for about five years. He then came West to Aurora, Ill., where he taught school and assisted his brother-in-law on the farm until the spring of 1842, when he came to Du Page County and stopped with his brother-in-law, who had moved to Wayne Township; and, in the winter following, he taught school near where the town of Bartlett now stands. The schoolhouse was an old pioneer one, of logs—

stick chimney, puncheon floor, etc., etc.—and the teacher received two steers, valued at \$36, for three months' services. He continued his home with his brother-in-law, teaching winters and assisting on the farm, about one year, when he went East to Orange County, N. Y., where he taught his former school; and in the spring of 1844 he married Miss Harriet Elizabeth Sayer, a native of Orange County, N. Y. The same spring, they came to Wayne Township, Du Page Co., Ill., where they purchased a farm and lived on the same until about 1863. He then rented his place and moved to Elgin, returning to his farm the year following; and about one year later he sold his farm and moved to Wheaton, where he has lived since. While in Wayne Township, he served two terms each in the offices of Town Clerk and Supervisor; while in Wheaton he has been in the Council for a number of years, and now serving as President of the Board for the fifth term. In former years he was a Whig, and Republican since the organization of the party. Is a member of the Congregational Church since his coming to the county. By the marriage there were five children, two of whom are living—William S., shorthand correspondent, Chicago, and Harriet E., at home.

HON. F. H. MATHER, farmer, is a native of Benson, Rutland Co., Vt., born in the year 1819. His father, Demas, was a farmer, and also kept hotel. He and his wife, Miss Clarissa C. Ingraham, were natives of Connecticut. They married there and moved to Vermont, where they lived until their death. Our subject was raised on the farm; received a common-school education. In 1842, he married Miss Rhode E. Meacham, a native of his native town. After marriage, they came West, by line boat to Buffalo, thence on the old Illinois steamer to Chicago, thence to Milton Township, Du Page Co., Ill., where Mrs. Mather had a brother living. They bought a farm and began farming, which business he followed until about 1860, when he

came to Wheaton, where he has since lived. While on the farm, he also engaged in the stock and wool business, buying, and shipping to Chicago and New York, and has carried on his farms and conducted the wool and stock business ever since. In 1869, he went to Colorado and bought wool, and in 1872 the family moved there, and they carried on a stock ranch, remaining on the same for thirteen months, when they returned to Wheaton. Mr. Mather has been Supervisor of Milton Township for three years; has also served on the Town Council. In the fall of 1860, he was elected, on the Republican ticket, a member of the State Legislature, and served two years, during which time he actively engaged himself to have passed a bill he presented for the removal of the county seat from Naperville to Wheaton. The bill passed the House, but was defeated in the Senate, and the war coming on, no further action was taken until 1866, when the bill passed. By the marriage there has been one child—Minnie, now Mrs. Sanders. Mr. Mather was an Old-Line Whig, and became Republican upon the organization of the party; is a member of the Congregational Church.

J. R. McCHESNEY, merchant, of J. R. McC. & Co., Prospect Park, Ill., is a native of Newark, N. J., born June 18, 1828. His parents, Rev. James and Matilda (Davis) McChesney, were natives of Ireland and New York; he is a Congregational minister. In 1846, they moved to Chicago, and one year later pre-empted 160 acres in Schaumburg Township, Cook Co., Ill., where they lived until about 1854, when they sold the land and moved to Prospect Park. Our subject lived with his parents until about 1853, when, about fourteen years of age, he began work in an ornamental iron works, and worked there about four years. In 1854, he married, at Hanover, Cook County, Miss Elizabeth Leatherman, a native of Indiana; they have four children, two of whom are living. After the marriage, he farmed a few years. In

1862, he formed a partnership and engaged in the general store business in Danby, now Prospect Park. In 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company H, and served about five months; he entered as a private and returned as Second Lieutenant of his company; he then sold out his store business and engaged in buying and shipping grain, which he continued for several years; he then moved to Elgin and conducted the grain business there in company with Mr. George Sawin for three years, then returned to Prospect Park and engaged in the lumber business for Mr. Huff, and about 1872 he engaged in his present business, and for a term served as Postmaster. August 1, 1882, Mr. McC. was elected President of the Village of Prospect Park, it being the first election under corporation.

PETER NORTHROP, retired, is a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., born in the year 1818. At the age of sixteen he engaged as a clerk in a general store in Oswego County, N. Y., and followed clerking, principally, until 1836, when he took a trip West prospecting, visiting Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, etc. He returned East, and in 1837 engaged in business for himself at Jordan, in Onondaga County, N. Y., where he remained until 1841, when he came West and settled on a farm which he bought in Addison Township, where he remained four years, and where he was a Justice of the Peace. He then sold his farm and engaged in merchandising in Addison Village; continued until 1852, when he was elected Circuit Clerk and went to Naperville (then the county seat), and he lived there four years. He then came to Wheaton, and built a steam and grist mill which he conducted until 1859, when it was destroyed by fire. He then went to Chicago and engaged in the grain business two years, thence to his land in Addison Township, where he remained till 1865; then he came to Wheaton, and in company with Mr. H. B. Hills engaged in mercan-

tile business. They continued until 1875, when he went to a farm he had at Turner Junction, where he remained until October, 1881, when he came to Wheaton and has lived here since. He married Miss Mariell Kinney, a native of Oswego County, N. Y. She came to Du Page County with her parents. She died in 1862. His present wife was Miss S. B. Eastman, a native of Illinois. They had seven children—six living. Was, in an early day, a Democrat, but has been a Republican since the organization of that party. Mr. Northrop was elected one of the Associate Justices, and, on formation of the Board of Supervisors, he was elected Supervisor of his township.

FRANCIS OTT, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., was born in Germany in the year 1816, and was raised on a farm. At the age of sixteen, he apprenticed to shoemaking, and, in 1837, he came to the United States of America, and lived two years in the State of New York, working at his trade. He then came West by the water route to Chicago. He then came out in the country to work, and worked in this part of the State on the farm and canal, or cutting wood until 1841. He then went to Naperville, where he worked at his trade. He also went to school a few months. He then went to live with his brother, who was farming in Milton Township, and soon after he took up a claim and improved it, and later he sold his place and bought the present, which contains 250 acres, located one and a quarter miles east of Wheaton. In 1847, he married Miss Anna M. Werner, a native of Germany. She came to the United States of America with her parents when she was young; she died in September, 1877. They had seven children, six of whom are living. Mr. Ott has held the office of Road Commissioner and Assessor of his Township. Also the school office of Director. He has been a Democrat in politics, but of late is rather independent, going for the best men.

REV. FATHER DE LA PORTE was born in Burgsteinfurt, Province of Westphalia, Prussia, May 11, 1841. His father, Francis M. de la Porte was a Frenchman, though born in Santa Cruz, W. I., in 1797, and when five years of age moved to Europe, locating in Germany, where he afterward became the Inspector of Forests, a position he held for fifty-five years. Our subject was raised in his native village until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to Munster and prepared for the ministry, attending the college there, from which he graduated in August, 1862. He then studied philosophy during a short term, and returning home made his preparations to come to America, arriving in Chicago, Ill., in October, 1863, where he completed his course of study in the St. Mary's Seminary of the Lake, and was ordained to the priesthood April 7, 1866, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Duggan, and was assigned Professor of Latin in the St. Mary's Seminary. A few months later, he was appointed pastor of the St. Peter's Church at Naperville, Ill. The large church there was only partly finished, and had quite a heavy debt, but by his energy Father de la Porte discharged the debt, built a parsonage and finished the church in a most elegant manner, remaining in Naperville until in November, 1878, when, owing to his health, which was much impaired by reason of his labors in behalf of his church, he left Naperville, where he had made many warm friends, and went to Wisconsin and became a professor in the Normal School in St. Francis, and one year later he removed to Chicago, where he became Assistant Priest of St. Anthony's Church, in which position he continued for two years, and, in April, was appointed pastor of the St. Michael's Church of Wheaton.

J. S. PEIRONNET, retired, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Binghamton, N. Y., born in the year 1841. His parents were J. S. and Mary J. (Lance) Peironnet. He was a mer-

chant, and, in 1854, came to Peru, Ill., where he bought and improved lands. In 1868, he returned East, locating at Waverly, N. Y., where he died. Our subject, at the age of nineteen, engaged in the lumber business at Peru, Ill., and, on becoming of age, he, in company with his brother, William F. Peironnet, in the commission business in Chicago, and they successfully conducted the business for eighteen years, maintaining the excellent position of the house as one of the strong concerns of the board throughout the entire time. The magnitude of the business was enormous during the navigation season; they received as high as 1,000,000 bushels of grain per month. For a few years during the business of the firm, they owned a large flour mill at Minneapolis, having a capacity of 500 barrels per day. During the ownership of this mill, Mr. Peironnet was one of the organizers of the Minneapolis Millers' Association, now the largest grain association in the world. He became the Chicago agent, and contracted the freights from Chicago East. During the years 1868-69-70-71, they received fully one-third of the entire receipts of the city, and contracted freights on as high as 8,000 barrels per day. Aside from these active interests, Mr. Peironnet has large special interests in various commercial enterprises. In 1877, owing to his health, he sought a home in the country, and located at Wheaton. Being pleased with the change, he purchased property and permanently made it his home. In January, 1882, he retired entirely from the business he was engaged in for the past eighteen years. In 1873, he married Miss Fannie, daughter of William Baker, editor and proprietor of the *Chicago Journal of Commerce*.

LEONARD PRATT, M. D., is a native of Bradford County, Penn., born in the year 1819, and is second in a family of nine children born to Russell and Olive (Towner) Pratt. He was a farmer and cabinet-maker,

which business he conducted in addition to farming. They died in Towanda, the county seat of Bradford County. Our subject lived at home on the farm until he was fifteen years of age; he received a common school course of study, also attended the La Fayette College at Easton about one year; after his attendance at the college, he taught public school one term—for the most part, he worked to earn the means to educate himself—alternating the work with the schooling. In 1841, he began reading medicine at Le Raysville, Bradford Co., Penn., and later attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and then began practice with his preceptor, and later by himself, in Towanda, and in 1851 he again attended the Jefferson College and graduated from the same, and two years later, he came to Illinois and located near Mount Carroll, Ills., where he bought a farm and opened an office in Mount Carroll, where he practiced for twelve years, when he came to Wheaton and has practiced here since. In 1869, the Doctor began lecturing in the Hahnemann Medical College, and continued lectures seven years, and since then he has been connected Eméritus Professor of the Chicago Homœopathic College, lecturing occasionally, and during the past seven years the Doctor has attended his office in Chicago two days each week. He is a member of the American Institute of Homœopathy, the Western Academy of Medicine, Illinois State Medical Society and the Academy of Medicine, Chicago. In 1843, he married Miss Betsy, daughter of Dr. L. C. Belding, of Bradford County, Penn. They had four children, two living, one son and a daughter.

HIRAM B. PATRICK, farmer and dealer in stock, P. O. Wheaton. Came to county in 1845.

A. G. RANSOM, farming, P. O. Wheaton, is a native of Du Page County, Ill., born in the year 1845, and is the only child of A. S. and Melissa (Bingham) Ransom, who were natives

of New York and Connecticut ; they married in Ohio. He came to Illinois when a single man about the year 1840, and a few years later went to Ohio, where he was married, and then came to Illinois again and occupied the claim where he now lives. He was a soldier in a dragoon company, under Maj. De Acker, in the war of 1812. Our subject was raised a farmer, and received a common school education. At the age of sixteen he began managing the home farm. In 1868, he married Miss Christina Steven, a native of Du Page County, Ill., and daughter of Alex. Steven. She died August 25, 1871. June 20, 1877, he married Miss Lizzie A. Moore, a native of Canada. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents. By the marriage there are two children—Aning R. and Cornelia M. He is a Republican in politics ; has served as Highway Commissioner for six years. In 1864, Mr. Ranson began the business of threshing and has conducted a thresher most of the time since. He owns 120 acres located three miles northwest of Wheaton.

J. RUSSELL SMITH, editor and proprietor Wheaton *Illinoian* and Turner Junction *News*, Wheaton, is a native of Bluff Dale, Greene Co., Ill. He was born in the year 1838, and is the second of nine children born to Charles K. and Lucretia M. (Gray) Smith, who were natives of Woodstock, Vt.; they married there, and in the year 1836 came West. He was a publisher in his native State, and upon coming to Illinois published the "*Back Woodsman*" a paper owned and edited by Mr. John Russell. He also published the *Mississippi* at Rock Island, and later became editor and proprietor of the Monmouth *Atlas*, of Monmouth, Ill., and after a connection of some eleven years with the paper he retired to the farm, and later was engaged in the mercantile business at Monmouth, and in 1878 he moved to California, and is now located at San Diego, with his wife and daughter. Our subject lived with his parents until he became of age, and in addition to the com-

mon schools he attended a short term at the Monmouth College. He early became initiated in the way of printing, beginning in his father's office when nine years of age, and worked until his father sold out and retired to the farm ; he then assisted at farming until he became of age, when he again entered a printing office and worked at his trade. During 1861, he became Deputy Postmaster of Monmouth, and next engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a general store for several years. He then moved to California, Mo., where he published the "*Loyal Missourian*," and a few years later he went to St. Louis, and worked at his trade for a year or two. He then worked at Bellville, Ill., a few years, when, in 1870, he came to Wheaton, and bought the Wheaton *Illinoian*, which he has published since. In 1871, he established the Turner Junction *News*, which he has published since. In 1865, he married Miss Mary E. Clark, a native of New York. She came to Warren County, Ill., with her parents, when she was young. By this marriage there have been five children, of whom four are living. Mr. Smith first voted for Lincoln, and has been a member of the Republican party since.

W. G. SMITH, attorney, is a native of Rutland County, Vt., born in the year 1816, September 6. He was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. At the age of seventeen, he engaged as a clerk in a general merchandise store, and clerked nearly one year. He then sold goods by wagon for a season. At about the age of eighteen, he began reading law with Judge William C. Kitridge, and, after a year, owing to his sight, he began clerking again, reading at leisure. In 1845, he engaged in the grocery business for himself at Whitehall, N. Y.; continued about two or three years. He then came West and located in Du Page County, Ill., on a farm near Warrenville, where he farmed one year. He then returned East, to Whitehall, where he

remained four years—two as Captain of a steam towboat, and two as Constable and Deputy Sheriff—then returned to Illinois, and located near Warrenville, and farmed there three years, when he moved to Huntley, McHenry County, and carried on a farm. While here, he served as Coroner and Associate Justice. After five years' residence, he returned to Warrenville and engaged in the fire insurance business, and, in 1864, he came to Wheaton. During his residence in Illinois, he practiced more or less before Justices, and, in 1867, he was admitted a member of the bar, and has practiced here since. In 1870, he was elected State's Attorney, and held the office for four years. In 1844, he married Miss Catharine Miller, a native of New York. She died in 1845. In 1847, he married Miss Mary E. Manville, a native of New York. By the marriage there have been three children, two of whom are living.

JOHN SMITH, farmer, P. O. Prospect Park, is a native of Yorkshire, England, born January 29, 1822, and, when about six or seven years of age, was put into a cotton factory, receiving 1 shilling per week, and he remained there until he was about eighteen years of age. He then took a position in a dye wool mill, and worked there until he came to the United States, in 1844, and located in Wayne County, Mich., where he worked at clearing an eighty-acre piece of land his uncle, James Smith, who came over with him, left him at his death. In 1856, he came to Illinois and settled in De Witt County, where he and his brother Joseph took up a half-section of Illinois Central Railroad land, and farmed it for a number of years, when they sold out, and, in 1865, came to Du Page County and bought 190 acres in the vicinity of Prospect Park, where they farmed until 1876, when John Smith bought his brother Joseph's interest, the latter going to Maryland. Mr. Smith lived on the farm until February, 1882, when

he moved where he now lives, in Prospect Park. He married Miss Ann Smith, a native of Yorkshire, England, who came to the United States in 1844. By the marriage, six children were born, of whom four are living—Mary J., now Mrs. Dodge, of Prospect Park; Joseph, farmer in Crawford County, Iowa; Mattie, now Mrs. McChesney, of Prospect Park; Charles, at home. Mr. Smith first voted for Gen. Scott, and has since voted for Fremont, Lincoln, Grant, Greeley, Tilden and Hancock.

ALEXANDER SPROUT, farming, P. O. Wheaton, is a native of Guernsey County, Ohio, born in the year 1822. He was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education, such as obtained in the old log schoolhouses; he also taught school a number of terms during the winters. His mother died when he was about six years of age, and when he became twelve his father moved to Sandusky, and about one year later he began working by the month, and continued working out some ten years. In 1841, he married Miss Anna Fry, a native of Stark County, Ohio, and resident of Sandusky. About a year later they came West to Du Page County, Ill., renting the old Jewell place in Milton Township the first season, and the next year bought forty acres where he now resides, gradually adding to his place until increased to 180 acres, located about three miles northwest of Wheaton. By the marriage there have been ten children, of whom seven are living. He is a Republican.

WILLIAM F. SPROUT, farming, P. O. Wheaton, is a native of Milton Township, Du Page County; born on his father's farm in 1846, and lived at home until 1869, and has always followed farming. In 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Infantry, Company H, and served about five months. He returned home from the army, and in 1869, he married Miss Francis E. Jayne, a daughter of Mr. Horace Jayne, of Wheaton.

She was born in Susquehanna County, Penn., and came to Illinois with her parents when young. After the marriage, he located on a small farm in Winfield Township, and farmed there about two years. He then rented in this neighborhood a few years, then bought his present place, which consists of ninety acres, located three miles northwest of Wheaton. By the marriage there have been five children, viz., Jessie M., Ernest W., Grace L., Alexander C., Melvin R. Mr. Sprout is Republican, though he has not taken any active part in politics.

PHILO W. STACY, farmer, P. O. Prospect Park, Ill., is a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., born January 13, 1833, and is the youngest and only surviving child of Moses and Joan (Kimball) Stacy. He was born in Massachusetts in the year 1795, and was raised a farmer. In 1824, he married Miss Joan Kimball, a native of Connecticut, born in the year 1804. Her father was a farmer, and moved to Massachusetts in 1816. After the marriage, they moved to Vermont, where they farmed about five years, when they moved to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and in 1835 they came to Illinois, intending to locate at Hennepin; but not liking that county, they located here in Du Page County. They were on the main road to Chicago, and the circumstances of the times started them into a sort of hotel business. Indeed, for a few years, a sign was extended. Mr. Stacy continued on the place until his death, June 15, 1870. Mrs. Stacy has lived on the old homestead ever since. Philo W. lived at home until he was twenty-three years of age. He attended the common schools and an academy. On becoming twenty-three, he bought a place adjoining the old homestead, and lived on it until his father's death; since which time he has lived in the old home. February 22, 1853, he married Miss Betsy D. Taylor, a native of New York. Of their three children, two are living, viz.: Carrie A. and Fannie M. Mr. Stacy has held the office of Collector, Road

Commissioner and Constable. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Baptist Church for thirty years.

JOHN SUTCLIFFE, of Sutcliffe & Kelley, grain, lumber and agricultural implements, is a native of Huntingdonshire, Eng.; he was born in the year 1830; he received a common school education; at the age of thirteen, he apprenticed to the milling trade in Bythorn, serving seven years, after which he worked one year as a journeyman at Thrapstone, and in 1852 he came to the United States and stopped in Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity about twenty months, following his trade; he then returned to England and visited about six months, when he again came to the United States and located in Chicago, where he followed his trade, being in charge of the Hydraulic City Mills, which, at that time, also supplied the city with water, remaining until the mill was torn down, about 1854; he then came to Du Page County and started a mill for Chicago parties in the town of Addison, which he conducted some two years; he then came to Wheaton and took charge of the mill, and after about one year he rented the mill and conducted it on his own account, continuing until the destruction of the mill by fire, in which Mr. Sutcliffe lost all his property; he then opened a small flour and feed store, occupying a portion of what is now his present warehouse, which he continued a few years; he then moved to Kenosha, Wis., where he bought a farm and followed farming about three years; he then sold out and returned to Wheaton and formed a partnership in the grain, lumber and coal business, and, through several changes in the firm, Mr. Sutcliffe has continued in the business to this day. Mr. S. is Republican. He married Miss Martha M. Muzzey, a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Du Page County with her parents, who settled in Bloomingdale Township; seven children, five living.

ALVIN SEAMANS, retired, P. O. Wheaton, Ill., is a native of Ashfort, Windham Co.,

Conn., born in the year 1817, and was raised on a farm. He lived at home until he was past eighteen, when he went to Pomfret, where he lived over a year, working by the month on the farm, and in December, 1836, he started for Illinois, coming through by team to Warrenville, where he hired to the Messrs. Gary as a farm hand; after some five months, for which he drew \$11 per month, he removed to Deacon Clark's, who paid him \$25 per month, and continued working transiently until December following, when he went to the Benjamin settlement and took care of his cousin, Mr. Samuel Gary, who was sick, and in April, 1839, he made a claim in Wayne Township and occupied the same, but in July following he sold out and made a claim about half a mile west of where Wheaton now stands, and lived there until 1871, when he retired to his present place. In April, 1839, he married Miss Almira Munyan, a native of Thompson, Windham Co., Conn. She came to this county in 1838, and died January 7, 1870, leaving eight children. May 15, 1870, he married Betsy M. Barber, a native of Benson, Vt. Mr. Seamans has held the office of School Director for some seven years; he has also served as Road Commissioner; he is Republican in his politics, and one of the first in his precinct to vote anti-slavery; he was brought up a Baptist, but has for the past twenty years been a member of the Congregational Church, and has acted as Deacon for the past seventeen years. Soon after the laying-out of Wheaton, Mr. Seamans was made the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, which was the first formed in Wheaton.

ALEXANDER STEVEN, farmer, Wheaton, Ill. Is a native of Scotland, born in the year 1821, and is the third of nine children born to James and Janet (McGown) Steven, who were natives of Scotland, and married there. He was a farmer, and about 1831 the family came to Canada, where they engaged in farming. Mrs. Steven died in Canada, and Mr. Steven

lives there to this day, being now in his ninety-fourth year. Alexander lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age. He received a common school education. In 1843, he came to the United States and settled in Du Page County, working by the month for one year, and then settled on his present place, which he pre-empted, and has lived here ever since. In 1845, he married Miss Elizabeth Fry, a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents. She died September 10, 1876. They had ten children, of whom seven are living. September 26, 1876, he married Mrs. Green, formerly Miss Fidelia Drake, a native of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and came to Du Page County, Ill., in May, 1866. By the present marriage there are two children. Mr. S. is a Republican; was strong anti-slavery. Has 240 acres of land located on Sections 4 and 6, he residing on the latter, distanced three miles northwest of Wheaton.

S. P. SEDGWICK, M. D., is a native of Westmoreland, Oneida County, N. Y., born February 7, 1822. He received a common school course of study, and also attended Cazenovia Seminary about one year. At the age of eighteen, he began reading medicine under his father, Dr. Parker Sedgwick, and in February, 1843, he graduated from the Medical Department of the Geneva College, New York, and then began practice in his native town, and the following year came to Bloomingdale Township, Du Page County, Ill., where his parents had settled the year previous. He and his father practiced together some two years, after which he practiced alone, moving from the farm to the village of Bloomingdale, where he remained for twenty years. He then came to Wheaton, where he has since lived. In 1877, he was appointed by Gov. Cullom, County Judge, holding the office until December following, when he received the nomination of the Republican party, but declined to run. Except one year, the Doctor has been the

Chairman of the County Republican Committee since the organization of the party. While residing in Bloomingdale, the Doctor held the office of Justice of the Peace for eighteen years, and also four years in Wheaton. He has also held the office of President of the Town Council of Wheaton three years.

JOHN SAUER, hardware, cutlery, etc., is a native of Hiszbach, Bavaria, born in the year 1824. He received a common school education, and at the age of twelve he apprenticed to the tailor's trade and served three years, and worked as a journeyman until 1846. He then came to America, and worked at his trade in New York City for nearly three years. He then came West to Geneva, Kane Co., Ill., where he worked about five years. He then, in 1854, came to Wheaton, where he opened a clothing store and did a general tailoring business, which he continued some twelve years, when he closed out and engaged in the hardware business, which he has continued to this day. Of late years, his son, Peter K. Sauer, has the active management of the business. In 1847, he married Miss Catherine Winter, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, near Frankfort. They had eight children, six living—John P., married, lives in Wheaton; Peter K., at home; Adam J., married, lives in Kane County, Ill.; Boniface, Catharine and Elizabeth, in Kane County with their brother. Mr. Sauer has always been a Democrat, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church since his birth. He has held the office of Town Councilman of Wheaton. He has a farm one and one-half miles southwest of Wheaton, which he purchased some twelve years ago, and carries on by tenant.

L. C. STOVER, County Treasurer, is a native of York County, Penn., born October 7, 1842. He was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. In 1854, the family came to Du Page County, Ill., and bought a farm in Milton Township. L. C. lived on the farm until August, 1862, when he

enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry, and continued with the command until the spring of 1864, when he received his discharge, owing to an accident while on the train with a portion of his company, being conveyed to Chattanooga. As soon as able, he returned to Du Page County, York Township, and engaged in clerking, and part of the time as Collector of York Township. He was out of health, and visited Pennsylvania several times, and, while there in 1873, he was elected, and returned and entered the duties in December of that year, and has held the office since. In 1876, he married Miss Jennie A. Eggleston, of Jackson, Mich. He is a Republican in politics.

H. J. TRAVER, farmer; P. O. Wheaton; is a native of Montgomery County, N. Y.; born in the year 1827, and is the sixth child in a family of nine children born to George and Elizabeth (Plautz) Traver. They were natives of New York. About 1835 or 1836, they moved to Summit County, Ohio, where they followed farming. George Traver died in Summit County, Ohio, about the year 1837, owing to an accident while cutting with an ax. The family then moved to Medina County and lived on the farm. Our subject received a very limited common-school course of study, and, at the age of seventeen, he apprenticed to the carriage-maker's trade and served three years. He then opened a shop of his own in Wadsworth Township, and continued in the business for some twenty-eight years, employing from twenty to thirty men. During part of the time, he also carried on a branch shop at Ashland. He sold out his business and lived one year in Ashland. Having invested largely in Chicago real estate, he came West with the view of looking after his property and handling real estate. In 1872, he moved to Wheaton, and occupied his present place in 1873, where he has lived since. His mother, who had lived with him, died here on the farm

in 1877. In 1850, Mr. Traver married Miss Charlotte Beach, a native of Wadsworth, Medina Co., Ohio. She died in 1855. They had two children, viz., Emily, now Mrs. Grote, of Wheaton, and Marietta, now Mrs. Turner, of Ann Arbor, Mich. As second wife, he married Miss Clarissa A. Andrews, a native of Akron, Ohio. She died in February, 1882. They have six children—Ida, Cora, Ella, Gurta, Jessie, Ruby. Mr. T. has ninety-seven acres, located one and one-fourth miles east of Wheaton.

G. B. VASTINE, Postmaster, Wheaton, is a native of Northumberland County, Penn., born in the year 1839, and is the youngest of ten children born to Lewis and Martha (Boone) Vastine. They were natives of Pennsylvania. Martha Boone was the daughter of Hezekiah Boone, a second cousin of Daniel Boone. Lewis Vastine and family came West in 1854, and settled near Elgin, where he bought a large land interest, and engaged in farming, where, also, he died in 1859 or 1860. Mrs. Vastine died in Wheaton in 1879. G. B. lived at home until after the death of his father; he received a limited common-school course of study. The family remained on the farm until 1865. In 1862, G. B. went to California, where he remained one year. He then returned by the ship Ariel, which had, on its way from New York to Aspinwall, been captured by the Alabama, and, owing to the passengers being mostly women and children, the vessel was not destroyed. On the return, the ship did not use lights, as the Alabama was on the lookout, determined to destroy her. Returning home, he then went to Bloomingdale, where he engaged in the general store business for one year, when he sold out and went on a farm at Elgin, and shortly after engaged in the shoe trade in Elgin; thence to Wheaton, where, in company with others, he opened a general store, which was conducted several years. He then engaged in building houses, which he sold, and

continued until 1875, when he was appointed Postmaster of Wheaton, which office he has held since. In 1866, he married Miss Effie D. Sedgwick, a daughter of Dr. Sedgwick, of Wheaton. They have six children. He is a Republican.

HON. WARREN L. WHEATON, P. O. Wheaton, was born in Pomfret, Windham County, Conn., March 6, 1812, son of James and Nancy Lyon Wheaton, who were also natives of Windham County. Warren L. received his education in the Pomfret schools and at Woodstock Academy, and at the age of nineteen began teaching school during the winters and worked on the farm during the summer. In 1837, he started for the West, going to Hartford by stage, thence by water to Albany and to Schenectady by railroad, then the only railroad in the State; then by the Erie Canal and the lakes to Chicago, where he arrived June 1, and footed it to Gary's Mill, where he made his headquarters and traveled over the country very extensively, by horse, visiting Helena and Madison, Wis., Ottawa, La Salle and Quincy, Ill., St. Louis, and returning via Galena, Ill. In June, 1838, he located a section of land. Soon after, while sick, he had a narrow escape from the burning of Messrs. Gary's house, where he was stopping. In 1838, he put out eighteen acres of wheat. June 25, 1848, he married Miss Harriet E. Rickard, a native of Pomfret, Windham Co., Conn., born June 10, 1826, and came to Du Page County, with her parents, when she was young; she died May 29, 1863. By the marriage there were six children. During the summer of 1848, he received the nomination of the Democratic party as candidate to the Legislature; was elected and took an active part in the deliberations of that body. He was one of the Committee on township organization, which was the first of the township organization, and under that organization was elected Supervisor in 1850. Mr. Wheaton is one of the original proprietors of the town bearing

his name, and which has prospered much, owing to his liberal favors, he, with his brother, first obtaining the good will of the railroad by donating the right of way for two miles. He took an active part in securing Wesleyan, now Wheaton College, and gave liberally to the same.

JESSE C. WHEATON, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, is a native of Pomfret, Windham Co., Conn., and he was born March 27, 1813. His father was soldier in the war of 1812, and his grandfather was a veteran of the Revolution. His mother died Nov. 15, 1814, aged twenty-nine, in Pomfret. Our subject was raised on the farm, and received the usual district school education, and at the age of seventeen apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, serving three years; he then went to Worcester, Mass., and in 1837 left the latter place, by stage, for Norwich, Conn., and thence by the Sound, Hudson River, Erie Canal and the Lakes to Chicago where he arrived July 1, and worked at his trade a few months. He then came to Warrenton and worked on Gary's mill, after which he built several barns, etc. March 26, 1839, he married Miss Orinda Gary, and settled on his claim which had been made for him in 1837, by Messrs. Erastus and Jude Gary. A house was built and some land broke in 1838. This year a party jumped the claim but was afterward bought off, and Mr. Wheaton has lived on the place since. By the marriage there has been nine children. Mr. Wheaton was one of the the original proprietors of the town bearing his name, and has been actively identified with its history, and interested in its growth. He labored to obtain and subscribed liberally to the construction fund of the Wesleyan, now Wheaton College. As a partisan he has been identified with the Whig, Free-Soil and Republican parties, he casting one of the four votes in this county for James G. Birney in 1840. He served on the first Iowa Town Council, under the charter, and as School Director, for sixteen

years, during which time he was also Secretary of the Board. He took an active part in securing to Wheaton the present elegant public school, and has served his township in the capacity of Collector, Assessor and Road Commissioner. Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton and the family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he for forty-four years and she for fifty-three years.

OLIVER B. WILCOX, retired, was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., in the year 1818; he received a limited common school course of study, and at the age of twelve united with the Congregational Church; he worked on the farm at home until he became of age, and thereafter in the neighborhood until his twenty-sixth year, when he married Miss Esther A., daughter of Josiah Sheldon, of Berkshire County, and farmed the home farm; soon after his marriage his father died, and he bought out the heirs, and remained on the place some ten years, when he sold out, and with his family and mother moved to Owego, N. Y., intending to enter in partnership with his brother, the Rev. Samuel C. Wilcox, who owned a farm there, and had started a boarding school for boys. In February following the removal to New York, his mother died, and the Rev. Samuel C. Wilcox died in March. O. B. remained about one year settling up affairs, and then moved to Illinois, locating at Como, in Whiteside County. While there in 1857, he had a stroke of paralysis, losing his voice and the use of his right side, and was laid up for some time, and was gradually restored. In 1860, his wife died, leaving three children, one son and two daughters. In 1864, he married Mrs. L. S. Mead, widow of Dr. T. Mead, of Batavia, Ill., to which place they soon moved. She had two children living at this time, one son and one daughter, an invalid, who died in July following, and in October his eldest daughter died also. In 1865, he bought a farm in Du Page County, three miles east of Bata-

via, which he occupied with his family, and in 1875 moved to Wheaton, where his wife died April 5, 1880. In July, 1881, Mr. Wilcox received a sudden stroke of paralysis, which seemed to threaten his life. He finally thought of sending to Dr. Collins, the great faith doctor of Boston, when his mind was impressed, most forcibly with the question, Why write to Dr. Collins? God is by your side; he placed his faith in God and asked for a cure; instantly a peculiar sensation came over him and lasted one hour, and he was able to assist himself and to walk thereafter, causing much surprise to his neighbors and friends, both at home and abroad; he received so many letters of inquiry about the faith cure, that finally a pamphlet giving the matter in detail was printed, and over 1,000 circulated.

WILLIAM H. WAGNER, blacksmith, Prospect Park, Ill., is a native of Hamburg, Berks Co., Penn., born in the year 1829. At the age of nineteen, he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade in his native village, serving two and one-half years. He then worked as a journeyman

nearly one year, when he started for the West, locating at Newton Station, later Danby, now Prospect Park. At that time, the railroad was a single track slab rail, and only a switch at Newton Station. Mr. Wagner was one of the first settlers, and now the only resident one. In the fall, he bought out a shop which had just been established, and has successfully conducted the business ever since. In 1851, he married Miss Lovina S. Weidman, a native of Berks County, Penn. By the marriage there have been ten children, of whom eight are living. Mr. Wagner has held the office of School Director for twelve years, and has been Supervisor of Milton Township for four years, being Chairman the latter year; he is now a Town Trustee of the newly incorporated village of Prospect Park. He is a Democrat in politics, and though not a member he has been an attendant of the Congregational Church, of which he has been Treasurer for the past nine years. Mr. Wagner started in the world without any means, and by strict attendance to his business he has gained an ample competency.

DOWNER'S GROVE TOWNSHIP.

A. B. AUSTIN, nursery, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in Columbia County, N. Y., July 1, 1832. His father, Charles G. Austin, born December 3, 1808, in Berkshire County, Mass., was one of seven children born to Amos and Jerusha (Callender) Austin. When fifteen years old, he began learning the tanning, shoemaking and harness-making business, at which he worked six years. He then engaged in the business on his own account for some time at different places. He came to Illinois in 1848. Was married, 1826, to Catharine, daughter of Asahel and Mary (Rockerfeller) Blakeman, born in Columbia County, N. Y., August 23, 1809. They have had five children, viz., Asel

B. (subject), Deidamia, Charles, Elvira and Esther. Subject attended school and worked with his father until thirteen years old, after which he lived with his grandfather in New York two years. He was married, in this county, August 31, 1854, to Susan Havens, born in this county February 26, 1837, daughter of Lauren and Charlotte (Ranney) Havens, he born in Oneida County, N. Y., October 11, 1799, she born in Ashfield, Mass., April 22, 1801. Mrs. Austin's parents came to Cass, this county, in 1836, where her mother died November 15, 1855, and her father December 9, 1876, at the subject's home. They had seven children. Subject settled for a short

time in Cass, where, in 1856, he entered into partnership with Albert Havens in the nursery business. He made one or two changes before 1869, when he began his present extensive nursery business, having as partner Mr. E. A. Crittendon. They have thirty acres, well stocked with a full line of fruit, ornamental and shade trees—in fact, everything to be found in a first-class nursery. Mr. and Mrs. Austin are the parents of five children, viz., Lauren G. (deceased), Mary Estella, Edith Catharine, Mabel Gertrude and Francis Charles (deceased). Mr. Austin was Town Clerk two terms while at Cass; has also served in other offices; has been Sunday School Superintendent for twelve years in the Universalist organization to which he and his wife belong; was President of the Union League two years. He is a Democrat. His brother Charles served in Company B, Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His grandfathers Austin and Blakeman were in the Revolutionary war, in which the latter was killed.

B. AUSTIN, retired farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, is a native of Hancock, Berkshire County, Mass., born July 28, 1809, son of George and Roxy (Ely) Austin, natives of Massachusetts, he a blacksmith by trade. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom the following are living: Noah E., George, John B. (subject), Eleanor, Sarah and Caroline. Subject attended the country schools during the winter seasons, and in summer worked on a farm by the month. He married, February 6, 1832, Lucinda Jenks, who has borne him five children, of whom four are living—Daniel, Thomas, Sarah (married John Gager) and Delia. Mrs. Austin is a daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Ellis) Jenks, who were natives of Massachusetts and parents of twelve children, of whom the following are living—Welcome, Lucinda, Nancy, Albina and Ellis. Mr. Austin, after his marriage, settled in Chenango County, N. Y., where he carried on farming four years,

then after moving to different places, finally settled in York Township, this county, in 1844, where he remained engaged in farming twenty years. In 1864, he came to Downer's Grove, bought a property, and has since lived there. He has accumulated considerable property by his own labors; he first settled in a log cabin, and now has 260 acres of well improved, fifteen acres of timber, three lots and sixteen and a half acres in Downer's Grove, beside 100 acres in Downer's Grove Township. Mr. Austin has held several small offices. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church at Downer's Grove.

PERRY J. ASHTON, farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born December 8, 1846, in Livingston County, N. Y.; is a son of Palmer and Sally (Bush) Ashton, natives of Tompkins County, N. Y. His parents came to Illinois in 1865, and his father engaged some time afterward in a butcher shop at Hinsdale, this being the first one of the place. He and wife are now living in Boone County, Iowa, the former a member of the Christian Church, and the latter of the Baptist. Our subject is one of five children, and being attentive to his studies, obtained a good common school education. He worked in his father's meat market until 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-fourth New York Cavalry Volunteers, in which he served two years. In the beginning of the battle of Petersburg he received a sunstroke, from which he has never fully recovered. Soon after leaving the army, he came to Hinsdale, and rented land of Bush and Howard for two years. In 1867, he married Mary A. Roth, daughter of David Roth, of Hinsdale. They have had five children—Willie, Ida, Mamie, Edith (deceased) and Clara. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton remained one year on the farm of the latter's father, and then went to Western Springs, where they erected the first house in that place. He was next engaged with his father in the butcher business for four years, after which he made several trades of property until he procured

his present farm of twenty-nine acres in Downer's Grove Township. This land is well improved, and contains one of the best orchards in the county. Mr. Ashton and wife were members of the Baptist Church of this place, until it disbanded on account of the scarcity of members. He votes the Greenback ticket.

E. S. ANDRUS, farmer, P. O. Lemont, Cook County, was born in this county December 27, 1835, and was probably the first white child born in what is now Downer's Grove Township. He was married, in 1862, to Aphthia, a daughter of Andrew and Phœbe (Daily) McMillan, residents of this township and parents of nine children. Mr. and Mrs. Andrus are the parents of four children, namely, Frankie M., Albert R., Marvin P. and Phœbe M. He settled on his present farm of fifty acres in 1867, and has made good improvements. His father, Thomas Andrus, was among the first settlers of Chicago, having come there about 1833; he was born in Vermont January 26, 1801, and is a son of Lincoln and Amy (Short) Andrus, natives of Massachusetts. Thomas was married, in 1823, to Philena Fox, by whom he was given two children, viz., Mary (Mrs. Moses Walton), Elizabeth (Mrs. Lorenzo Walton). Mrs. Andrus died and Thomas was married, March 23, 1835, to Melissa A., daughter of John and Zerua (Sanford) Snow. After going to Chicago, he worked at carpentering, and drove the first pile in the Chicago River. In 1835, he settled on eighty acres of land, a part of his present farm of 130 acres. He kept a hotel in a log cabin, and was Postmaster for fourteen years. Mr. Andrus began breaking the wild prairie with an ox team and a plow with a wooden mold-board. He has been Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Town Clerk and Assessor. He assessed the township in 1870. He and family are stanch Republicans. Thomas cast his first vote for Jackson. The companion of Mr. Thomas is yet with him, yet very feeble.

She was married, prior to that with him, to Dwight Bartlett, the result being one child, Horace D., a farmer in California.

ANSON AYERS, retired farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born in Romulus, Seneca Co., N. Y., February 17, 1819; son of Zebulon and Sarah (Scudder) Ayers, natives of New Jersey and parents of nine children, four of whom are living—Augustus D., Louise (Mrs. Gurney, of Chicago), Nancy (Mrs. Hannah, of Chicago) and Anson. His parents were Presbyterians; his father, born January 22, 1775, died July 25, 1828. His mother, born December 20, 1780, died December 29, 1864. Anson received an ordinary education in the district schools, and at the age of seventeen apprenticed to the carriage maker's trade, at which he worked till he was twenty-one, when he attended an academy for a time and afterward taught school for a short time. He then engaged in farming, which he followed in his native State twelve years, after which he engaged in a saddlery, hardware and leather store, with D. Gurney & Steele, in Peoria, Ill., remaining with that firm about twenty years, and doing well. He then engaged in the saw-milling business in Gurney, Mich., for about eighteen months. In 1867, he came to Naperville, this county, renting a farm there one year; then bought eighty acres, now in the corporation of Hinsdale, where he now lives. In Peoria, Ill., September 3, 1861, he married Mary J. Mish, who has borne him three children—Charles, born August 25, 1862, died December 1, 1864; Mary Louise, born December 4, 1864; and Frank E., born August 4, 1867, now employed in a railroad office in Chicago. Mrs. Ayers was born in Franklin County, Penn., March 30, 1830, and is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Gillam) Mish, natives of Franklin County, Penn. He died in November, 1837. She, born in 1806, is still living. Mr. Ayers and family are members of the Congregational Church. He is a Republican.

FREDERICK ANDERMANN, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in Hassbergen, Hanover, Germany, January 20, 1843, and is the only child of John and Dorothea (Strangmann) Andermann; he, residing with subject, born in Hassbergen, Hanover, Germany, September 28, 1809; she, born in Heemsen, Hanover, Germany, February 14, 1805, died May 25, 1876. Mr. Andermann obtained a good common-school education in both the German and English languages. In Downer's Grove, September 21, 1866, he married Sophia Marguerite Schramm, born in Wietzen, Hanover, Germany, November 15, 1841, daughter of Wilhelm and Marguerite (Palm) Schramm; he, born in Wietzen, Hanover, Germany, died in July, 1871; she, born in Grane, Hanover, Germany. Mrs. Andermann's parents came to Illinois in 1862 and settled in Cook County. Mr. and Mrs. Andermann have been blessed with seven children, four boys and three girls—William F., Henry F. W., John C. H., Frederick G. A., Louisa M. F., May D. and Emma S. Mr. Andermann is engaged in farming 122 acres of fine land owned by himself and father, the attainment of their joint labors. Mr. Andermann is also clerk of the Downer's Grove Insurance Company. He has held several small offices in the county. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN ATWOOD, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in England January 13, 1819. His parents, John and Jane (Knight) Atwood, were also natives of same country, and parents of three children. Subject attended school but a few days, and at the age of ten began herding sheep at 25 cents per week. At fourteen years of age, he hired with a farmer at £3 per year, and at the end of nine years his wages were increased to £11 per year. He was married in 1844 to Sarah Shaldrick, and started immediately for Illinois, and soon after landing settled where he now resides. He bought, in partnership with Mr. Batrom, eighty-eight acres

of prairie and eight acres of timber. Batrom soon died, and Mr. Atwood became owner of the farm, save eight acres, which was left to the widow of Mr. Batrom. Our subject has but four children living—Thomas, Albert, Jane and Eliza; he had one son, named William, who died in Company D, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. By careful labor and strict economy, Mr. Atwood has succeeded in increasing his farm to 150 acres, and has improved the same, making it one of the best farms in the county. He is a Republican.

I. P. BLODGETT, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in Belchertown, Mass., September 14, 1823, son of Israel P. and Avis (Dodge) Blodgett. He born in Amherst, Mass., March 4, 1797, came to Will County, Ill., in 1831, with his family; settled on a farm, where he remained till 1835; then sold out, and in February, 1836, bought a farm where Downer's Grove now stands, where he lived until his death, which occurred November 24, 1861. He served in the Black Hawk war. His wife was a native of Belchertown, Mass., born June 5, 1796, and died in Chicago March 10, 1882. They were members of the first Congregational Church founded in Northern Illinois, and were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living. Subject remained at home till 1849, when he went to California, where he engaged in mining, stock-dealing and merchandising till 1858, when he returned home. In Downer's Grove, August 30, 1859, he married Mary M., daughter of Alonzo C. and Rosalind (Hyde) Blodgett, natives of Amherst, Mass., he born April 24, 1805; she, born July 13, 1809, died November 16, 1849. From this union three children have been born—Edward A., Charles P. and Cora C. Mrs. Blodgett was born at South Hadley, Mass., May 13, 1833. Her parents had five children, of whom three are living. After his marriage, Mr. Blodgett settled in Lisle Township, this county, where he lived till March, 1882, when he moved to Downer's

Grove. He owns 116 acres of land in Lisle Township, makes a specialty of breeding Clydesdale horses, and brought the first imported horse to this county. He is a Republican. His wife is a member of the Congregational Church in Lisle Township. While in Lisle Township, he filled the offices of Road Commissioner, Town Clerk and Justice of the Peace.

ALFRED BUNNEL, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born June 21, 1813, in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.; is a son of Moses A. and Lola (Hitchcock) Bunnel, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Connecticut. His father was a weaver in his younger days, and kept a country hotel on the old military road from Plattsburg; was called out to serve with the militia in the war of 1812; was at Ogdensburg when the British attacked that place. Our subject attended school and worked on his father's farm until the latter gave him twelve acres of land, when he purchased thirty-three acres more, thus making a good farm of forty-five acres. This he remained upon till 1854, when he sold it and came to Illinois, where he purchased his present farm of seventy-eight acres, which is among the best ones of this township. In 1841, he married Nancy J. Harmon, who has blessed him with two children; viz., Robert F. and George R. The former married Mary Persons, a daughter of Charles E. and Elvena (Dwight) Persons, natives of Jefferson Co., N. Y. George R. married Nettie, a sister of his brother's wife. Mr. Bunnel, although sixty-nine years of age, is hale and hearty, and gives his personal attention to the farm. He is not an office-seeker. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

FRANKLIN BLANCHARD, miller, and manufacturer of cheese and butter, is a native of Downer's Grove. He was born November 7, 1838, son of Walter and Alvira (Norris) Blanchard, natives of New York. Walter Blanchard was born March 31, 1807; came with his family to Downer's Grove in 1836, and bought a farm of

103 acres. During the late war he was Captain of Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was wounded at the battle of Mission Ridge, and died at Chattanooga December 4, 1863, seven days after being wounded; he was a Probate Judge in this county for seven years, and resigned the position to enter the army. His wife was born in Orange County, N. Y., April 8, 1821. They had four children—Franklin, William, Elizabeth and Nancy. Franklin worked on the farm till he was nineteen years of age, then apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, at which he worked till 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served three years and three months. On his return from the army, he engaged in the pursuit of his trade, also ran machinery in wagon-shops in Batavia, Ill., three years, and sold and put up Halliday's windmills two and a half years. He then came to Downer's Grove, where he has since run a flouring and feed mill, taking into partnership with him in 1881, Francis Miller. He started a cheese and butter factory in December, 1881, and is doing a good business. He married in Cass, this county, April 17, 1865, Juliana Clifford, born in Barrington, Ill., July 22, 1838, daughter of Lyman and Roxana (Hawley) Clifford, he a native of Jefferson Co., N. Y., born May 24, 1809, now residing in Chicago; she is a native of Hampshire County, Mass., born August 18, 1816, died Dec. 30, 1881. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living. Mr. Blanchard is a member of Batavia Lodge, No. 404, A., F. & A. M. He has an adopted daughter, Mabel N., who was born in Batavia, Kane Co., Ill., April 28, 1874. Capt. Blanchard was a man honored and respected in the community in which he lived; he was presented with a fine gold-headed cane by the Plow Boys of Downer's Grove, as a mark of their esteem.

ISAAC S. BUSH, salesman, Hinsdale, was born July 13, 1827, in Hinsdale, Cattaraugus

Co., N. Y., and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Howe) Bush, natives of Pennsylvania. His father was a shoemaker and farmer, and was a Baptist, as was also his wife. Mr. Bush is one of eleven children; he attended school until fourteen years of age, when he entered a tannery in Buffalo. In two years, he was promoted to the position of clerk in the leather store of his uncle John Bush. In 1854, the leather firm, "Bush & Howard," sent him out as salesman, at which he was actively engaged until 1866, when he came to Hinsdale, this county, where he soon began keeping a store. At this time, he was appointed Postmaster, and was also Notary Public. In 1869, he withdrew from his former business and entered the employ of an agricultural establishment of Evansville, Ind. While in their employ, he spent most of his time in the Southern States, repairing and setting up machinery, collecting and selling everything in their line. He remained with them till 1880, at which time he was employed by a similar firm in Wisconsin. With the latter firm, he remained until recently. December 15, 1858, Mr. Bush married Hattie A. Pratt, a daughter of Welcome and Susan F. (Hunt) Pratt, natives of Vermont. This union has resulted in two children, viz., Joseph P., born October 11, 1861, and Jennie S., born December 13, 1865. Mr. Bush had the honor of naming Hinsdale after his own native town in New York. He owns a house and lot in this place, and fifteen acres of ground known as Bush's Addition to Hinsdale; is a member of Evansville Lodge, A., F. & A. M., and is a staunch Republican.

CHARLES BOCKMANN, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in Germany in 1834; is the son of Conradt and Catharine Bockman, who came to Willow Springs, Cook Co., Ill., in 1845. They had three children, viz., Margaret (now Mrs. Peter J. Lutz), Catharine (Mrs. George Haixhold), and Charles. They are Lutherans. The mother is eighty-six years old and still living. Charles attended school in Chicago about

four months. By hard work, he has become possessed of sixty-nine acres of well-improved land. In 1865, he was married to Matilda Stenter, a native of Hanover, Prussia, who came to this country with an uncle in 1864. She has blessed Mr. Bockman with eight children, as follows: Conradt, Mary, Charles, Peter, Henry, Jacob, Margaret and Emma. Mr. Bockman and wife are members of the Lutheran Church, in which he holds office.

F. BASCOM, minister, Hinsdale, was born June 8, 1804, in Lebanon, New London Co., Conn.; is the son of Abiel and Sibyl (Roberts) Bascom, natives of Connecticut. They had ten children, of whom our subject alone survives. He attended school during the winters, or about three months each year, and studied during spare moments in the summers, until he prepared himself to teach school, which occupation he followed until twenty years of age. At this period, he entered Yale College, from which he graduated with high honors in 1848. He then became a teacher in an academy at New Canaan, Conn., where he continued one year. He then took a three years' course in the Theological Seminary at Yale, at the completion of which he was appointed a tutor in the college, and held the position two years. In 1833, he came to Tazewell County, Ill., as Home Missionary, residing in Pekin, and the interior of the county, and organizing many churches. For ten years Mr. Bascom acted as agent of the American Home Missionary Society of Illinois, and was for several years pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago; was six years at Galesburg, seven years at Dover, and five years at Princeton, doing a noble work at each of these places. He built up the infant church at Hinsdale. Since 1872, he has spent his time among the weaker churches, helping to set them upon a solid foundation. He preaches now at Western Springs; was first married in 1833 to Ellen P. Cleveland, who died in 1838; was again married to Elizabeth

Sparhawk, by whom he had four children—Charles P., editor, and George S., Congregational minister; the others deceased. His second wife dying, he married Ruth Pomeroy, by whom he has one son, Henry, a physician. Mr. Bascom was one of the pioneers of this country; has lived a successful life, and although past his threescore and ten, is still hale and hearty.

PHILIP BAYER, barber, baker, confectioner, etc., Hinsdale, is a native of Germany, born January 28, 1854. His parents, John P. and Catharine (Balzar) Bayer, also natives of Germany, came here in 1871, and are now living with subject. Of their eight children, two are living—Philip and Catharine. Philip received his education in his native country, and at the age of eleven apprenticed to the barber's trade, at which he has since been chiefly engaged. His father is a tailor, and Philip spent some time at that trade also. After landing in New York City, he worked in a shop there for nine months; then came to Oak Park, Ill., where he ran a shop two years. In 1874, he bought out Jacob Bohlander, of Hinsdale, where he has since been engaged in business, with the exception of a few months of the year 1879, which he spent in Kansas, where he met with ill-fortune in business and returned to Hinsdale with but very little means, but by energy and industry has since built up a good business, his wife aiding him in his endeavors. He has a good barber shop, bakery, confectionery and general store, and is having a lucrative trade. He was married, December 15, 1877, to Magdalena Schweickart, a native of Germany, who has borne him two children, one living—Katie. Mrs. Bayer's parents—Philip and Catharine (Grass) Schweickart—came from Germany in 1866, and settled in Downer's Grove, where her mother died in 1871. Her father is now in Colorado. They had eight children, two of whom are living—Sarah (Mrs. J. W. Patricks) and Magdalena. They were Lutherans. Mr.

and Mrs. Bayer are connected with the Lutheran Church at Fullersburg.

JOHN BOHLANDER, hardware, Hinsdale, was born May 24, 1836, on board an American vessel on the Atlantic Ocean, son of John and Catharine (Glos) Bohlander, natives of Germany. John Bohlander, subject's father, emigrated with his family to America, and landed at Boston, Mass., where he remained one year; then came West, landing in Chicago in the latter part of 1837, and engaged in farming in Cook County fourteen years; then sold out and bought a farm in York Township, this county, where he died in 1862. His wife died several years previous. They had seven children—Mary, John, Margaret, Peter, Philip, Henry and Adam. Subject's father, by a second marriage, had four children—Amelia, William, Dora and Ernest. John received a limited education, and in 1859 engaged in the grocery business at York Center, and after three years sold out and bought a farm of eighty acres in Downer's Grove Township, which he afterward sold to Charles Mandel. In 1871, he opened a grocery in Hinsdale, remaining in that business six years; then sold his stock at auction and engaged in the general hardware trade with Charles Pfeifer in 1878, and has since been engaged in that business, under the firm name of Bohlander & Co., doing a good business in all kinds of farming implements, tinware, etc. He married, in 1861, Solmea Wolf, a native of France, who has borne him nine children, six living—Caroline, John, Henry, Louisa, Sarah and Emma. The three deceased were Katie, Amelia and Ellen. Mr. Bohlander was Postmaster two years while in York Center.

J. W. BUSHNELL, retired farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born March 18, 1825, in Oneida County, N. Y., son of Calvin and Polly (Williams) Bushnell. Calvin Bushnell was born in Connecticut April 29, 1781, and died May 18, 1864; he was a Presbyterian minister, of which church his wife was long a member; she was

born in New York October 9, 1787, and died January 6, 1877; they were the parents of ten children. J. W. received an ordinary education, and at twenty-eight years of age began farming on his own account. He married June 12, 1856, Mary J. Convis, born August 18, 1833, daughter of Thomas and Emeline (Peck) Convis, natives of New York, and parents of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Bushnell have two children—Charlotte L., born August 21, 1857, and Elmira A., born July 16, 1865. After his marriage, Mr. Bushnell settled in Kendall County, Ill., where he remained till 1869, when he moved to Sandwich, and invested some capital in the Sandwich Manufacturing Company. After several changes of residence, he came to Hinsdale in 1882, where he erected a fine building, and will probably locate permanently. He and his family are active members of the Congregational Church; he is a Republican. Mr. Bushnell and his brother Calvin own 240 acres of well-improved land in Iroquois County, Ill., all of which they have acquired by their own efforts. Mr. Bushnell attends to the renting of the property.

W. S. BROOKINS, hardware, Downer's Grove, was born in Vernon, N. Y., March 5, 1826, of which place his parents David and Ruby (Smith) Brookins, were natives; the family came to this county in 1838; subject's father, prior to that date had sold carriages in Chicago, and was the first in that business in the city. Subject's parents had nine children, eight living—Wooster H. (in Minnesota), Jane (now Mrs. Acy Manly, of Wisconsin), Erin (now Mrs. Z. M. Brown, Minnesota), W. S. (subject), Margaret (Mrs. A. Woods), Frances (Mrs. Dr. Le Duc), Esther, Mrs. Dr. A. Randall, Kansas), Thaddeus, and Emma (Mrs. Charles Blodgett). Subject worked on the farm till 1856, then went to Minnesota and engaged in the livery business with his brother, Wooster, at Monticello, that State, for five years. He then returned to this county

and engaged in farming six years, thence to Ogle County, Ill., bought 131 acres of land, and after farming it two years, sold out and went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he dealt in horses for five years. He then came to Chicago, engaged in the hotel business there a short time, and in 1873 came to Downer's Grove, and has since been engaged in the hardware business there in company with J. W. Rogers; they also deal in lumber, coal, etc. In 1853, he married Lucy Thompson, a native of Keene, N. H., who was killed by a train on the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Mr. Brookins was Deputy Sheriff one term, and afterward Sheriff one term in Wright County, Minn. He has an adopted child, Mary, a teacher in Chicago; is a Democrat.

JAMES M. BARR, Postmaster, Downer's Grove, was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., November 5, 1838; son of John and Emily (Smith) Barr, natives of Massachusetts. Subject attended the country schools and also at Gouverneur, N. Y., three terms, and, at the age of nineteen years, entered the employ of the Farmers' Insurance Company, remaining with that corporation for some time. In 1857, he settled at Downer's Grove and taught school one term at Cass, this township. In 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served till March, 1863. After leaving the army, he became an agent for the Farmers' Insurance Company, Freeport, and afterward for the American Insurance Company, Chicago. He was commissioned Postmaster in July, 1881. He married Sarah Whiffen, who has borne him six children, viz., Nellie, George, Harry, Lester, Edna and Ethel. Mr. Barr takes a deep interest in all public enterprises; he has been Assessor for seven years, and Police Constable for many years. He is a member of Hinsdale Lodge, No. 649, A., F. & A. M.; was first Senior Warden in same. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church of Downer's Grove.

MRS. ALMIRA CLARK, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born December 4, 1815. Her parents David and Abigail (Taylor) Wellman, natives of Connecticut, settled in Lee County, Ill., in 1847, where they died; they had ten children. Mrs. Clark attended school but little, and spent her younger days spinning flax. She was married, in 1836, to Ephraim Holley; by this marriage they had four children, one living, viz., James L., who married Rhoda Gibson (now deceased); he was in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as was also his brother Franklin, who was wounded at the battle of Chickasaw, and died in the hospital at St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Holley died in 1849, and was buried in Downer's Grove. Subject was married, in 1852, to William H. Clark, and from this union was born one child, now Mrs. Joseph Oldfield. Mrs. Clark settled on the present little farm of forty acres when it was mostly raw prairie, on which stood a little cabin which had been formerly used for a schoolhouse. She now lives with her only surviving son. She is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which she has belonged over thirty years.

CHARLES CURTISS, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born November 3, 1828, in Vermont. His parents, Samuel and Mary (Hatch) Curtiss, he of Connecticut, she of Vermont. They had five children. Samuel Hatch, born in 1789, was Postmaster here, and died in 1867; his wife, born in 1795, still survives, making her home in the village; she is eighty-six years old, and is hale and hearty. Charles attended school in this township, and also a select school at Naperville in 1848. In 1850, he and his brother Henry went to California, and engaged in mining for about five years. On his return in 1856, he was married to Laura A. Thatcher, of Ottawa, Ill., daughter of Eldred Thatcher, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss have three children—Addie H. (married Charles Calwell), Samuel (a clerk

at Hinsdale), and Alice M. Mr. Curtiss has been School Director, Township Collector and Assessor, Village Trustee, Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Board of Supervisors, to which latter position he has been elected five terms, and is the present incumbent. He has a fine residence in Downer's Grove. He cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. Scott, on the Whig ticket, and is now a staunch Republican. Himself, wife and eldest daughter are members of the Baptist Church.

R. O. CURTISS, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born October 19, 1830, in Rutland County, Vt.; is a son of Samuel and Mary (Hatch) Curtiss, natives of Vermont, and the parents of five children—Oromel, Eli W., Henry H., Charles and Roswell O. The parents came to Downer's Grove in 1836, and bought land near the present village. Here the father was recognized as one of the leading men of the township; he was Postmaster, and held other prominent positions. He died February 24, 1867. His portrait appears in this work. The mother is living at the age of eighty-six. R. O. attended school as much as was convenient. He labored on his father's farm in his younger days, and worked in a hotel which was kept by his parents for twelve years, on Maple avenue. In 1853, this building was burned and our subject began merchandising soon after, in Wheaton, in partnership with H. H. Curtiss, which he continued for four years. He then bought a farm in Du Page County, and worked on the same. In 1873, he engaged in the grocery business in Chicago with H. H. Curtiss, from which he withdrew in four years, and returned to his farm, which he still continues. He was married March 1, 1855, to Cordelia, a daughter of Silas H. and Sophia (Fowler) Lyman. She was one of six children, three of whom survive—Harriet, Cordelia and Eliza. Mr. C.'s union has blessed him with three children—Hattie, Carrie and Willie (deceased). He has served in some small offices. He and his wife are

members of the Baptist Church of Downer's Grove.

CHARLES CURTIS, farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born July 1, 1834, in Mercer, Somerset Co., Me.; is a son of Bracey and Eliza (Day) Curtis, natives of Kennebunk, Me. His father was a farmer and sailor, born in 1800; was Captain of a vessel on one trip to the West Indies; had nine children, three of whom are deceased; those living are Daniel D., a manufacturer of ladies' straw hats at Medfield, Mass.—will do \$1,500,000 worth of business this year; Irving, Lizzie S., Edward B., Martha D. and Charles, our subject. The latter attended school as much as was convenient and worked on the farm till twenty-one years of age, when he commenced work in the manufactory spoken of above. Here he remained two years, at the end of which time he began clerking in a wholesale millinery establishment, where he remained three years. In 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Ninth Maine Volunteer Infantry. In 1864, he started a grocery business in Skowhegan, Me., under the firm name of Farrand & Curtis. From this he withdrew in one year and came to Chicago, where he was engaged for one year in the wholesale millinery business with Keith Bros. In 1866, in Chicago, he married Miss A. M. Fall, a native of New York, born February 18, 1843, which union resulted in six children, viz., Minnie Edith, Edna May, Irving Claude, Lida Day, George Percy and Walter Ray. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Curtis engaged with M. Campbell in a hair manufactory. This he continued three years, when he sold out and bought six and one-half acres of land in Clarendon Hills, which he afterward traded for his present property. He rents his farm, and, during the winter, manufactures babies' straw hats in Chicago. Is a Democrat.

PEARL S. COSSITT, A. M., son of Asa C., Jr., and Ra. Seymour (Steel) Cossitt, was born in West Hartford, Conn., March 30, 1817.

His father dying when he was young, the son went to live with an uncle in Tennessee. He received a good business education, and in 1832 removed to La Grange, Tenn. He returned to New England with some means; entered Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; graduated in 1845; studied law and then theology at East Windsor and Princeton, N. J., and was licensed to preach by the Hartford Central Association. He preached at West Hartland and New Hartford Center, Conn.; then at East Long Meadow, Mass.; was ordained pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Hanover, N. J.; came West to McHenry County, Ill., in 1854, when he bought a good farm, yet taught and preached. In New Hartford, Conn., he married Sarah Northrop, by whom he had one child—Florence, who died in New England. In 1856, he married Eliza E. Squires, who was killed by the cars at Western Springs. In 1858, he removed to Indiana, where he resided during the war, in which he took an active part. In 1865, he removed to Noble, Richland Co., Ill., and was engaged in the mercantile business there for some ten years with success. While in Indiana, he was for a season connected with the Terre Haute Female College. In 1875, he removed to Cook County, and in 1878 married Miss Mary Johnson, of Richland, who has borne him two children—Fannie and May. In 1880, he bought the Rogers farm, near Downer's Grove. Mr. Cossitt is a man of books; has read and written much and is a good speaker.

HENRY CARPENTER, retired merchant, Downer's Grove, is a native of Washington County, N. Y., born February 22, 1810, son of William and Lois (Austin) Carpenter, who were the parents of six children. William Carpenter was a native of West Chester County, N. Y., and died in Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1822; his wife, a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., died in 1814. Mr. Carpenter was apprenticed to the harness-maker's trade, at which he worked several years, and in 1837 came to Downer's

Grove Township, this county; bought a farm, brought his family there in 1839, and in 1840 moved to the village of Downer's Grove. In 1845, he built a storeroom adjoining his dwelling-house, and continued in business until 1857, when he sold out to Hatch & Thatcher. Since that time he has been engaged in farming; was also in the boot and shoe business, but is now living retired. In Orleans County, N. Y., October 14, 1832, he married Martha Blanchard, a native of Whitehall, N. Y., born January 21, 1813, died October 2, 1882; they had three children—Walter, born November 5, 1833, a fireman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, killed at Chicago by the bursting of a boiler; William H., born August 6, 1842, died when young; Martha J., born September 15, 1845, wife of E. W. Farer (the first white child born in Downer's Grove), and an adopted son of William S., employed in a notion store in Chicago. Mrs. Carpenter was a daughter of Ahimas and Mary (Tolford) Blanchard, natives of New Hampshire; he was born April 27, 1765, died in 1817; she died in 1833. Mr. Carpenter is one of the early settlers of Downer's Grove, is an influential man, and one highly respected in the community in which he resides. He has held the offices of Assessor, Justice of the Peace and Notary Public; was Enrolling Officer during the late war. He was formerly a Whig, now a Republican.

JOHN S. COE, retired blacksmith, Fullersburg, was born in Rockland County, N. Y., November 28, 1815; son of Samuel and Mary (Conkling) Coe, who were the parents of fifteen children, seven of whom are living. Ann, the eldest child, was born in 1801, and is still living, and hale and hearty. Subject's father served in the war of 1812. John S. received but a limited education, his mother dying when he was young. He made his home with his cousin, John Halsted, with whom he learned the trade of a millwright. In 1831, he went to New York City, where he learned the black-

smith's trade; was in that city during the cholera epidemic in 1832. After working in New York five years, he went to Bristol, where he worked for Chauncey Jerome. He afterward went to Ypsilanti, Mich., where he worked at his trade for awhile, then went to Ann Arbor, Mich., and thence, in 1839, to Summit, Cook Co., Ill., where he remained till 1841, when he located at York Centre, this county, where he engaged in farming and also worked at his trade. In 1844, he came to Fullersburg, where he ran a blacksmith shop till lately, when he retired, his son taking charge of the business. He owns 160 acres of land in this township, which he farmed for many years, but which he now rents. His children are Samuel, Elizabeth (Mrs. James Walls), Alice (Mrs. George Long) and Clarence T. The latter was married April 7, 1882, to Libbie Chloe, of Chicago; and is running the shop formerly owned by his father, and makes a specialty of the manufacture of buggies, carriages, etc. Mr. Coe was director of the first school in this part of the county, and was the first storekeeper here.

SAMUEL COLWELL, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in Madison County, N. Y., September 20, 1842, and is a son of James and Ann (Reese) Colwell, who were the parents of four-children, viz., Louise (deceased), William, Samuel and Charles. Our subject attended school in the country and also three terms at the O. C. Seminary, Madison County, N. Y. He has always worked on a farm, save five years, during which he was employed in the Remington fire-arm manufacturing establishment in New York. He was married in 1864, to Nettie Putnam, a daughter of Benjamin and Sophia (Myers) Putnam, who were the parents of the following children, viz., Oscar, Austin, Ellen, Gilbert, Helen, Charles B., Sophia, Louisa and Elizabeth. Mrs. Colwell's mother died in 1859, when she was quite a child. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell are the parents

of four children, viz., Edward, Benjamin, Fannie and Carrie. He came, directly after his marriage, to Christian County, Ill., where he farmed two years, then returned to New York, and some time afterward, came again to Christian County, where he remained till 1879, when he rented 261 acres, the present farm of his niece, Louisa Lesznsky, where he now resides. Mr. Colwell votes the Democratic ticket; he is now Pathmaster. His grandfathers, Colwell and Myers, were in the Revolutionary war.

MRS. L. A. DODGE, Downer's Grove. Mrs. L. A. Dodge, the subject of this sketch, was born July 11, 1815, in Williamsville, N. Y. She is a daughter of George and Rosannah (Knox) Hickman, natives of Wheeling, W. Va., and residents of New York soon after marriage, and to whom were given four children as pledges of their marriage vow, viz., Felding, Reuben, Lucy A. and Hiram. The former son was with "Commodore" Perry at the time when negotiations were opened up between Japan and the United States; was lost or died while on a voyage. Mrs. D. attended school as much as was convenient in her younger days. She was married, in 1830, at the age of fifteen, to Horace, a son of Zebulon and Salome (Thayer) Dodge, natives of Massachusetts, and parents of twelve children, eleven of whom grew up, viz., Avis (Mrs. Blodgett), Charles Parker, (deceased), Parker, Horace, Harriett, Salome, Ezra, Caroline, Seva, Mariam and Hannah. Horace was born in 1802, in Belchertown, Mass. At marriage, Mrs. D. and her husband settled at Williamsville, where he worked in a plow shop. In two years they moved to Fredonia, same State, he continuing the same avocation. In 1836, they came to Du Page County, Ill., and settled on the farm which she now owns in Milton Township. At that time the country was a wild, raw prairie, inhabited by wild animals, with now and then a family. Here they experienced all the hard-

ships that fell to the lot of early pioneers, such as going to church on horseback, milling and marketing with ox teams and truck wagons, and plowing with the old cast iron plow, which they brought from New York. Mr. D. hauled the logs to Warrenville on one of the above-described wagons, a distance of eight miles, from which lumber was made to construct their first house. Their building was near an old Indian camping-ground and these red men often pitched their tents near by. On one occasion Mrs. D. was alone with three children, when one of the little fellows informed her of a large "crowd" of people approaching. She soon perceived them to be Indians, and gathered her babies and left the house to care for itself, retiring to a neighbor's, some distance to the south. The red men camped near the dwelling for several days and she returned to her home before they left. In their house were preached the first sermons in this part of the country. Revs. Beggs and Gaddis often held meetings here. Mr. and Mrs. D. had ten children, seven of whom grew up, viz., Sarah (Mrs. F. Irwin), Harriet (Mrs. Theodore Aldrich), Lucy (Mrs. Webster), Rosannah (Mrs. Bracken), Horace was in Company E, Eighth Illinois Cavalry; is a physician in Colorado; Julia (Mrs. E. Willard, of Joliet), and Bertha (Mrs. Stover); she and her husband are missionaries in Southwest Africa, where they are accomplishing a good that will only be known on that day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed. Mr. and Mrs. D. took every advantage in their power to educate their children. After sending them a short time to the country, they hired teachers to instruct their children at their residence; they afterward sent them to graded schools, and each obtained a good education, five having taught school. Mrs. D. was robbed of her loving companion by death, August 31, 1881. She has 275 acres of well-improved land in Milton Township, a portion of their first pre-emption. In March,

1840, her husband planted the apple seed from which their fine orchard has sprung. They brought many shrubs with them from New York, which, with their increase, adorn the landscape around. The beautiful maples that lie adjacent to her residence were planted there early by her husband, who took them from Downer's Grove. Mrs. D. is an active member of the Baptist Church of Downer's Grove. She was a teacher of a Bible class for many years at York Center. A few months ago, she was thrown from a carriage and badly bruised about the face, but with her ever-enduring patience, she has borne all, and has recovered. Now, being advanced in years, possessed of a competency of this world's goods, enjoying reasonably good health, she has retired from the toils and labors accompanying rural pursuits, and is making her home in Hinsdale. We have only mentioned a few of the leading events that have made up the life of Mrs. D. and her companion, and to enlarge on what we have said would be unnecessary; we will say, however, that she takes a deep interest in the benevolent enterprises of her neighborhood and her duty is her greatest pleasure, as was also her deceased consort.

MRS. HANNAH DREHER, farmer, P. O. Lemont, Will County, widow of Israel Dreher, was born December 30, 1827, daughter of Andrew and Esther (Foust) Kimmel, who had twelve children—George, Hannah, Daniel, John, Hetty, Maria, Jacob, Andrew, Lewis, Sallie, and two deceased. The parents are both dead. Mrs. Dreher, our subject, was married, December 12, 1846, to Israel Dreher, whose parents were Daniel and Mary M. (Huntsinger) Dreher, who, like his wife's parents, had twelve children. The old gentleman is dead, but the old lady, now over ninety years of age, is living in Pennsylvania, hale and hearty for her great age. Mrs. Dreher bore her husband eight children,

six of whom are living—Violet, Mrs. Fey; Elizabeth, Mrs. Steigerwalt; Silas K., in Iowa; Titus, married to Mary Oldfield, at home; Mary and Esther. July 12, 1870, Mr. Dreher died, and was buried at Naperville. Settled their farm in 1864. It consists of 120 acres, well improved. Albert Fey, the husband of Violet, and Frank Steigerwalt, husband of Elizabeth, were in the late war in defense of the Union.

JOHN W. DIXON, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born March 25, 1843, in this county, where he has ever since resided. His parents, Robert and Mary E. (Wilson) Dixon, natives of Ireland, emigrated to New York in 1833, thence to this county in the same year. They had eight children, viz., Henry, James, Robert, Jane, Catharine, Charles, John W. and Mary. Subject's father was Justice of the Peace for many years; he was an Old-Line Abolitionist; four of his sons, Henry, James, Robert and Charles, fought for their country in the late civil war. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Our subject received his education in the early schools of his native township. He was married, in 1868, to May L., daughter of Emerson and Cynthia Osgood Gleason, natives of Massachusetts, and early settlers of this county; she was one of six children, viz., Watson, Stella, Emeroy, May, Ella and Eugene; her parents were Baptists. From this union four children have been born, viz., Maude, Eugenia, May and Estella. He has 100 acres of finely improved land, part of which he inherited, the remainder being accumulated by his own labors. The buildings cost about \$2,500. He makes a specialty of cattle, and is also engaged in the dairy business. He is an active member of the Methodist Church; his wife belongs to the Baptist Church.

JAMES DREW, farmer, P. O. Cass, was born in England November 3, 1828, son of Thomas and Rosamond (Jacobs) Drew, natives of England; the former came to Du Page County in 1853, and the latter in 1854. Six of their children are now living. The father died March 13, 1864, and is buried at Cass; the mother makes her home with the subject, James Drew. The latter, although a well-informed man, is entirely self-educated, with the exception of some private instruction rendered by Rev. Lyman. At ten years of age, Mr. Drew commenced for himself. He attended to stock and engaged in numerous kinds of work until he became twenty years of age, when he came to Illinois in company with Mrs. Wells, then Mrs. Pitcher), Mr. Rooke and daughter Sarah, and Jonathan Clark. Mr. Drew was employed on different farms until 1853, when he married Maria Rooke and settled on the farm of D. H. Naramore, where he remained until 1867, when his wife died; she had borne him eight children, of whom five are living—Rosamond, now Mrs. Loughlin, Jonathan, James, Anna and Arthur. He then went to Chicago and worked at carpentering until 1870, when he married Mrs. Anna Palmer, born August 24, 1831, daughter of Robert and Martha Bean, natives of England. At this time, Mr. Drew settled on his present farm of 140 acres, which belonged to his wife. The result of this second union is two children, viz., Fannie M. and Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Drew are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cass. He votes the Democratic ticket. Mrs. Wells, by her first husband, Thomas Palmer, had four children, of whom two are living—Harry B. and Annie E.

AZEL DORATHY, Justice of the Peace, Hinsdale, was born October 19, 1822, in Pierrepont, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.; is a

son of Joseph and Jerusha (Hatch) Dorathy, natives of Massachusetts, and the parents of eleven children, six of whom survive—Eunice, Mary, Charles, Jerusha, Lucinda, Azel. Mr. Dorathy attended school in the country, and for awhile in an academy. At the age of eighteen years, he began clerking at Potsdam, N. Y., at from \$12 to \$25 per month, for about five years, when he engaged in general merchandising for himself at that village. In 1854, he entered the real estate business at Chicago, which he continued for twenty years, a part of the time with success, and also sustained some losses. In 1874, he had mostly retired, on account of ill health. Was married, in 1859, to Mariam Dewey, a native of Potsdam, N. Y., the result being one daughter, Kate, deceased; his wife is also deceased. In 1881, he was elected Police Magistrate of Hinsdale, which position he still holds, and is distinguished as a very efficient officer. He is a staunch Republican.

WILLIAM DAVEY, farmer, P. O. Lemont, Cook County, was born in England March 7, 1825. His parents, John and Catharine (Pomplin) Davey, came to New York in 1855, thence to Downer's Grove in 1858, where they farmed until 1868, when they went to Iowa, where his mother died September 13, 1881; his father still survives; their children were ten in number, seven living. Mr. Davey attended school in Europe, and was a policeman two years in London. He came to New York in 1852, and worked on a farm at \$130 per year. In 1857, he came to Illinois and rented land of Benjamin Prentiss. He married, in 1858, Mary A. Dodge. Her parents, Sceva and Ruhama, came here single; her father died in 1870, and her mother in 1860; they had eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Davey are the parents of nine children—Carrie B., who graduated at Downer's Grove High School, and

is among the leading teachers of the county; Alice C., Mary E., George W., John S., Edward, Charlie, Laura and Elvira. Mr. Davey has been School Director. He had three brothers in the late war, who returned uninjured. He has twenty-three acres of fine timber, worth about \$100 per acre, which has been made by his own labor; he is at present farming on John Oldfield's farm. Himself, wife and daughter, Carrie B., are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cass.

A. F. FOSTER, retired mechanic and farmer, Downer's Grove, was born in Middletown, Conn., October 17, 1815, son of Chancy and Sallie (Atkins) Foster, natives of Connecticut, he born May 14, 1783, she September 25, 1785. Chancy Foster, subject's father, served as private in the war of 1812. They had seven children—Eliza (deceased), Oliver, Giles (deceased), Sallie, A. F., Walter and Lydia. At the age of fifteen, was bound apprentice to the carpenter's trade, and, after serving three years, went to Canada. In 1835, he came to Will County, Ill. Married, on July 16, 1839, Nancy Adams, who has born him eight children—William, a farmer in Kendall County, Ill.; Ellen, married Edward Vial, living in Iowa; Emma, married Frank Miller; Eugène, married Ger-tie Bettles, lives in town; Albert, married Susie Bean, lives at Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Jonas, married Fannie Reynolds, living in Iowa; George, in Mt. Carroll, Ill.; and Harry, at home. Mrs. Foster is a daughter of Jonas and Olivia (Seeley) Adams; he, a native of Massachusetts, born April 8, 1777, was a Lieutenant in the war of 1812, now deceased; she, also deceased, was born in Vermont April 7, 1799; they were the parents of five children. Mr. Foster, after his marriage, settled in Plainfield, Will Co., Ill.; in 1845, bought eighty acres of Government land,

which he sold in 1849, and soon after bought some town lots in Downer's Grove, this county, where he has since resided. He built the first Methodist Church in Downer's Grove, and was influential in raising subscriptions and keeping the church free from debt. He enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was disabled at Frankfort. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Church. He voted the Democratic ticket till the election of Lincoln, since which time he has been a supporter of the Republican party.

JOHN FLEMING, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in 1827, in Ireland, and is the son of Richard and Ann (Moran) Fleming, who came here in 1837 and settled in Will County, where the father worked on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Subject's father died in 1837. His mother died in 1870, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Cass. Mr. Fleming was able to obtain but little education. When quite young, he hired out at a few pennies per day. By frugality and industry, he and a brother were at last enabled to purchase some ox teams, with which they broke prairie for the public, and soon were able to purchase a home. December 26, 1851; Mr. Fleming bought eighty acres of land of the Illinois & Michigan Canal Company. This he has added to until now he has 187 acres of well-improved land, upon which he has erected buildings worth about \$2,000. In 1853, he married Bridget Maloney, a daughter of Michael and Bridget Maloney, natives of Ireland, who were among the early settlers of this county. Mr. Maloney died many years ago, but Mrs. Fleming's mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have eight children—Ellen, Richard, James, John, Ann, Thomas, Bridget and Michael. The entire family are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Fleming came to Du Page

County May 10, 1842, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He is an active temperance man.

THOMAS FLEMING, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in Ireland February 1, 1801. His educational advantages were limited. He came to this country and settled in Illinois in 1837. He married Hannah Welch, and soon after settled on his present farm of 120 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have had twelve children, seven of whom are living; they are John, Elizabeth, Michael, Hannah, James, Ellen and William. When Mr. Fleming first came to this county, he constructed a log cabin, in which he lived, and was obliged to bring the necessaries of life from Chicago with ox teams. He worked on the Erie Canal for a short time, also on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. He now has a fine home as a result of his hard labor.

VICTOR FREDENHAGEN, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born June 11, 1832, in Mecklenburg, Germany; is a son of Victor and Paulina (Jurgens) Fredenhagen, who came to Du Page County, Ill., in 1855. Our subject received his early education, at his father's house, a Professor being employed by the father. In 1843, subject entered college; after five years, he graduated, and engaged on a farm of 1,200 acres, where for three years he was "sub-boss," and where he learned farming in a scientific manner. He then remained with his father until 1851, when he, in company with E. Napp, came to Cleveland, Ohio, where they worked at farming until 1852, when Mr. Fredenhagen made a prospective trip through Illinois and Iowa, which resulted in his coming, with Daniel Cook, to Du Page County, Ill. Here they rented a farm, which our subject soon had entire charge of. In the fall of 1853, he bought 480 acres of land, with money furnished by his father; to this the latter after-

ward added 160 acres. In 1855, our subject married Mary Lambe, a daughter of William and Mary Lambe, and soon after settled on the present farm of 324 acres, upon which Mr. Fredenhagen had previously erected a fine residence. They have seven children—Sophia (Mrs. Cawley), Victor, Edward A. (engaged with the Hill Standard Book Company), Paulina, Augusta, Martin and Frank. From 1857 to 1872, our subject was engaged with other parties in the millinery business at Warrenville. He has been Supervisor, and was one term, in 1875, a member of the General Assembly of this State. He is at the present time Township Trustee, and a member of Hinsdale Lodge, No. 649, A., F. & A. M. He and family are Lutherans. He is a Democrat.

S. H. FISH, inventor, Hinsdale, was born May 13, 1854, in Jefferson County, N. Y.; is a son of Edward and Jane (Barber) Fish, the former a native of Windham County, Vt., and the latter of Franklin County, Mass., she being born December 18, 1815. The parents settled, at marriage, in Windham County, Vt., where they had four children, two of whom survive, viz., Mary J., Mrs. Gilbert Pierce, sewing machine agent, Boston, Mass.; and S. H., our subject. The father was a farmer and merchant in Boston, and died April 25, 1857; was a Methodist, to which denomination his consort now belongs. The mother came to this county in 1874, and is keeping house for her son, who has never married. Mr. Fish bought a lot and built on the same in Clarendon Hills in 1873. From childhood his active mind has been engaged on the subject of machinery, and he has already completed some valuable inventions. He is now just finishing a potato-planter, the efforts of three years' active labor. The mechanical arrangement of this wonderful invention is complicated yet simple, and is the

only complete planter in the world. Mr. Fish is very sanguine as to its success, and has several of the leading men of Chicago interested in its completion. Success is certain, and, when once put into actual use, will be a fortune to the inventor.

FOX BROTHERS, merchants, Hinsdale. Charles, the senior member of this firm, was born in Vermont May 14, 1837; attended school in the country, and one term at Wheaton, and at the age of twenty he took the contract of carrying the mail from Brush Hill to Summit, Cook County, for \$200 per year, making two trips each week. He then bought the stock and crop on a farm near Summit; afterward ran a hotel for nearly a year; was burnt out, and then engaged, in 1864, in the general merchandise business at Brush Hills (now Fullersburg) on his own account two years, then took in as partner Benjamin Fuller, who, after a year, withdrew, Hermon, Jr., member of the present firm, taking his place. On August 17, 1875, they sold their building, and transferred their stock to Hinsdale, building at that time their present fine brick store, where they have since continued in business, keeping a general line of dry goods, notions, groceries, hardware, drugs, boots, shoes, etc. Charles was married, in 1861, on the day Lincoln was inaugurated, to Miss Betsey E., daughter of Benjamin Fuller; they have had three children, viz., William A., Eva T. and Delner E. (deceased). He has been Township Clerk and Constable eight years; is a member of Hinsdale Lodge, No. 649, A., F. & A. M., and votes the Republican ticket. Hermon M., the junior member, was born in Vermont in 1843, son of Marvin and Amy Fox, natives of New York, and parents of ten children, five living. Hermon M. attended the common schools, and also one year at Manchester, Vt. When twenty-one years old, he enlisted in

Company L, Second Light Artillery Regiment, and served about one year. He taught school one winter, and then engaged with his brother in business. Married, September 15, 1870, Phœbe, daughter of Lyman and Phœbe Babcock, natives of Ohio; the latter died when Mrs Fox was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are the parents of three children, one deceased—Estella H., Marvin and Edith E. (deceased). He votes the Republican ticket. The parents of our subject are living in Hinsdale, at a ripe old age.

ALMERON FORD, merchant, Fullersburg, is a native of Oneida County, N. Y., born November 4, 1829, son of Orrin and Sally (Jones) Ford, natives of New York, and parents of five children—Frances, Almeron, Levi, Libbens and Sarah E. (Mrs. Wylie). Orrin was born October 5, 1801, and died July 4, 1869; his wife was born December 9, 1805, and died July 17, 1856. Almeron attended the country schools, and also one term at an academy, and at the age of twenty-one began clerking in a country store, working for his board six months, afterward receiving \$4 per month, and, after working six months at that rate, came to Chicago, arriving there with only \$1.30 in his pocket. He left Chicago and went to Aurora, Ill., where he found his old employer, with whom he started for Iowa. His employer, however, bought land near Shabbona Grove, De Kalb Co., Ill., and Mr. Ford hired with him to work on the farm. He afterward engaged as clerk in the store of Mr. Sutherland, in Kankakee, Ill., where he remained four years, after which he bought 160 acres of raw prairie land, which, after farming two years, he sold. He then bought out Walter Vanvelzer, a merchant of Fullersburg, where he has since carried on business, doing a good trade in dry goods, notions, groceries, boots and shoes, etc., his being the only store in the

place save one. He was married, in Kankakee, November 4, 1857, to Angeline Fuller, born in New York May 2, 1834; they have four children—Frank A., Leona B., Carrie B. and Arthur M. Mr. Ford has been Supervisor, Justice of the Peace and School Director; is now, and has been for some time, Notary Public. He has good property on Lots 2 and 3 in this village, a lot at Western Springs, and four acres of timber in York Township, this county. He is a Democrat.

J. R. FINCH, real estate, Hinsdale, was born in Sussex County, N. Y., March 16, 1820, son of John and Elizabeth^f (Crampton) Finch, natives of New Jersey. John Finch was of German and French descent, and served in the war of 1812; he died at the age of eighty-eight; his wife was of English and Irish descent; they had eight children. J. R. received a limited education in his native State, and was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade. At twenty-two years of age, he engaged as solicitor and peddler for Wheeler, France & Madden, a hardware and tinware firm, in whose employ he remained four years. In 1842, he married Maria M. Vliet, of Warren County, N. Y., who has borne him six children; those living are J. Warren, a stock farmer in Nebraska; Joseph R., a stock farmer in Smith County, Kan.; Emma A., Mrs. William Gillett; and Emmanuel C., at home. Mr. Finch engaged in mercantile business for a time, and afterward, with his wife and two children, went to Milton, Rock Co., Wis., and bought forty acres of land, which, after eleven months, he sold at a profit of \$300, which he invested in land warrants, and has since dealt in real estate. He located 300 acres in Wisconsin, which he exchanged for a hardware stock in Evansville, Wis., which he sold, and invested the proceeds in land in Virginia, on which was afterward built the town of Finchville. He has

dealt in property in Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago, and now owns property to the amount of \$60,000 or \$70,000. He sustained but two actual losses in the whole course of his extensive transactions. He now resides in Hinsdale. His wife is a Methodist. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

WESLEY FELL, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in Cass, this county, October 24, 1861; son of Joshua and Emeline (Hewitt) Fell. His mother was born February 22, 1830, and is the daughter of Orsemus and Ida (Spaulding) Hewitt, natives of Ohio; she was one of nine children, six of whom are living. Mrs. Fell's mother was a school-teacher in her younger days, and attained her knowledge of arithmetic by ciphering on birch bark. She was also a very popular nurse among the sick. The grandfather, Spaulding, was a teacher of vocal music. The father of our subject is a brother of Mrs. Elijah Smart, wife of Elijah Smart, whose sketch is in this work. Mrs. Fell had, by her marriage with Joshua Fell, nine children, five of whom are living, viz., Alson, who is married to Susan Bonner, and is a farmer in Jasper County, Ind.; Anna; Carrie; Edgar, who is with his brother in Indiana; and Wesley, our subject, who attends to the old homestead. The farm now consists of eighty acres of well-improved land. The boys are as energetic a class of young men as can be found, and are fast accumulating means. Mrs. Fell, the mother of Wesley Fell, is a faithful member of the Methodist Church, in which denomination the children are deeply interested.

GEORGE FRENCH, blacksmith, Hinsdale, was born in Denmark June 21, 1844, son of George H. and Helena French, who had six children—Christ, Peter, Nelson, Hannah, Christina and George H. Mr. French attended school eight months in each year

until he was sixteen years old, when he began learning the blacksmith's trade. He came to Du Page County in 1872, engaging on a farm in order to learn the English language. In 1875, he worked at his trade in Chicago, where he continued two years, and has since been doing a fine business here, making horseshoeing a specialty. He was married, in 1873, to Mary Hanson, a native of Denmark, and by her has one child, Helena. He has two houses and lots in this place, worth about \$3,000, the result of his own labors. Is a member of A. O. U. W. He attends the Congregational Church, and is one of our leading citizens. He is a Republican.

GIFFORD & BURTT, butchers, Hinsdale. Prominently identified among the leading firms of Hinsdale is that of Gifford & Burtt. Mr. J. A. Gifford, the senior member of the firm, was born September 24, 1834, in Bennington County, Vt., son of Ora and Olivia (Turner) Gifford, and was one of eight children—Lyman H., Samuel L., J. A., Lewis E., Sarah A., Lizzie H. and two deceased. Mr. Gifford attended school in the country and one term in a select school. In 1862, came to Brush Hills, Du Page County, where he engaged in farming and teaming. In 1868, began a meat market at Hinsdale, continuing about five years, and then entered a general store under the firm name of J. A. & Lewis E. Gifford. The latter was Postmaster. In 1873, Lewis E. died, and the business was closed. In 1877, our subject went into the meat market with C. A. Walker, who withdrew January 1, 1881, at which time E. A. Burtt, the junior member of the firm, stepped in. These gentlemen are doing a first-class business, merited by their own personal attention. Mr. G. has never been married, and, with his sister, makes his home in an elegant little cottage in this place. He votes the

Democratic ticket. Mr. E. A. Burtt, the junior member, was born April 28, 1834, in New Hampshire; son of Benjamin and Lucy (Wilson) Burtt, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New Hampshire. They were the parents of three children, viz., E. A., G. H. and Frederick, the latter dying when two years old. The father was a miller the most of his life. The parents were Congregationalists. E. A. attended school long enough to obtain a good business education. At the age of fourteen, he began learning the carpenter's trade, which he continued until he was twenty-one years old, at which period he engaged for a lumber firm, at Potsdam, N. Y. In 1861, he withdrew from that business, and enlisted in Company E, New Hampshire Volunteer Sharp Shooters, where he remained till 1862; he became disabled at that time by a wagon running over his ankle, but, as soon as able, he engaged as baggage master, brakeman and foreman of the track-laying of the Concord & Portsmouth Railroad. In 1871, he came to Hinsdale and farmed a short time with his brother, afterward working in Ohio. In two years, he returned to Hinsdale and engaged in butchering, until 1880, at which time he entered the partnership as mentioned above, and with Mr. Gifford he makes his home, having never married. He votes the Democratic ticket.

EDWARD GOODNOUGH, retired farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in Vermont August 9, 1803; son of Liberty and Susannah (Barney) Goodnough, natives of Vermont and parents of eleven children, of whom two are living, viz., Edward (subject) and Ira. Subject attended one of the log-cabin school-houses of that day, during three months of the year, and worked on the farm. In 1843, he came to Downer's Grove, bought 110 acres of land, which he farmed until 1867, when

he sold out and removed to the village of Downer's Grove, where he lives retired from active business life. He married, in 1825, Lura A. Harmon, who has borne him three children, all living, viz., Harmon, Antoinette (married Mr. Trumbull, and they have one child—Florence, an efficient school teacher), and Ann Eliza, now Mrs. Alf Nixon, of Austin, Ill. Mrs. Goodnough is a daughter of David and Adelia (Overton) Harmon, who were the parents of eleven children, all living, the eldest being over eighty, the youngest over sixty-one years; they are as follows: David, Samuel, Lura A. (Mrs. Goodnough), Eliza, Lydia, Chauncey, Joseph, Mary, Franklin, Nancy and Joel. Eliza Harmon, Mrs. Goodnough's sister, married Ira Persons; came to Downer's Grove in 1865; they had two sons—Edwin and Chauncey, the former killed at the battle of Gettysburg, the latter at Bull Run. Liberty Goodnough, subject's father, was in the war of 1812. Mr. Goodnough and wife have long been members of the Baptist Church.

J. R. HAGGARD, physician and surgeon, Downer's Grove, was born in Clark County, Ky., October 29, 1839. His parents, David J. and Sarah A. (Edmonson) Haggard, are natives of the same State; they had four children—J. R.; Sarah, married to James Shaw, farmer in Nebraska; Z. W. and George T., farmers in Nebraska. The parents are living in Nebraska. The Doctor came with his father's family to Scott County, Ill., in 1840. He took an academic course at Winchester, this State, and then entered the popular school at North Prairie. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and remained until the close of the war; was a private, and afterward Hospital Steward. He began reading medicine in Scott County with Drs. Skilling and Brengle. He was

wounded in the left hip at Kennesaw Mountain. On his return from the war, he resumed his studies; was elected County Superintendent, which position he took in 1865. Attended lectures at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating from the latter institution in 1868. He began practice at Winchester, Ill., the season before he graduated, and was selected as County Physician for Scott County. In 1869, he located in Knox County, where he met with good success, and, in 1870, came to Downer's Grove, where he has since remained. In 1877, he was elected County Superintendent, which position he filled with credit for four years. In Winchester, Scott Co., Ill., September 24, 1867, he married Fannie H. Avery, a native of that county, born October 3, 1846, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Haxby) Avery, he a native of New York, born March 19, 1819, died in 1866; she, a native of England, still living, was born in April, 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Haggard have been blessed with four children—Laura A., born November 1, 1868; David A., born June 9, 1870; Robert C., born June 23, 1874; and Ralph Waldo, born August 18, 1876. The Doctor is a member of Winchester Lodge, No. 105, A., F. & A. M.

CHAUNCEY HARMON, retired mechanic, Downer's Grove, is a native of Oswego County, N. Y., born April 1, 1813; son of David and Delia (Overton) Harmon, he a native of Connecticut, born January 20, 1772, died in Jefferson County, N. Y., August 7, 1859, where his wife, born March 18, 1782, who was a native of Long Island, also died, July 2, 1841; they were the parents of eleven children, all living; the eldest being over eighty years, the youngest over sixty-two years of age, named as follows: David, Samuel, Lura, Ann Eliza, Lydia, O. J., Chauncey, Joseph W., Mary, Benjamin and Nancy J. Chauncey attended a pri-

vate school in Massachusetts for a year, and, while quite young, went on a whaling voyage to the Indian Ocean. He afterward engaged in railroading on the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad as an engineer, having learned to run an engine while in a machine shop, and, after being on that road about two years, transferred to the Great South Carolina Railroad, from Charleston to Augusta, and, after one season, engaged on the Alabama, Memphis & Charleston Railroad for nine years. He then traveled for about four years, and, in 1842, located in Downer's Grove and engaged in carpentering, building houses, railroad bridges, etc. He married, November 6, 1850, Mary L. Rogers, sister of J. W. and Capt. Rogers, of this place, and from this union two children have been born—Isabel A., wife of J. W. Tucker, of Aurora, and Velonia, wife of E. H. Andrews, corresponding clerk of the Northwestern Bank, Chicago. Mrs. Andrews is engaged in the millinery business in this place, and has a large patronage. Mr. Harmon is a Republican; his parents were active members of the Baptist Church.

J. HULANISKI, real estate and building material dealer, Hinsdale, was born in 1839, in Chicago, and is the son of Julian and Marcia (Tuttle) Hulaniski, the former a native of Poland, and the latter of New York State. The father graduated at the Warsaw Poland University; was a Colonel in the battle of Warsaw in 1833, soon after which engagement he was banished to this country, thus being robbed of a vast fortune. Upon arriving in this country, he engaged in civil engineering in New York State; he was also at one time Professor of Languages at the University of Richmond in Virginia. After this, he was engaged in civil engineering in Keokuk, Iowa, where he was living with his family at the time of his death, in 1855; he had seven children, five of whom are living, viz.,

Julian, Polonia, Thaddeus, Edmund and Frederick. Our subject obtained a good business and literary education at Keokuk, Iowa, where he spent a portion of his younger days in civil engineering with his father. In 1861, subject entered the Chicago Post Office, where he remained two years under P. M. Scrips. In 1863, he became chief clerk of the general freight department at the Canal depot of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in Chicago, which position he held ten years. From this time, he held various positions in railroading, until June 1, 1882, when he withdrew, and, August 1, started his present business at Hinsdale. He is doing some building, as well as dealing in lime, cement, brick, lumber and real estate. In 1861, he married Miss Fannie Hugunin, by whom he has one child—Dora, who keeps house for him, her mother having died in 1871. In 1869, Mr. Hulaniski bought his present property and erected buildings at Hinsdale, where he is one of the Village Trustees. His daughter is a Congregationalist; he is a Unitarian, and a member of the Board of Village Trustees.

WILLIAM J. HEARTT, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born December 2, 1812, in New York State; is the son of Daniel and Jane (Calander) Heartt, who came to Illinois in 1838. In 1845, the family moved to this township, and bought 120 acres of land, known as the "Covely farm;" here they remained but a few years, when they returned to Chicago. There, subject's father, who had been Deputy Sheriff and Constable many years, died. Subject's mother is still hale and hearty at the age of ninety-three. William attended school until fourteen years of age, when he began working in a harness shop in Massachusetts, he having partly learned that trade with his father. Here he remained until 1837, when he came to Pike County,

Ill., where he built a harness shop of his own. In 1840, he located in Chicago, where he ran a "stage wagon," carrying passengers to different parts of the country. Here he remained two years, when he located on a farm in this county. Two years later, he bought 133 acres of land, a part of his present well-improved farm of 180 acres. In 1839, Mr. Heartt married Susan B. Roberts, daughter of John and Sallie (Davis) Roberts, natives of New Hampshire, who settled in Canada, where Mrs. Heartt was born in 1821. Her parents came to Pike County, Ill., in 1836. They both died in 1874, were prominent Methodists, he being a class leader forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Heartt have thirteen children—George B., Mary J., Edwin, Emma, John, Jerusha, Smith, Sarah, Emily, Chester, Rolla, Frank and Ira. George and Edwin served during the late war, the former in Company B, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the latter in the Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. Mr. Heartt is one of the early pioneers. On his farm stands a cabin, 10x12, which was the first schoolhouse in this neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. H. are members of the M. E. Church, of which Mr. H. is a Trustee.

GEORGE HOFFMIRE, farmer, P. O. Lemont, Cook County, was born March 5, 1807, in Germany, son of L. and Mary (Brinkle) Hoffmire, who were the parents of six children—Joseph, George, Leonard, Mary, Abbie and Julia. Our subject attended school very little, but has managed to acquire sufficient education to fit him for the transaction of all necessary business, and has that which is oftentimes more valuable to a man than "book larnin"—common sense. In 1837, he was married to Susan Hoffman, and has five children—Abbie, Vela, John, Nick and Charlie; they came to Illinois in 1837, when he worked by the day at any kind of

labor on farms. In 1875, he bought 112 acres, his present farm in Will County, which is highly improved. Himself and wife are members of the German Church at Lemont.

WENDEL HIX, butcher, Hinsdale, was born June 9, 1832, in Germany; is a son of John and Barbara (Raerich) Hix, natives of Germany; she came here in 1863, and died at the home of our subject; he died in his native country. Mr. Hix is one of ten children, three of whom are living. After attending school eight years in his native country, our subject was engaged in farming and butchering. He came to New York in 1852, and remained there till 1854, when he opened a butcher shop in Naperville, Du Page County. Here he remained until 1880, when he began the business at Hinsdale, since following the same, having a large patronage at the present time. He has been engaged in this business all his life, and but few are as well posted in the same as he. In 1855, he was married to Josephine Loos, a native of France. She bore him eight children, all of whom survive. They are Richard, Louisa, France, Peter, John, Mary, Willie and Josephine. His consort died in 1877, and, in 1880, he married Mrs. Caroline Ditz, who had been a resident of Hinsdale since 1870. She came to this country in 1857, and settled in Chicago, where her former husband was engaged in a planing-mill. Mrs. Hix is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Hix is a Catholic, and votes the Democratic ticket.

MITCHELL HEINTZ, harness, Downer's Grove, was born January 5, 1842, in France, now a portion of the German Empire, son of Mitchell and Catharine Heintz, who were the parents of nine children, all living—Catharine, George, Ellen, Mitchell, Mary, Sarah, Frederick, Christian and Charles.

The whole family came to this country in 1851, landing at New Orleans, whence they came to Chicago and from there to Naperville, where they rented land for two years, and then bought forty acres in Downer's Grove Township. The father and mother died within one year of each other. Our subject was educated in the schools of this county, and began farming. In 1861, he enlisted for the three-months service, in the Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but remained two years. Was wounded at Vicksburg by a shell, from which he lost an arm. In 1871, he was married to Catharine Michel, who has borne four children, only one of whom is living—William Fred. Mr. Heintz went into the manufacture of harness at Downer's Grove with George E. Downer, and is doing a good business. He also has a farm of eighty acres, well improved, also house and lot in Downer's Grove. Himself and wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a Republican. Mrs. Heintz's parents were natives of Germany; they had five children—Thomas, Catharine, Julia, Mary, and Eva (dead). They were also Lutherans.

HENRY HOGREFE, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in Germany in 1841, and is a son of Frederick and Mary Hogrefe, the latter dying when the subject was quite small. The father lives in this county with his children. When thirteen years of age, our subject came to America with his father, and for two years lived with his uncle Bermen. He then commenced work for Mr. Mendel (his present brother-in-law), where he remained ten years. In 1872, he settled on his present farm of 160 acres. In 1863, he married Mena Hasamier, by whom he has six children, viz., Willie, Henry, Louise, Sophia, Jacob and Emma. Subject and wife are Lutherans. He has been School Director.

JACOB JEANS, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in England July 31, 1821; is the son of Charles and Keziah (Williams) Jeans, natives of England, and Episcopalians. Our subject closed his school days when twelve years old, and commenced to work in the blacksmith shop with his father; he also learned the shoemaker's trade. He came to Illinois in 1847 with Judge Morey, Henry Dike and others. The company landed in Chicago, and our subject began working for a commission merchant. In 1848, Mr. Jeans was married to Mary Coan, and settled at North Branch, sixteen miles from Chicago, where they rented land for two years, afterward renting at Romer. In 1852, our subject bought eighty acres of land, a part of the 100 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of fine land upon which he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Jeans have had seven children, five living—Mary A., Harriet, Catharine, William C. and Jacob T. Mr. Jeans has plowed with the ox team, and experienced all the hardships of pioneer life. About nineteen years ago, he lost his health, and has since been an invalid. Notwithstanding this, he takes a deep interest in general improvements, literary productions, etc.

MRS. A. P. KENNEDY, Hinsdale, was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., November 11, 1833, daughter of John and Mary A. (Slater) Sears, he a native of Connecticut and she of New York; her parents settled in Lake County, Ill., in 1845, where her father had purchased land in 1840, with the view of getting his sons interested in rural life, yet they all sought other occupations; her father graduated at college and early began labor as a minister of the Baptist Church, which he continued until his death, in Iowa, at the age of sixty-one. Almost immediately after marriage, he and his wife were sent to Fort Wayne, Ind., as missionaries among the Indians. The father of Mr. Sears was also

a minister, and for a time assisted his son at Fort Wayne, after which he returned to Ohio and died there. The mother of our subject survived her husband several years; after selling the old homestead, she located in Detroit, Mich., where she died at the age of seventy-one. Their union resulted in eight children, as follows: Eliza, Olivia, Anna, J. J. (deceased), Lucy, Harriet, Sarah and Asa. Mrs. Kennedy was married in 1866 to A. P. Kennedy, of Saratoga County, N. Y.; he was born in 1814 and was the son of Lanson and Electa (Kellogg) Kennedy. Subject's husband was an early settler of De Kalb County, having come there in 1840; was a member of the First Congregational Church of Chicago. May 2, 1881, while the family were residing at Downer's Grove, Mr. Kennedy fell into a well and was drowned. Mrs. Kennedy has four children—Irina, Asa S., Grace and Carl S.; she now resides in a beautiful residence in this village, possessed of an abundance of this world's goods, sufficient for the comfort and happiness of herself and children through life.

VALENTINE KLINE, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in Germany in 1815, and is a son of Valentine and Margaret Kline, residents of Germany. Subject attended school until fourteen years of age, when he commenced to work at farming, which he continued until 1845, when he emigrated to this country. Soon after landing, he was married, in Buffalo, N. Y., to Sallie Shupp, who came over in the same vessel with subject. Soon after marriage, they settled in Du Page County, where they worked by the month until 1846, when they purchased eighty acres of land. This has been added to until now Mr. Kline has 120 acres of well-improved land, the result of his own labor. In connection with his farming, he raises a good many fine cattle. Mr. and Mrs. Kline ar

are the parents of four children, viz., Sally, Mrs. Jacob Lehman; Frederick; Magdalena, Mrs. Lawrence Vix, living in Nebraska, and Catharine. They are all members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kline is a Republican.

DAVID KLINE, merchant, Downer's Grove, was born May 20, 1838, in Alsace, France (now Germany), son of David and Catharine (Wickersham) Kline, natives of Europe. David Kline, subject's father, emigrated with his family to America and settled in this county in 1853, where he bought 125 acres of land; he died in 1871, his wife in 1853; they were the parents of nine children. Subject received an ordinary education, and worked on the farm till 1863, when he enlisted in Company C, Sixty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served about two years, participating in the battles of the campaign from Dallas, Ga., to Atlanta, Ga.; in the battle at the latter place, July 22, 1864, he lost his left leg, which was taken off above the knee. He engaged in the grocery business in 1868; afterward took J. W. Lasselie in partnership for four years; then withdrew for about two years and Lasselie moving the goods, Mr. Kline put in a full line of goods in his present building; he carries a general stock and does a good trade. He married, in 1875, Miss Lena Heintz, who has borne him three children, viz., Edwin, Albert and George, he also had by a former marriage one child—Rosa. He has filled the office of Trustee; he is a Republican; polled his first vote for Lincoln. Mr. Kline attends strictly to business himself; is a pleasant, genial gentleman, and enjoys the confidence of all; he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

KLINE BROTHERS, farmers, P. O. Downer's Grove. John and Mathias Kline among the leading farmers of this town.

ship;—they are the sons of David and Catharine (Wickersham) Kline, natives of Alsace, Germany; they came here in 1854, settling where the subjects now live; here the father died in 1870, the mother having died with cholera at Chicago just before the family came to this county; the parents were Lutherans and had twelve children, nine of whom grew up, viz., Catharine (Mrs. Shuster), Mary (Mrs. Storm), David, Jacob, John, Mathias, Sarah and Caroline. The subjects of this biography have never married, and their two youngest sisters are keeping house for them. They are making a specialty of Durham cattle on their elegant little farm; they vote the Republican ticket.

WILLIAM C. KESSER, farmer, Lemont, Cook County, was born December 18, 1847, in Blair County, Penn., son of Valentine and Martha (Brower) Kesser, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1842, and settled in Pennsylvania, but afterward removed to Lockport, Will County; they had eight children, six of whom are living—William, Sarah, Martha, Alice, Emma and Sylvester. The father is dead, but the mother is living with subject. Mr. Kesser has always followed farming, with the exception of one year, which he spent as a traveling salesman for a Cincinnati tobacco house; he is unmarried, and lives with his mother and sister Emma; they have fifty-five acres of land in Will County, and twenty-eight acres of timber at another point; makes some specialty in raising Clydesdale stock. His father was a shoemaker, and had a shop on the farm. The family have acquired their property since they came here, and are industrious and frugal.

HENRY M. LYMAN, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in Vernon, Oneida Co., N. Y., October 27, 1821, and is a son of Orange and Marcia (Dewey) Lyman. Orange

Lyman was born in New Hartford, Litchfield Co., Conn., July 26, 1781; died at Downer's Grove July 16, 1851, and was buried at Naperville; his wife was born in Sheffield, Mass., April 30, 1796, died in Iowa January 9, 1873. Mr. Lyman removed with his parents to Chicago in 1838, and, the following year, came to Downer's Grove Township. He attended school in Ohio, in which State his parents lived for several years, and, at the age of seventeen, began teaching school in Will County, Ill., Judge Williams, of Chicago, being one of his pupils. In Painesville, Lake Co., Ohio, September 18, 1850, he married Lovancia Pease, born in Madison, Ohio, December 23, 1821, daughter of George and Lucinda (Campbell) Pease, natives of Connecticut and parents of six children, viz., Lovern, Lovancia, Carlos C., Lauren S., Sarah B. and Granville W. Mrs. L.'s mother was a distant relative of the poet Campbell. She was educated at Oberlin College, and taught school for several terms in Lake County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are the parents of two children: Sarah Estella and Walter Campbell. Our subject has 265 acres of well-improved land, on which he makes a specialty of raising Durham cattle; he brought his stock here over thirty years ago; he was one of the first Road Commissioners of this township, the most of the early records of which were written by him; he was chosen Foreman, by Judge Blodgett, of the United States Grand Jury of this district in the great whisky prosecution. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church; he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Lyman's parents, Rev. Orange and Marcia (Dewey) Lyman, were among the early settlers here. Our subject is one of seven children, viz., Stephen D., Cornelia, Henry M., Thomas, Euratas, Mary E. and Edward. In the possession of Mr. Lyman is a barrel which was

shipped to the family over forty years ago, by some of the relatives, containing dried apples, and a bag of specie, with which "coin" they paid for their first piece of land, a part of the old homestead.

THOMAS LYMAN, real estate dealer, Chicago, Downer's Grove, was born in 1824; son of Rev. O and Marcia (Dewey) Lyman, he a native of Connecticut, she of Sheffield, Mass.; they came to Downer's Grove Township in 1839. Subject's father was a Congregational minister, and was one of the first clergymen in Downer's Grove, where he died in 1851; his wife died in Iowa in 1873; they were the parents of seven children, three of whom are living. Mr. Lyman received his education in the East and at Chicago, and, at the age of nineteen years, entered a store as clerk. When twenty-three years old, he, in company with his brother Stephen, opened a store at Rockton, Ill., thence removed to Iowa, remaining in business there eight years; he then engaged for ten years as real estate agent in Chicago for parties in the East, and represented for many years more property belonging to Boston capitalists than any other dealer in Chicago. For the last seventeen years, he has been engaged in the general real estate business on his own account, and owns a great deal of property in Chicago; he built Portland Block, one of the best in Chicago. In 1847, he married Miss P. Clark, of Ashtabula County, Ohio; they have had one child—Bessie, wife of R. Giddings, who is in business with Mr. Lyman, with whom they reside. Mr. and Mrs. Giddings have one child—Edward R. Mr. Lyman attends very closely to his business, in thirty-eight years not having lost more than two months' time from actual business, save a few weeks' vacation each year; he settled at his present place, in Downer's Grove, in 1867, where he has a fine residence. He is well known

throughout the United States as a dealer and breeder of fine Jersey cattle. Mr. Lyman was originally a Whig, now a staunch Republican.

R. LYMAN, farmer, P. O. Lemont, Cook County, was born in Massachusetts in 1824; his father, Liberty, was born in 1794, and his mother, Lucinda (Sikes) Lyman, in 1796; they were natives of Massachusetts, and settled in Michigan, where the father died in 1863; the mother of subject is still living; they were the parents of ten children. At the age of twenty-two, our subject started on foot for the Southwest, with only \$10; this soon gave out, and he then chopped wood and logs for a time; he finally came to Lemont, Ill., where he took charge of a squad of men employed in constructing the Illinois & Michigan Canal. In 1850, he engaged in mining and the lumber business in California, which he continued sixteen years; he was married, in 1856, to Mary G., daughter of George W. and Adaline M. (Sharp) Alderman, who came to Illinois in 1838, settling where subject now resides, he dying in June, 1879, she in June, 1875. He returned from California in 1866, and farmed here two years; then went back to California, where he stayed four years, then made his final settlement on the present farm in Downer's Grove Township, containing 167 acres of land, in Sections 6 and 7. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are the parents of eight children, six of whom survive, viz., George L., Marua (Mrs. A. Bannister), Henry M., Nellie S., Zolia B. and Sylvester A. Mr. Lyman was Supervisor while in California; he is a Republican. He is making a specialty of Holstein cattle and Poland-China hogs.

THOMAS LAMB, retired farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in Hancock, Berkshire Co., Mass., May 12, 1814; only son of Phineas and Eunice (Howe) Lamb, he born

in Canada, she in Massachusetts. Phineas Lamb was a shoemaker by trade, and died in 1816; his widow married Dennis Eggleston, whom she bore four children. By a marriage prior to that with subject's father, she had one child—Lothrop Smith. Thomas received a fair education in the country schools, and, at the age of eleven years, went to live with Mr. Samuel W. Wilson, with whom he remained till he was twenty-three years old. In 1844, he came to Kendall County, Ill., bought 100 acres of land, which he farmed for seven years; thence moved to De Kalb County, Ill., bought land and remained on it three years; thence to Iowa, where he invested in land, which he farmed eleven years. From Iowa, he moved, in 1865, to Lisle Township, this county, where he bought a well-improved farm of 160 acres, where he remained till 1877, when he retired from farm life and came to Downer's Grove, where he has since resided. He married, in 1835, Ellis Jenks (sister of Mrs. Austin), born in Massachusetts December 24, 1816; they had six children, of whom only one is living—Milton, married Luella Roe, living on his farm; Palmer W. (deceased), Thomas P. (deceased), Benjamin F., died in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; William H., died in Company H, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and Charles A., died in 1881. Mr. Lamb is a Republican; his wife is a member of the M. E. Church.

GEORGE LITTLEFORD, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in England March 1, 1825; is a son of Reuben and Maria (Hoar) Littleford, natives of England, and parents of seven children; his father was a hotel-keeper and farmer; he and his wife were both Episcopalians. Our subject attended school in those days when each pupil was obliged to carry fourpence every Monday morning, with which to pay for the week's schooling. In

1845, he, with his brother William, came to America; worked at farming in several States until 1859, when they bought eighty acres of land, a part of our subject's present farm of 240 acres. Here he began labor with ox teams. In 1851, Mr. Littleford was married to Ann Jones, daughter of George and Ann (Leonard) Jones, born May 17, 1830, and is one of a family of eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Littleford have had ten children—Eliza and Sydney, deceased; George E., teacher at La Grange, Ill.; Reuben H., a butcher; Frank, Jackson, Ann, James, Effie and Lottie, still living. Our subject and wife and their sons George and Frank are members of the Methodist Church at Cass.

JACOB LEHMANN, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in 1839 in Germany, and is a son of Henry and Eva Lehmann, who came to York Township, Du Page County, in 1858, after residing in the State of New York one year. The father is dead, and the mother lives with her son Henry. Our subject attended school a very little, and worked at farming while in Germany. In 1862, he married Sallie Kline, by whom he has six children, viz., Jacob, Sallie, George, Fred, Louis and Valentine. Mr. Lehmann has eighty-seven acres of well-improved land as a result of his labors; he raises some fine cattle. He and his wife are active members of the Lutheran Church; he has been Pathmaster, and is now School Director. Subject's eldest son, Jacob, is in partnership with John Liston in blacksmithing, and they are doing a fine business in Downer's Grove Township, at the junction of the Plainfield and Naperville roads.

J. C. MERRICK, physician and surgeon, Hinsdale, was born April 21, 1842, in Walworth County, Wis.; son of A. L. and C. P. (Cook) Merrick, natives of New York and Massachusetts respectively; he living in Wisconsin; she died in 1855; they were the par-

ents of seven children. The Doctor attended the district schools in the winters, until he was about eighteen years old, when he entered the public schools of Burlington, Wis., attending two terms; then attended Todd's Seminary, at Woodstock, McHenry Co., Ill., two terms, and afterward entered the Beloit College, where he completed his studies in the scientific course and Latin; he then read medicine with Dr. G. F. Newell, of Waterford, Racine County, for three years, attending in the meantime the Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he graduated with high honors, in January, 1869; he at once began to practice his profession, near Milwaukee, and at the end of a year entered the celebrated Bellevue Hospital College for five months, locating afterward at Burlington, Wis., where he remained three years, meeting with success. In December, 1871, he located in Hinsdale, where he has a lucrative practice; he kept a drug store here for several years, which he lately sold to William Everenden; he was married, in 1868, to Louise Weage, of Wisconsin, who has borne him three children—Harry A., Fred A. and one dead. He is a member, and also medical examiner, of the A. O. U. W., and is now serving as Village Trustee.

JOHN MACKINDER, retired farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, is a native of England, born July 26, 1813; son of John and Ann (Blackburn) Mackinder, who were the parents of seven children—Mary (Mrs. William Banks), John, Elizabeth (Mrs. George Taylor), Richard, Ann (2), Joseph and Edward. His parents were members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Mackinder received a limited education, and began life working on a farm; he came to Chicago, Ill., in 1851, thence to Fullersburg, this county, where he bought eighty acres of land, which, after five years, he sold out and bought 100 acres in Cass, where he

remained several years, and then invested in property in Fullersburg, where he has since resided. In 1833, he married Lydia, daughter of John and Lydia Cross, natives of England; from this union eight children have been born—Mary A. (Mrs. John Fuller), Elizabeth (deceased), Ellen (Mrs. Morrell Fuller), Jane (Mrs. Cyrus Fetterman), John, Edward (deceased), Emma (deceased) and Susan (Mrs. Robert Chilvers). Mrs. Mackinder died September 7, 187-, since which time Mr. Mackinder has resided with Mr. Morrell Fuller; he is a Republican and is connected with the Universalist Church. Mr. Fuller, with whom he resides, is a plasterer in Chicago, and served three years in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry as Drum Major; he was married in 1865, and has one child—Nellie.

H. C. MIDDAGH, farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born February 19, 1833, in Scio, Allegany Co., N. Y.; is a son of Elijah and Louisa (Noble) Middaugh, he born in Dryden, N. Y., April 6, 1805, died October 17, 1872; she, born in Whitehall, N. Y., October 28, 1811, is living with her son, John E., in Scio, N. Y., and is a member of the Methodist Church. Our subject had the educational advantages usual among pioneers, but in addition, he, for a few years, attended Friendship Academy and Genesee College, taught for a short time, and, in 1854, came West to seek his fortune. In 1855, he commenced work in a lumber and sash factory in Chicago, where he remained three years. After teaching school a short time at Jefferson, Ill., he served the Merchants' Loan and Trust Company in the capacity of book-keeper for three years; then, for four years, as Teller; severing his connection with this firm, he embarked in business for himself, first, in the furniture business, which he continued but a short time, then in the lumber trade, and

afterward, in the real estate business, which he continued many years. In 1878, he invested \$25,000 in land where he now lives, at Clarendon Hills, Du Page Co., Ill. He has since invested \$25,000 more, so that he now has 180 acres of beautiful land, mostly laid out in lots, and dotted with ornamental and fruit trees. Near this, he also has another plat of eighty acres; all of this land is at a fine elevation, and upon it Mr. Middaugh has erected buildings valued at over \$13,000; he raises good horses, Berkshire pigs and thoroughbred Jersey cattle; has barn room for 500 tons of hay, and 150 horses. He was married, in Chicago, February 7, 1878, to Miss Susan Price, born in Lakeville, Livingston Co., N. Y., in March, 1828, daughter of Arthur and Agnes (Sinclair) Price, he a native of England, born in 1783; she, born in Pennsylvania in 1793, died in September, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Middaugh attend the Methodist Church of Hinsdale.

CHARLES MIHM, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born March 6, 1848, at Willow Springs, Cook Co., Ill., and is a son of Christian and Catharine (Fisher) Mihm, natives of Bavaria, Germany; his father was born December 6, 1811; emigrated to America in 1839, and his mother, who was born October 23, 1817, emigrated in 1845. They were married in Chicago and settled at Willow Springs, where he worked on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. In 1849, they settled on the 280 acres, where the mother now lives with our subject, his father having died May 19, 1874; they were both life-long members of the German Lutheran Church. Charles attended school in a cabin which stood on his father's farm, it being the first schoolhouse in this part of the country; he also attended a business college in Chicago for two terms. The greater part of his life has been spent on the old farm, to which he has added twenty acres, making in all 300

acres of finely improved land. The original homestead of 280 acres was purchased by John Fisher, a brother of Mr. M.'s mother; he came here with the family in 1842, and, in 1850, commenced work in the Singer stone quarry, of Lemont, of which he became foreman. September 13, 1864, he was killed at the quarry by an iron derrick. In Lyonsville, Cook Co., Ill., June 1, 1876, Mr. Mihm married Mary Pantke, born in Downer's Grove, this county, October 9, 1858, a daughter of August and Rosa (Steindel) Pantke, natives of Prussia, he born August 8, 1823, she born July 25, 1828. Mr. and Mrs. Mihm are parents of four children, three of whom—Charles, Lydia and Rufus—are living. Mr. Mihm raises some Short-Horn cattle. He is School Director and member of the Lutheran Church, as is also his wife.

J. B. MACKIE, farmer, P. O. Cass, is a native of Scotland, born in Glasgow October 20, 1833; his parents, Thomas and Margaret (Boag) Mackie, were also natives of Scotland, where the former died; the latter came to Ohio, where she was married to R. Simms; she died in Michigan in 1872; she was a Presbyterian; by her first marriage, she had six children. Subject attended school in Toledo, Ohio, when it was about the size of what Downer's Grove now is, and also in Brooklyn, N. Y., obtaining a fair education; at the age of eighteen, he began learning the machinist's trade, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he remained over three years, when his health failing, from confinement to the shops, he came to Illinois to recruit for one year, stopping with his uncle John, who, at an early day, had settled the farm on which subject now lives. Here subject engaged in farming and now has a fine farm of 188 acres, the greater part of which is the fruit of his own labors. He married, in 1864, Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of William P. and Hannah

(Antill) Dunn, both natives of England, who came to Kendall County, Ill., in 1840, and who had two children—Hannah and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie have one child—Laura M., an efficient teacher, educated at Fort Wayne, Ind., and Naperville, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie are active members of the M. E. Church at Cass. He is a staunch Republican.

LEVI MERTZ, hardware, Downer's Grove, was born February 17, 1848, in Downer's Grove, this county; son of Edward and Sarah (Setzer) Mertz, both of Allentown, Penn., and both still living, he born March 6, 1817, she born September 22, 1822; they were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are living—Mary, Wellington, Levi, Allen, Lydia and Lewis. Edward and wife came to Illinois in 1841, and bought 207 acres of land at \$5 per acre. Our subject engaged with J. W. Rogers & Co. in 1870, and continued with that firm till July, 1881. November 11, 1881, he bought one-half interest in the hardware establishment of George Mochel & Bro., where he has remained and is doing a fine business. In Chicago, January 1, 1878, he married Lydia A. Faul, who has borne one child—Fred R., born February 19, 1882. Mrs. Mertz was born in Downer's Grove, this county, March 14, 1853, and is a daughter of Henry and Eva M. (Wolff) Faul, both of whom are living, he born in Bavaria March 19, 1818, she born in Strasburg October 26, 1819. Mr. Mertz enlisted during the war, but was pronounced too young. Is a Republican, having cast his first vote for Grant.

JOHN OLDFIELD, farmer, P. O. Lemont. The gentleman whose name heads this brief biography is a native of England, being born there June 15, 1824; his parents, Joseph and Ann Edgoose, were natives of England and possessed a family of five children, viz., one deceased when young, Mary A. (Mrs. J. Bat-

terham, a farmer in England), John, Jesse, —. The parents are both within the silent grave, in the bosom of the sunny land of England. The mother was an active Methodist. John spent his younger days in attending school and the rural pursuits of life. On the 7th day of April, 1854, he was united in marriage with Hannah, a daughter of William and Ann (Tufts) Reader, natives of England. Her parents were blessed with thirteen children, seven of whom survive, viz., Elizabeth (Mrs. Standish), Hannah, Sarah (Mrs. Joseph Gregory), Mary (Mrs. Laywood), John (married Jane Winkley), Ann (Mrs. Herring) and William, who married twice, the first wife being Sarah Wallace, and the second Emily Siplaw; her parents were primitive Methodists, and meetings were held in their house when churches were yet to be constructed. In a few days after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield gathered their small amount of worldly treasure, and, in company with his brother Jesse, John James Reader and six others, they boarded the "Queen Victoria," and, in a few weeks, were landed safely at New York; June 12, they landed at Chicago, where Mrs. O. remained while her husband prospected for a location. After making a long and wearisome trip through the Fox River region, Mr. O. returned to Chicago, and soon after rented a farm of George Smith, a banker of Chicago, lying a few miles from that city, which he managed with success for four years; he then bought forty acres of John Riddler, in the Cass neighborhood, Du Page County; he and his brother Jesse, who had remained with him since their arrival in this country, brought a load of household articles, and lodged on the night of their reaching this forty acres in a small log cabin, now in use on the farm of Jesse. They used their boots for pillows, making their beds only planks. This seemed to be no

discouragement to them, and in this locality they have remained, accumulating, by industry and frugality, a vast fortune, consisting of several hundred acres of finely improved land and large herds of cattle and sheep. Mrs. O. has long been an active member of the Methodist Church, being now associated with the church at Cass, to which organization her husband has donated a large amount of money. Mr. and Mrs. O. have been blessed with one daughter—Elizabeth A., born December 10, 1845, and married May 11, 1869, George B. Heartt, who was in the late war; her marriage has blessed her with some happy children. It is the purpose of this personal sketch to note the prominent characteristics of the individuals to which they refer, and to hand down to the future those who now stand prominent as citizens of our country and representative men. Comment on the useful lives of this biography would be useless verbiage, superfluous and unmeaning. Enough to say they have obtained their large fortune by their own efforts.

R. OLDFIELD, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in England September 2, 1836; his parents, John and Anna (Fields) Oldfield, were natives of England and the parents of six children, all now living. John Oldfield, subject's father, came to Illinois in 1847, and, in 1848, settled on eighty acres in Section 16, this township, and afterward added forty acres; he is now deceased; his wife is still living. Our subject attended school in the country and worked on a farm in his younger days; he carried on an extensive butcher business for about two years at Downer's Grove, with a man by the name of Briggs. He was married, in 1861, to Kate E. Dixon, who died in 1865, having borne him two children—Harry and Alice; he was again married, to Emma R., daughter of Rev. Samuel and Henrietta (Greeley) Ambrose; by

this marriage, two children have been born, viz., Roy and Gracy; he met with a severe loss, that of his left arm, by the discharge of a gun in the hands of an awkward boy, who was quarreling with another boy. Mr. Oldfield has taken delight in driving fast horses at fairs; he makes a specialty of horses; he has forty acres of well-improved land in Section 17; he is now in his fifth term as Tax Collector of this township. Himself and wife are members of the M. E. Church.

A. L. PEARSALL, Postmaster, Hinsdale, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., October 28, 1828; son of John and Clarinda (Walker) Pearsall, also natives of that county. John Pearsall came with his family, in 1839, to Belvidere, Boone Co., Ill., where he died March 2, 1865; his wife died in Iowa, January, 1879; they were active members of the Methodist Church, and were the parents of six children. Mr. Pearsall attended school from one to four months during the winter seasons, and also used his own endeavors while at home to obtain an education. At the age of eighteen, he began teaching in Knox County, Ill. While in Belvidere, he engaged for a time in the grocery and also in the hardware trade. In April, 1855, he married Harriet Rockwell, of Kalamazoo, Mich., who has borne him two children—Jennie E., wife of A. R. Robinson, Principal of the Chicago Schools, and Henry, correspondent of the American Iron Works, Chicago. Mr. Pearsall settled in Hinsdale in 1870, and here engaged in selling school furniture for A. S. Barnes & Co., Chicago, for a year; then worked for a prominent nurseryman of Michigan for some time; he was chosen Justice of the Peace, and, in 1875, was commissioned Postmaster at Hinsdale by President Grant, both of which positions he now holds; he is also a Notary Public. He has been Assessor of Downer's Grove Township two terms, and

filled that position in Boone County five years. He is a member of Hinsdale Lodge, No. 649, A., F. & A. M., of which he is S. W.; he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, of which he is Trustee; he is a Republican. He served four months in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry as superintendent of a ponton bridge at Nashville, Tenn., across the Cumberland River.

GARDNER PAIGE, retired farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born July 17, 1826, in Royalton, Vt.; son of David and Anna (Parker) Paige, who came from their native State to this section in 1837; bought land and built the first frame house in this section of Downer's Grove. David died June 26, 1864; the mother June 8, 1879. The grandfather Parker was in the Revolutionary war. The mother of Mr. Paige being a school teacher, taught him mostly at home. June 17, 1852, he married Annis W., daughter of M. P. and Hannah (Hill) Gilbert, of Vermont, who came to Illinois in 1848. Mrs. Paige's father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and her grandfather Gilbert was an officer in the Revolutionary war; her father died June 30, 1878; her mother is living with her. Our subject has had five children—Martha, married, September 3, 1879, to S. W. Miller, station agent at Lockport; Rosa A. and Gertrude; those dead are Hannah and Alzina. Mr. Paige is now filling the position of Assessor; he has been a Justice of the Peace and Collector, each three terms; also Road Commissioner. He (subject), Judge Blanchard and John Marion voted the last three Whig tickets in this township; he is a Republican at present; wife is a member of the Baptist Church; she taught school many terms in this section.

JOHN PARKER, retired auctioneer, Hinsdale, was born June 18, 1810, in Boston,

Mass.; is a son of Luther and Elizabeth (Lewis) Parker, who reared a family of eight children, viz., William, John, Mary E., Albert, Charles, Adaline, Francis and Ann; his father was a merchant in Boston, where John attended school, obtaining a fair education. When fifteen years old, he began learning the carpenter's trade, at which he worked three years, and then engaged in a book bindery. He next worked in a grocery for two years as clerk, after which he had an interest in the business. In 1836, he came to Chicago and engaged in the general merchandising business, under the firm name of Parker & Gray. In 1844, he withdrew from mercantile pursuits, and auctioneered for twelve years; was engaged in the brewery business in Chicago for some time, and then had an interest in the Corrugated Iron Company, in which he sustained considerable loss. In 1869, he settled in Hinsdale, where he has a good property and runs a vegetable garden. In 1835, Mr. Parker married Nancy T. Otis, by whom he had three children—Frank, Mary and Charles. His wife died from cholera in 1863. He next married Caroline M. Beal, by whom he has had two children—Samuel B. and Grace C.

DANIEL PETERS, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born August 3, 1851, in Downer's Grove Township; is the son of Jacob and Barbara (Graff) Peters, natives of Germany, and the parents of six children, viz., Barbara, Jacob, Fred, Sarah, Daniel and Samuel. The parents came to Downer's Grove in 1844, and settled where the subject now lives. The mother died August 21, 1876, and the father is still living, at the age of sixty-six, with the subject. Mr. Peters attended the common country school, and now conducts the farm, which consists of 112 acres of finely cultivated land, and twenty-seven acres of timber. In 1877, Mr. Peters mar-

ried Lena Atzel, a daughter of F. Atzel, of Downer's Grove; he was born March 6, 1813, in Germany; came to America in 1833, engaged in different employments in New York City until 1840, when he returned to Germany. The following year, he again came to America, locating in Chicago, where he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1851, he bought a farm of 120 acres in Downer's Grove Township, living on the same till 1874, when he rented his farm and settled in the village of Downer's Grove. The Atzel family are members of the German M. E. Church, as are also Mr. and Mrs. Peters. The latter have three children—Clara, Edwin and Henry. Mr. Peters is a Republican.

F. G. PRESCOTT, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born January 5, 1833, in Prussia, and is the son of G. Prescott, who came to this country in 1839; his father, who died in 1860, was married three times, and our subject was one of three children by his first wife. Mr. Prescott received but little education; came to Cook County in 1839, and worked on the canal with his father. His first work for himself was trapping, in partnership with his brother G. They were thus employed for six years, on the Desplaines River. In 1858, they went to Iowa and trapped along the rivers during the winters until 1865, when they abandoned this kind of work. They had been quite successful, making as high as \$40 each per day. In 1860, Mr. Prescott hunted with Little Crow, chief of the Crow Indians. In 1861, our subject married Rosa Pantke, whose parents are residents of this county. By this union, there are twelve children, all living, viz., Rosa, now Mrs. Huffman; Amelia, Julia, Lena, Edward, Matilda, Willie, Charlie, Otto, Caroline, Richard and Maude. Mr. Prescott now owns 144 acres of well-improved land, the result of his own hard labor. He and

his father were two of the first passengers on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. Our subject and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he is treasurer and trustee.

G. H. PAPPENHAUSEN, tailor, Hinsdale, was born in Germany September 28, 1837; his parents, Richard and Mary (Stopenhausen) Pappenhausen, were also natives of Germany, and had four children, two living—Fred, a tailor in Chicago, and G. H.; his father was a tailor and with whom G. H. learned his trade. Mr. Pappenhausen attended school nine years, and then began to work at tailoring. He came to Brush Hills, this county, in 1870, and began working at his trade there, having scarcely any money. In 1875, he came to Hinsdale, where he has since done a good business; he has been fortunate in securing property here worth \$2,500; he was married, in Germany, to Mary Bachrans, who has borne him six children—Mary, Sophia, Ann, Willie, Lena and Charlie; they attend the Lutheran Church. He votes the Republican ticket, and is a member of the A. O. U. W. at Hinsdale.

PROF. J. K. RASSWEILER, Principal of Downer's Grove Schools. He is a native of Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Penn., born September 10, 1853; his parents, J. Philip and Anna D. (Haesler) Rassweiler, are representatives of that nationality to which the United States is indebted for very many thousands of her most prosperous citizens and substantial men of worth and merit, being born in Hanover, Germany. J. Philip Rassweiler was born April 18, 1812; emigrated to America in 1825, and afterward settled permanently in Stephenson County, Ill. His parents not being in affluent circumstances, our subject worked on the farm during the summers, thus laying the foundation of his present energy, and, in the winters, when farm labor was not to be obtained, he applied himself to mental

improvement, with eminent success. His school days began in the country, and, when at a reasonable age, he entered an academy at Cedarville, Stephenson County, where he advanced very rapidly; he set his mind for a thorough education, and his parents were unable to help him, so he devised every means in his power to be able to reach the target. He became qualified to teach in the country schools at the age of fifteen, and took advantage of that vocation, teaching in the winters and attending college in the summers. He entered the Western College, at Naperville, in 1870, where he graduated in 1876, with high honors. During the period of six years that he was receiving instructions at the last-mentioned institution, he taught terms of school at Mendota and Fullersburg. He was employed at the Downer's Grove Schools in 1876, a position his education and abilities peculiarly qualify him to fill. He has taken those schools from a mere primary grade, and has set them upon a foundation ranking among the best in this country. At Streator, Ill., September 15, 1876, he married Mary E. Beringer, born in Menominee Falls, Wis., April 24, 1854, daughter of Mahlon D. and Caroline K. (Wambold) Beringer, natives of Pennsylvania; he died February 16, 1859; she was born July 23, 1833. Mrs. Rasseweiler's father was a member of the Evangelical Church. Her mother was again married to a Rev. J. Miller, of the Evangelical Church. Mr. R.'s union has blessed him with two children, viz., Lula Winifred and Ralph Edmund. He and wife are active members of the Evangelical Church at Naperville. He is now Village Trustee. Being averse to office, he has not been an office-seeker. He is, however, now a candidate for Superintendent of Schools of Du Page County, a position he will probably get before this sketch is in print.

MRS. NANCY S. ROTTE, Downer's Grove, was born August 29, 1830, in Lower Canada; her father, Daniel Roberts, was born in New Hampshire, and her mother, Lucy (Clark) Roberts, in Lower Canada; they came here in 1845, settling in the Cass neighborhood. Subject attended school but a short time in the country, but afterward entered a select school at Naperville, where she remained quite awhile. She was married, in 1848, to Luke S. Kimball, and from this union two children were born, viz., Edward D. and Clara M., wife of Mr. Dawe, a Methodist minister; she died May 28, 1881, leaving three children—Ida M., E. Raymond and Charles. Mr. Kimball was educated at Mt. Morris, Ogle County, this State; was a classmate of ex-Gov. J. L. Beveridge; studied law in Chicago and practiced in Hennepin, Putnam County; his death occurred February 13, 1852, from drowning, in attempting to rescue some men from a boat which was frozen in the ice. Mrs. Rote then came to this county, and, in 1857, was married to Richard Rote, native of Columbia County, N. Y., and by this marriage was blessed with six children—Eva V., Esther H., Mabel G., Ada E., Berton H. and Ernest D. Mr. Rote died April 29, 1879; was a member of the M. E. Church at Cass, to which denomination the subject now belongs. In September, 1881, Mrs. Rote came to Downer's Grove. In 1882, she sold her eighty acres of well-improved land at \$65 per acre, and is living retired.

F. A. ROGERS, postal clerk on Chicago & Dubuque mail route, Downer's Grove. Mr. Rogers, of whom we write, is a native of St. Lawrence County, N. Y.; is a brother of Capt. T. A. Rogers, whose sketch, together with that of his father, appears elsewhere. He had the advantage of the district schools, and a graded one at Somonauk, De Kalb County, this State. He spent his younger

days on his father's farm. He enlisted, in 1861, in Company E, I. C. A. V., and served the cause of his country for three years; was in about fifty battles and skirmishes, among which were those of the Potomac campaign. On his return from the war, he engaged principally in farming until October 3, 1880, when he was commissioned postal clerk on the Chicago & Dubuque mail route, in which position he has proven an efficient officer, having scarcely made a single mistake in the transfer of mail, the labor of which is dependent entirely upon the memory of hundreds of officers, their locality and mail route. He was married, September 6, 1866, to Mary A. Plummer, a daughter of Benjamin and Amelia (Thomas) Plummer, of Hinsdale, which union blessed him with four children, viz., Minnie A., born July 7, 1867; Mamie E., born July 15, 1869; Charlie L., born August 24, 1870; and Elbert A., born August 3, 1879. Mr. Rogers has been Collector of Downer's Grove Township for three years. In 1880, he took the census of said township. Is a charter member of Hinsdale Lodge, No. 649, A., F. & A. M., and has been Past Master of the same. He votes the Republican ticket. In June, 1880, he bought eighty-five acres where he now lives, in Downer's Grove Township, and here his family remains. On this farm stands an old log cabin that was erected about the year 1834, by Horace Aldrich, who for many years at this place kept the only hotel on the old plank road between Brush Hills and Naperville. It was in this building that the Rogers family slept the first night they were in Du Page County. The old well of forty-five years still furnishes as pure water as it did when the merry traveler of those olden times tied his ox team, that he might bend over the old oaken bucket to quench his thirst. A portion of the old nursery once cultivated by Mr. Aldrich can be

seen here, adjacent to the old structures. This hotel was known as Prospect Hill, and recently a large number of receipts were found about the old building bearing such a postmark. They were receipts for board bills that were probably never paid. Mr. Rogers has the patents for his present farm, which were signed by J. K. Polk.

CAPT. T. S. ROGERS, meat market, Chicago, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born August 30, 1831, in St. Lawrence County, N. Y.; is a son of Joseph I. and Caroline A. (Smith) Rogers. The father was born January 12, 1802, in Herkimer County, N. Y., and the mother on April 15, 1812, in West Springfield, Mass. The family came to this county in 1844, and bought land where P. S. Cossitt now lives. Here the father died November 18, 1863; the mother is living in Downer's Grove. Our subject attended school in a log cabin which stood on the old Goodenough farm, receiving instruction from Amanda Forbes. He taught school some during his life, in Milton Township, Lisle, and at Brush Hill. He has run a threshing machine and driven ox teams. Was married, December 13, 1855, to Helen M. Stanley, a sister of L. W. Stanley, whose sketch appears elsewhere; she was born February 6, 1833; she has blessed her husband with two children, both of whom are deceased. In 1860, he was elected Sheriff of Du Page County. He enlisted, before his term of office closed, in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was elected Captain in July, 1862, and served till the fall of 1864. On his return from the war, he taught school in Downer's Grove, and in 1866 he engaged in the meat business at Chicago, which he continues. He has a beautiful residence in Downer's Grove, and goes to and from his business each day. He has been President of the Board of Trustees of Downer's Grove

since its organization; was Township Supervisor one term, and has some other small offices. Mention of the Rogers family will be found elsewhere.

WILLIAM ROBBINS, real estate, Hinsdale, was born July 20, 1824, in Oswego County, N. Y.; is a son of John and Polly (Ferguson) Robbins, the former a native of Keene, N. H., and the latter of Albany, N. Y. They came to McHenry County, Ill., in 1844, and died there. Our subject attended school in the country, and afterward graduated at the Rensselaer Academy, at Mexico, N. Y. He then taught district schools in New York and in Illinois, to which latter State he came with his parents. Soon after his arrival in this State, he entered a dry goods store as clerk, where he continued until 1850, when he went with several others to California, and mined one winter. The following spring, he engaged in general merchandising, under the firm name of Bull, Baker & Robbins, at San Francisco, Red Bluffs and Shasta. They were successful, and, after six years, sold out, and began banking at San Francisco. This they continued successfully for four years, when Mr. Robbins withdrew and came to Chicago. In a short time, he invested his ample means in real estate, to which he has since given his personal attention. He was the founder of Hinsdale, where his beautiful residence now stands. He has about eight hundred acres of land in and around Hinsdale, and some in Cook County; has an office in Chicago, to which he goes each day. In 1855, Mr. Robbins married Marie Steele, who blessed him with three children—Isabel, Mrs. William H. Knight; John S., engaged in the J. I. Case Plow Manufacturing Company at Racine, Wis.; and George R., chief clerk for Col. Forsythe, railroad official of Chicago. Mr. Robbins is a member of the Congregational Church at Hinsdale. In August, 1882,

Mrs. Robbins was thrown from her buggy by a runaway horse, and almost instantly killed.

DAVID ROTH, farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born May 25, 1811, in Delaware County, N. Y.; is the son of Edward and Mary (Close) Roth; the father died in 1815, and the mother never remarried. In 1835, she came to Bureau County, Ill., where our subject engaged in farming and driving ox teams to and from Chicago. In 1842, he married Nancy Phelps, the result of the union being eleven children: Serena G., Mary, Porter, Charlie, Marshall, Frank, Myram, Frances, Norman Hiram, and Laura. They remained in Bureau County till 1865, at which time our subject bought land near Brush Hills. Here they remained until 1866, when they located in Hinsdale, where they have since remained, with the exception of four years which they spent in Iowa. Solomon and Leonard, brothers of our subject, were in the Back Hawk war. Mr Roth was first a Democrat, then a Republican, and now is a member of the Greenback party, of which he is an enthusiastic advocate.

JOSIAH RICHARDS, butcher, Downer's Grove, was born in Will County, Ill., September 6, 1837. His parents, John A. and Lucy P. (Peet) Richards—the former born in New Hampshire October 31, 1803, the latter in Vermont April 24, 1804, came to Will County, Ill., in 1835, thence to this county in 1836, where they still reside. Of their five children, four are now living, viz., Josiah, Louisa, Ellen and Emily. Subject received his education in the country schools; also attended the school at Naperville two terms; worked on the farm till he was twenty-one years of age, then began life for himself. In 1875, he engaged in the butcher business with Mr. Naramore, at Downer's Grove, where he has since been engaged in that business, and doing a good trade. He owns 231 acres of well-improved land, in Lisle Township, this

county; has filled the offices of Constable and Road Commissioner. He is a supporter of the Republican party.

MRS. ELIZA F. SMART, farmer, P. O. Cass. Elisha Smart, husband of Mrs. Eliza F. Smart, was born in England February 10, 1816. His parents, Joseph and Mary (Brice) Smart, natives of England, came to America in 1825 settled in Monroe County, N. Y., where their thirteen children grew up, and came here in 1844. Mr. Smart worked by the year at \$35; spent a few months at the cooper's trade, and, at the age of twenty, bought a farm of 100 acres in New York. He married, in 1835, Eliza, daughter of Joshua and Mary (Camach) Fell. Her father died September 25, 1846, and her mother March 24, 1861; they were Methodists. Mr. Smart remained three years on his farm in New York, then sold out and came to Illinois, taking four weeks en route, and settled on fifty acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Smart united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1839, Mrs. Smart being the oldest member of that church now at this place. In 1853, Mr. Smart went to the California gold fields, where he remained about seven years, and was somewhat successful. Mrs. Smart bought seventy acres of land, the present farm, while her husband was in California, which his earnings and the produce of the farm soon placed clear of debt. Eight children were born to them, all living—Mary, Mrs. George Price; Wesley, married Lucy Ahle; Caroline, Mrs. Thomas Leonard; Fannie E., Mrs. Amenzo Gilbert; Jerome, married Lyde Ahle; Cecilia, Mrs. Peter Warden; Ann M., Mrs. John Warden; and Josephine, Mrs. Martin Madden. Wesley was in Company B, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, three years.

SYLVESTER SMART, farmer, P. O. Cass, was born December 12, 1841, in the village

of Cass, this county. His father, William, was born in 1808, in Bedfordshire, England, and his mother, Mary (Fell) Smart, was born July 4, 1817, in Lincolnshire, England. They were both single when they came to America, and were married in 1839, and from this union five children were born, viz., S. R., William H., George E., Albert and Mary E. Subject's father settled in this county, in what is now Cass, and died December 26, 1876; his wife, subject's mother, lives with her son Henry, and is hale and hearty. Subject received his education in the common schools, and, when eighteen years old, went to New York on a visit; while there, attended an academy at Rushford, N. Y., and, on his return home, resumed farming. At the age of twenty-two, he rented land of his father and began farming for himself. He married, March 4, 1868, Editha, daughter of Welcome D. and Sarah (Spaulding) Morton, natives of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively, now residents of Vinton, Iowa, and parents of nine children, three living, viz., Editha (Mrs. Smart), Denison and Lucy. Mrs. Smart was born in this county March 3, 1847. She and her husband are the parents of four children, viz., Blanche, born March 24, 1870, in Illinois; Ida, born May 12, 1872, in Jefferson County, Iowa; Gerrit S., born February 13, 1874, in Jefferson County, Iowa, died February 12, 1880, with scarlet fever; William D., born October 18, 1876, in Iowa. In 1869, Mr. Smart bought a farm in Jefferson County, Iowa, and in the spring of 1870 removed to that State, where he remained until 1876, when he returned to the old homestead. While in Iowa, Mr. Smart was very successful, having secured two fine farms and improved them, making them worth about \$6,000. A railroad is now in progress which will make the farms very valuable. One farm has a fine brick house

and all necessary buildings. The other farm has new frame buildings, of first-class material. This amount of valuable property has been obtained by his own labors. While in Iowa, Mr. Smart bought cattle at Chicago and fed them on his farm. He is making a specialty of fine cattle. He has 180 acres under very fine improvement, where he now resides, in Section 33. Himself and wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cass, in which he is Steward; they attend Sunday school.

G. E. SMART, farmer, P. O. Lemont, Cook County, a brother of S. R. Smart, whose sketch appears elsewhere, and was born October 7, 1847, in this township. He attended school as much as was convenient, and worked on his father's farm. He married, December 25, 1877, Esther, daughter of John and Louisa Hall. Her parents came here in 1870; her father died March 27, 1882; of their twelve children, three are living, viz., Thomas H., Eliza and Esther M. Mr. and Mrs. Smart have two children—Kittie L., born June 30, 1879; and Jennie M., born June 20, 1881. They have 138 acres of well-improved land. Mrs. Smart was born January 2, 1854; she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cass. Mr. Smart is very successful in farming.

HAMPTON L. STORY, pianos and organs, Hinsdale and Chicago. Mr. Story, of the firm of Story & Camp, was born in 1835, in Vermont; is a son of Andrew and Adaline (Reed) Story, natives of Vermont, and the parents of three children, the subject only surviving. The father was in the State Legislature in Vermont, and held many smaller positions; was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Story attended school in the country, Cambridge, Bakersfield, Georgia and Fairfax, all thriving towns of Vermont; at the latter, he completed his labors as a student,

and at the age of eighteen he applied himself to teaching singing and day school in this and Kane Counties. In 1857, he went to Chase County, Kan., and pre-empted 160 acres of Government land, paying for it with a land warrant received by his father for services rendered in the war of 1812. In one year he returned to Burlington, Vt., where he engaged in the general musical instrument business, continuing until 1868. In the meantime, however, he enlisted in Company C, Twelfth Vermont Militia. In 1868, he formed a partnership with Isaac N. Camp in the wholesale and retail piano and organ business, at Chicago, which firm, Story & Camp, has since existed. They have a large factory in Chicago, and branch business rooms in St. Louis, Des Moines, Kansas City and St. Paul, together with those in Chicago, representing a capital stock of \$500,000. In 1868, while at Burlington, Vt., Mr. Story edited and published the *Vermont Musical Journal*, a work possessing efficient talent. They make a specialty of the celebrated Estey organs, Decker Bros., Haines Bros. and other makes of pianos. Their place of business is 188 and 190 State street. Mr. Story has been twice married, the first time being to Marian Fuller, by whom he had three children, viz., Edward H., Robert T. and Frank. His second marriage was in 1876, to Adella B. Ellis, which union has blessed him with Addie and James. His residence is located within the limits of Hinsdale, on twenty-one acres of fine land, in this and Cook Counties; together with the buildings, is valued at \$40,000; all of which, with other large possessions, is the result of his own energies. His wife is a member of the Episcopal Church, and he is a Republican.

M. SUCHER, farmer, P. O. Ogden, Iowa, was born in France in August, 1811. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Kries) Sucher,

were natives of France, where the latter died in 1819. Subject's father was again married to Margaret Knopf, who bore him three children. By his marriage with Miss Kries, seven children were born, viz., Henry, George, Michael, Philip, Daniel, Jacob and Margaret. He came to Downer's Grove about 1852, where he died; he was a member of the Lutheran Church. Subject attended school but little; he came to New York on 1833, where he worked in succession on a canal, in a foundry, a distillery, a ship-lock, at butchering hogs and chopping wood, and at anything he could get to do. He also worked at splitting rails, digging up stumps and flailing out wheat, at from \$3 to \$8 per month. In 1837, he married Miss Catharine Wolf, a native of France, who had settled in New York. He remained in New York some time, then came to Illinois and bought 160 acres of land, at 10 shillings per acre. He has, by careful management, accumulated 240 acres of prairie and about eighty acres of timber land in this county; he recently sold 240 acres at \$80 per acre, as he intends to locate in Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Sucher are the parents of eleven children, viz., Michael (dead), Henry B., William L., Michael (dead), Margaret E., George F., Samuel M., Charles R., Matilda, Walter and Edward B. Mr. Sucher has been Pathmaster and Town Commissioner two years. He and his wife are members of the German Methodist Church at Downer's Grove. He has three lots and good houses in Chicago, and a house and lot in Naperville. He makes a specialty of fine horses.

J. W. SUCHER, blacksmith, Downer's Grove, was born in Shepherdsville, Bullitt Co., Ky., July 5, 1841, son of Philip and Emily (Hogan) Sucher. Philip Sucher, subject's father, who was born in Germany October 15, 1815, was a blacksmith by trade and a member of the Baptist Church; he had one sister

and four brothers, viz., Margaret, Michael, Henry, Daniel and Jacob; he carried the mail from Downer's Grove to West Lyons, Lemont and Cass, in all, twenty-one years; he died October 26, 1877; his wife, born in Nashville, Tenn., March 8, 1818, also a member of the Baptist Church, now resides in Downer's Grove; she is one of a family of three children, all living; she is the mother of five children, viz., James, Jacob, Lewis, Sarah and Nettie. Mr. Sucher's great-uncle, Shanklin, was in the war of 1812. The subject of this sketch learned the blacksmith's trade with his father; enlisted in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Blanchard, and served three years; his brother Jacob also served in the same company. He married, December 26, 1866, Mary C. Gager, born at Whitney's Point, Broome Co., N. Y., April 27, 1848, daughter of Ambrose S. and Amanda (Thurston) Gager; he, born in Binghamton, N. Y., June 15, 1812, died November 17, 1874; she, also native of New York State, born at Whitney's Point, Broome County, June 11, 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Sucher have been blessed with three children—Beulah E., Elvin N. and Lydia. Mrs. Sucher is one of a family of ten children, of whom eight are living—Anna, John T., C. M., J. R., Mary C. (Mrs. Sucher), Lydia M., Abbie and Ambrose S. Mr. Sucher owns a blacksmith shop, lot and dwelling; he works in his shop himself, and also employs two men; he does a general blacksmithing business. He is a charter member and Recorder of Hinsdale Lodge, No. 182, A. O. U. W.

M. F. SAYLOR, carriage painting and trimming, harness making and repairing, musical instruments, etc., Downer's Grove, a native of Schuylkill County, Penn., born September 17, 1831, son of Jacob and Priscilla (Hoffman) Saylor, natives of Schuylkill County, Penn., and who were the parents of

eleven children, nine of whom are living, viz., Morgan F. (subject), Thomas, Francis, Jeremiah, Alexander, Peter, Mary, Emma and Alice. Subject, after receiving his education, taught school for five winters. In 1856, he came with his family to Naperville, where he engaged in house-painting till 1860, then moved to Plainfield, and soon after to Joliet. In 1862, he enlisted in the Fifty-second Regimental Band as B flat cornet player, and, after one year's service, was discharged. In 1863, he returned to Pennsylvania and served three months in the militia; then became freight agent at Ashland, Penn., and, after holding that position a year, went to work in the Pennsylvania Central Car Works, where he had previously worked five years. In 1875, he came to Downer's Grove and engaged in carriage and house painting; in 1881, added the harness and musical instrument business, and is doing a very good trade. Mr. Saylor has been twice married. In 1850, he married Anna E. Feger, who was killed at Joliet in 1872, by the explosion of a kerosene lamp; from this marriage six children were born, four of whom are living—Laura, Newton, Mary and Minnie. In 1874, he married Mrs. Margaret Freeman, daughter of Michael Sucher; from this marriage two children have been born, one of whom is living, Earl C. Mrs. Saylor had by her first husband two children, Edward and William. He is a Democrat, and himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church.

MICHAEL SHUMP, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in December, 1833, in Germany; is a son of Henry and Catharine (Sites) Shump, who reared a family of six children. Our subject had but little chance for education; worked on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age, when he began working out by the month. When he first came to this part of the country, he hunted

mink and other valuable fur-producing animals, and thus paid for a small piece of land. In 1859, he married Susannah Herbert, a native of Germany, and they settled where they are now located. They have eight children, viz., Henry, Mary, Amelia, Ella, Clara, John, Frank and Lucy. Mr. Shump has 145½ acres of the finest land in the township, well drained with tile; also has two fine orchards. Although averse to office, he has held some small offices; takes an interest in education and local improvements and enterprises. He and wife are Catholics.

QUIRIN SCHMITT, wagon-maker, repairer and livery, Downer's Grove, was born in Europe April 30, 1853; his parents, Roman and Sophia (Tilken) Schmitt, both deceased, were Europeans; of their nine children, seven are living, viz., Nicholas, George, Joseph, Amand, Quirin, Sophia and Therese. Subject, at the age of thirteen, began learning the wagon-maker's trade, which he has ever since followed. He came to Illinois in 1872, and worked one year and seven months with John Walters, of Downer's Grove, whose business he then bought, and has since continued, making a specialty of repairing and building spring wagons, and doing an excellent trade. In 1881, he added a livery to his other business, and is meeting with good success in that line. He married, January 17, 1874, Barbara, daughter of Henry and Helena Schumpp, and from this union three children have been born, viz., Eugene, Ida and Helen. Mrs. Schmitt's parents were early settlers here, and had six children, five of whom are living. Mr. Schmitt is a Democrat; members of the Catholic Church.

PHILANDER TORODE, hotel and farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born November 4, 1823, in Monroe County, Ohio. His parents, Nicholas and Rachel (De Lamare) Torode, were natives of Europe, and emigrated

to America in 1820, settling in Ohio, and, in 1837, in Illinois, where his father died in 1845, and his mother in 1864; they had seven children—Nicholas, Peter R., John J., Charles W., Daniel W., George and Philander; they were members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Torode attended the common schools, and, at thirteen years of age, began working on his father's farm. His life has been mostly that of a farmer; however, he spent a few years in saw-milling, operating a cider-mill and a stone quarry on Section 24 in York Township, along Salt Creek. He was married, March 15, 1854, to Abba, daughter of David and Catharine (Fuller) Thurston, who has borne him one child, who grew to maturity—John A. In 1881, Mr. Torode left his farm of 150 acres in York Township and engaged in the hotel business in Hinsdale, where he has met with good success. The building is nicely located and well arranged for hotel purposes. In 1879, he engaged in farming in Alabama, whither he and his family had gone in search of health. He has been Assessor one term. His farm in York Township is the old homestead of his father.

JOEL TIFFANY, inventor, Hinsdale, was born September 6, 1811, at Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., son of Joel and Hannah (Wilder) Tiffany, natives of Connecticut. His father was a builder, and was never in affluent circumstances, so that the children, all of whom were successful in life, were self-made. Our subject taught school and studied hard until twenty years of age, when he began to read law with William G. Williams, at Hartford, Conn., and afterward with Charles Olcott, at Medina, Ohio, where, in 1834, he was admitted to the bar and practiced until 1836. He afterward practiced for thirteen years at Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, where he held the position of Prosecuting

Attorney, in which office he won distinction by his vigorous prosecution of horse-thieves and counterfeiters. This office he held for two terms, when, in 1849, he located in Cleveland and practiced two years. He next went to Little Mountain, Lake Co., Ohio, where he turned his entire attention to the law of patents in the United States Courts. After fifteen years here, he practiced at Albany, N. Y., for ten years. From 1865 to 1868, he was Reporter of the Court of Appeals, from which labor twelve volumes were published. While at Albany, he wrote a "Treatise on Trusts and Trustees," and a work of "Practice under the New York Code of Law," consisting of three volumes; also a "Digest of the Court of Appeals," and a treatise on "Government and Constitutional Law." He has lately published an able work entitled "Man and his Destiny," and is now preparing for publication some ideas and comments on "Agnosticism." In 1870, he bought property in Hinsdale, and began exerting his active mind in the art of refrigerating; has an office in Chicago, to and from which city he goes each day. In 1834, he married Caroline M. Tryon, which union resulted in nine children, five of whom survive, viz., Mary, Mrs. Van Inwagen; Amelia; Martha, Mrs. Humphrey; Ella, Mrs. J. B. Page; and Belle. His consort died in 1859, in Ohio, and he again married, in 1860, to Margaret Mason, by whom he has four children, viz., Frankie L., Leon J., Wilder and George S. Although Mr. Tiffany has been offered positions of honor and trust, he has as often refused them, being averse to holding office. In the person of our subject we have the marked character of a self-made man.

A. L. TENNEY, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in New Hampshire February 2, 1845, son of Oliver and Tryphenia (Bissell) Tenney, natives of Vermont, he born

in 1800 and she in 1807; they are still living, and are the parents of twelve children, all of whom are living. Our subject was educated in the best schools of his native county, and, at about twenty-four years of age, engaged in the express business, continuing at the same for three years, when he came to Illinois and commenced farming, renting land for that purpose. He afterward purchased eighty acres, his present farm, which is highly improved. In 1862, he was married to Miss Abbie Daggett, who bore him two children, one of whom is living, Myron. Mrs. Tenney died in 1869, and in 1870 Mr. Tenney married Miss Phyllis Pye, daughter of Watts and Mary A. (Goodman) Pye, natives of England, who came to Du Page in 1849, settling where subject now lives, but who are at present residing in Minnesota; they had eight children, only five of whom are now living. From his last marriage, Mr. Tenney has had born to him six children—Abbie M., Ella T., Watts R., Nettie B., Bessie P. and Bertha J. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he votes for the best men. Alden and Marquis, brothers of A. L., were in the late war—one in the army and the other in the navy. Watts Pye, brother of Mr. Tenney's wife, died whilst in the service, member of Company B, Eighty-seventh Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.

ELDRED THATCHER, merchant, Downer's Grove, was born in Susquehanna County, Penn., March 8, 1818, son of John and Sarah (Moore) Thatcher, he a native of Massachusetts, she of New Jersey; of their six children, five are living, viz., Azor, Eldred (subject), John, Edwin and Editha. Subject, at the age of fourteen, apprenticed to the tanner's trade, after learning which he attended school three months. In 1831, he moved to La Salle County, Ill., thence, in 1841, to Down-

er's Grove. In 1856, he entered the dry goods and notion business, continuing in business one year, under the firm name of Carpenter & Hatch; afterward, under various names, the present firm being Thatcher & Crescey. He has a good store and other property, which he has made by his own labors, having only \$200 when he located here. He was married in 1838; his wife died in October, 1855, leaving one child, Mrs. Charles Curtis. He married Charlotte Smith, who has borne him three children, viz., John, Helen and Harvey. Mr. Thatcher has been Postmaster in Downer's Grove for nineteen years, being commissioned by President Buchanan; been Township Trustee for twenty years, and still holds that position, and has been Trustee of the village since its organization, with the exception of one year. He is a Republican, his wife is a member of the Baptist Church.

EDWARD VENARD, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born February 25, 1842. His parents, Charles and Catharine (Butler) Venard, were natives of Ireland, and came to America about 1832, settling in the dense forests of New York, where they toiled and labored until 1845, when they gathered all and started for the West, locating the same year on the farm where they now reside. Here they again began in the pioneer style. Subject's mother died here in 1857; his father is still living, and is very feeble, being eighty-two years of age; the names of their seven children are as follows: Anastasia, Ellen, Charles, Thomas, Edward, John and Catharine. Subject was married, February 22, 1880, to Maggie J., a daughter of Adam and Julia Gorman, of Will County; she has borne him two children, both deceased. He makes some specialty of Durham cattle and the Chester White hogs. He has 184 acres of finely improved land, the fruit of his early

labors. They are members of the Catholic Church at Naperville.

DR. H. F. WALKER, coal-dealer, Hinsdale, was born July 17, 1817, in Claremont, Sullivan Co., N. H.; is a son of Solomon and Charity (Stevens) Walker; the parents emigrated to Oakland County, Mich., in 1824, where they bought a large tract of land; the father died in 1857, and the mother in 1859; they were the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom grew up—Elihu S., Oriey, Andrew C., Leander (Methodist minister), Lucretia, H. F., J. M. (deceased January, 1881, was President of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and attorney). Mr. Walker attended school in the districts in Michigan and at Pontiac, same State, and for a time at Oberlin, Ohio. His younger days were spent on a farm and clerking in a store. He began reading medicine in 1838, with Dr. A. Hudson, of Farmington, Mich., and afterward attended the Cleveland (Ohio) Medical College, graduating there in 1843. He began practice at Farmington, where he remained for nine years, and then retired for a short time, on account of poor health. In about one year, he engaged as a traveling salesman and collector for a wholesale dry goods house of New York, which he continued for about two years, and again entered his profession for one year. He learned that his health would not permit him to follow his profession he loved so well, and he engaged in the clothing business with O. F. North, at Pontiac, Mich., for about one year and a half, at the end of which time he withdrew and came to Amboy, Lee Co., Ill., in 1855, where he remained for ten years. He then settled in Chicago, and acted as manager of the Chicago & Wilmington Coal Company, and is connected with said company at the present. Was married, in 1839, to Athalia N. Watson, a daughter of Levi and

Fanny Watson. He has no children. He settled his residence at Hinsdale in 1868, he and his brother, J. M., buying at that time about three hundred and seventy acres where is now Clarendon Hills. They cut the same into lots, and, after selling many of them, they sold the remainder, but had to take a portion back on account of non-payment. The Doctor has been Supervisor of Downer's Grove Township, and has held other small offices. He is now a candidate for the Legislature from this district. He was first a Whig, and since has been a staunch Republican. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church of Hinsdale; were formerly Methodists, but transferred on account of there being no Methodist organization at this place.

ALFRED WALKER, farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born in Ludlow, Windsor Co., Vt., September 6, 1824, son of Josiah and Sophia (Pettigrew) Walker. Josiah Walker was born in Hopkinton, Mass., March 5, 1793, and died at Ludlow, Vt., March 22, 1846; his wife, born in Ludlow, Vt., December 28, 1795, died at Hinsdale, Ill., December 12, 1875; he was a Methodist, she a Baptist; they had eight children. Mr. Walker received a limited education, attending school about two months each winter season, and, when eighteen years of age, hired out at \$13 per month, and, after working one month, set out to look for other employment. He worked for a time at various small jobs, then found permanent employment in the car works at Cambridgeport, Vt., receiving \$8 per month for the first year, \$16 per month the second year, and the third year received \$1.50 per day. His father dying about this time, he returned home and hired out by the month awhile. In Tinmouth, Vt., March 30, 1847, he married Fanny Ann Hopkins, a native of that place, born May 24, 1823, who bore him

three children—Lincoln, deceased; Clifford, who married Nellie Steward at Hinsdale, Ill., January 28, 1874; and Lillian Sophia, who married Frank L. Wentworth at Hinsdale, October 2, 1877. Mrs. Walker's parents, David and Amanda (Andrus) Hopkins, were natives of Wallingford, Rutland Co., Vt., he born June 14, 1788, died March 30, 1849, at Tinmouth, Vt., where also his wife, who was born August 30, 1792, died March 31, 1849; they had fourteen children, six of whom are living. Mr. Walker, after his marriage, settled on the old homestead farm, renting it for awhile, afterward buying it, and finally selling it for a county poor farm. In 1853, he came to Brush Hills, this county, where he started a hotel, in connection with which he ran a cheese factory (the first in the State), and also dealt in fat cattle. He became wealthy, and purchased a large amount of property, the greater part of which he still owns. He is an active member of the Congregational Church.

GEORGE WOLF, farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born May 14, 1835, in Germany; is a son of George and Mary E. (Heintz) Wolf, who came to Du Page County from Germany in 1847. The family rented land for five years, and then purchased where they now live. The father had but \$40 when he located in this county, but, by hard labor and frugality, he amassed quite a little fortune, which he divided among his six children. The mother is dead, and the father, at the age of seventy-five, lives with our subject. The parents united early with the Lutheran Church. George's school-days were few, he commencing early to work at farming, which he has since continued; has experienced all the hardships incident to pioneer life. In 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war; was

slightly wounded between two fingers; also contracted a disease in one of his lower limbs, which causes him considerable pain at this late day. In 1866, he married Miss Kate Faul, by whom he had two children, Eddie and Ella; they finally separated, and Mr. Wolf, in 1872, again married, the lady being Miss Emily Wigant, daughter of William and Lottie Wigant. This second union has resulted in three children, viz., Louise, George and Amanda. Subject owns 110 acres of well-improved land, and some timber in Downer's Grove; the residence, which is surrounded by a good orchard, is situated on Section 23. He and his brother Fred for a time ran a threshing machine, which added to their finances. The family of Mr. Wolf are members of the Lutheran Church. He votes the Democratic ticket.

FREDERICK WOLF, farmer, P. O. Hinsdale, was born December 28, 1838, in Germany, and is a brother of George, whose sketch appears in this book. Subject obtained what little education he could at Downer's Grove, but, as soon as he was large enough, he was obliged to work on his father's farm; at fifteen, he was an expert at mowing. He used to drive four ox teams to a plow which his father and brother held; has journeyed to and from Chicago with oxen, and has, in fact, experienced all the hardships of one in limited circumstances in an early day. He now has 160 acres of finely improved farm land, and ten acres of timber land; runs quite an extensive dairy, keeping twenty-six cows, and selling the milk in Chicago. In 1866, he was married to Catharine Mochel, by whom he has seven children, viz., William, Louisa, Charlie, Emil, George, Albert E. and Adelia Mc. Mr. Wolf has held the position of Pathmaster. He and wife are Lutherans. They are giving their children a good education.

CHARLES WHEELER, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born January 20, 1829, in New York, son of Merritt and Rhoda (Hyde) Wheeler, and brother of Allen Wheeler, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject attended school in his early youth, but, as he grew older, was needed to help work upon the farm. When twenty-two years of age, he bought thirty-eight acres of land of his father, and invested all of his available means in cattle. He now owns 106 acres of well-improved land, the result of his economy and good management, and makes a specialty of raising Berkshire hogs. In 1860, he was married to Miss Nancy McMillan, daughter of Andrew and Rhoda (Daily) McMillan, and sister to Mrs. E. S. Andrews, whose sketch appears in this work. This union has been blessed with three children—Olive, Orin and Ida J. Mrs. Wheeler is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Wheeler has filled several offices in the township, and, although he has seen his full share of the hardships of life, now enjoys the fruits of his thrift and perseverance.

ALLEN WHEELER, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born August 29, 1840, in New York. His parents, Merritt and Rhoda (Hyde) Wheeler, were natives of New York, and came to Illinois in 1844, settling on a farm west of Downer's Grove, now owned by "Deeder." In 1847, they settled on a farm adjoining subject's place, and, in 1875, located in Michigan, where they still reside, the father being blind. Subject attended school but little, and that in a cabin on his brother's farm. His parents had nine children—George, Charles, Roxanna, Grace, Sarah, Allen, Betsey, Harriet and Albert. He clerked awhile in Downer's Grove, and in 1860, attended school at Wheaton, this county. He enlisted in Company E, Eighth Illinois Cavalry Regiment, but, being taken sick with

the measles, was confined to the hospital at Alexandria, thence transferred to Philadelphia, and there discharged, not being expected to live. He resumed his studies in Wheaton, afterward taught two years, then engaged five years for T. M. Avery in the lumber business in Chicago. He married, in 1864, Elizabeth A. Bateman, who has borne him eight children, viz., Clara, Schuyler, Zoelina, Guy, Claudie, Lynn, Nora and Myrtle; the latter two died in 1880, of scarlet fever. Mr. Wheeler takes an interest in educating his children; is now Clerk of School Board. He has been a professor of religion since he was seventeen years of age; they attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has forty acres of well-improved land, and makes a specialty of fine Durham cattle. He cast his first Presidential vote for Lincoln.

MICHAEL WELCH, farmer, P. O. Gower, was born in Ireland April 5, 1824; is the son of John and Mary (Burke) Welch, natives of Ireland, who came to New York in 1832; they had four children, viz., Michael, Hannah, Patrick and John. The father worked on a canal and railroad in New York State. In 1842, our subject came to Illinois and bought a part of his present farm of eighty acres, in Downer's Grove Township. This land he has improved until now he has one of the best improved farms in the township. A cabin 16x18 feet, which he at first dwelt in, has been replaced by a commodious dwelling, surrounded by a good orchard. In 1852, Mr. Welch married Mary Fleming, by whom he has ten children, viz., John, Thomas, Richard, William, Harriet, Mary, Catharine, George, Arthur and Ann; two are deceased. Mr. Welch has held several small offices, and takes an interest in all public improvements. He and his wife are Catholics.

ABRAM WELLS, farmer, and present Postmaster, Cass, was born in England May

1, 1841, and is the son of Robert and Sarah Wells, natives of England, who came to New York in 1856. Our subject obtained a good common-school education in his native place. When fifteen years of age, he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked four years. In 1860, he came to the State of New York, where he put in tile drains for one year. He then came to Du Page County, where he worked at farming until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, Seventy-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he remained till the close of the war, participating in many hard-fought battles. Upon his return home, he again engaged in farming. March 15, 1867, he married Mrs. Abigail Pitcher, only surviving child of James and Elizabeth Hardy, natives of England. By her first husband, Mrs. Wells had ten children; by Mr. Wells she has none. Mrs. Wells' only surviving child, John W. Pitcher, was married, July 3, 1879, to Miss Susanna Dawson, daughter of John and Anna Dawson. They have had one child, Carrie E. Mrs. Wells came to this county in 1848, when it was in a comparatively wild state. She has fed the hungry red man at her own house. Mr. Wells has been School Director, Constable and Road Commissioner; was appointed Postmaster March 4, 1869, and still holds that position. The post office is known as Cass. He votes the Republican ticket.

PETER WERTZ, blacksmith, Downer's Grove, was born in Prussia, Germany, January 13, 1850, son of Peter and Maria (Zimmerman) Wertz, natives of Germany, and both still living, he born November 18, 1818, she born August 27, 1822. They raised a family of eight children, viz., John, Mary, Jacob, Joseph, Peter, Margaret, Clemence and William. Subject attended school in his native land, and, at the age of fourteen years, began learning the blacksmith's trade, which

he completed, and has since followed. He landed at New York in 1867; soon after, engaged at his trade at Buffalo, where he remained about a year, and at other points in New York State for about eighteen months. In 1870, he came to Downer's Grove, where he worked twenty-one months for John Walton, a wagon-maker; then formed a partnership with J. W. Sucher, of this place, which partnership, at the end of a year, was dissolved. Mr. Wertz then worked for awhile with Mr. Sucher, and, in 1874, began his present business, which he has since continued, doing first-class work. He purposes adding a large building, in which to carry on a wagon and paint shop. He was married, January 13, 1872, to Frances Noll, a native of Germany, born July 9, 1854, daughter of John and Margaretta Noll; he, born in Germany, died September 7, 1869; she died January 15, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Wertz have five children—Bertha, ten years of age; Francis, eight years; Catharine, six years; Maria, three years; and Elizabeth, one and a half years. Mr. Wertz owns property in this village to the value of \$7,000, all of which he has made by his own labors, save \$2,000, which he inherited. He votes the Democratic ticket. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church at Naperville.

JOHN WALLACE, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born November 19, 1807, in New Hampshire; son of Joseph and Sarah (McIntire) Wallace, of New Hampshire, where they both died. They had a family of seven children, only two of whom are living—Erastus and Sarah, now Mrs. Kibby. Our subject attended school in the old log cabin; came to Downer's Grove in 1839, and engaged in farming, pre-empting eighty acres. He now has seventy acres, which are well improved. In 1833, he was married to Mehitabel Har-

rington, whose parents were James and Mercy (Sherman) Harrington, natives of Vermont, who had a large family. Mr. Wallace has five children living—Austin, Garry, James, Emma and Alice. He has served as Constable and is a Republican, but cast his first vote for Gen. Jackson. Himself and wife are members of the Baptist Church at Downer's Grove. His son Garry was a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served his country gallantly for three years of the great struggle for the Union.

WILLIAM E. WARING, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in New York May 6, 1818; his parents, Solomon and Affey Snedeker Waring, were natives of New York, where they reared ten children, viz., Mary, Nellie, Harriet, Miranda, Sallie, Magdelia, Theodore, Solomon, Tunis and William E.; they were members of the Dutch Reformed Church. Subject received more than an ordinary education, having taken up the study of Latin, Greek and French; he taught two terms at small wages; when twenty-two years old, he began merchandising in a grocery and feed store, meeting with success. He then engaged in the real estate business in New York City and State, and, in 1868, went to Nevada, Story Co., Iowa, where he engaged in the same business, meeting with some reverses, and, in 1874, went to Chicago, where, also, he engaged in the real estate business, meeting with indifferent success. In 1881, he bought thirteen acres of land in East Grove, this township, where he has since remained and is doing well. His children are Euphemia (Mrs. C. C. Carpenter, in Iowa), Peter, in New York City; John, a

miner in Colorado, and Richard; two deceased, John and Walter. Mr. W. was Revenue Assessor in New York for four years, being appointed by Chase; was Justice of the Peace many years and was Captain of militia; was once a member of the A., F. & A. M.; he is a Republican, and cast his first vote for Van Buren; he has a good home, fine orchard and all necessary conveniences.

VALENTINE WOHLHUTER, merchant, Gower; was born December 1, 1825, in Alsace, Germany, and is the son of Philip and Sarah Wohlhuter, who reared six children, three of whom are living, viz., Philip, Eva and Valentine. The latter obtained his schooling in his native place; he came to New York State in 1848, and worked by the month till 1850, when he began selling milk in Chicago for a dairyman of that city. At this time (1850), he married Sarah Garst, who came to Buffalo from the old country when four years of age. Our subject and his wife next settled at Dutchman's Point, fourteen miles from Chicago; here they purchased forty acres of land, which, after living upon two years, they sold and bought three acres of land where they now live. Upon this land, Mr. Wohlhuter soon erected a store, which he stocked with goods; he has continued in this line, doing a good business ever since; he now has a full line of dry goods, notions, boots and shoes, groceries, hardware and everything found in a first-class country store. In February, 1869, a post office was established at his store, and he was made Postmaster. His patrons are a wealthy class of people, and he has a good trade, yet his age demands a rest, and he contemplates retiring from active business; he has six children.

LISLE TOWNSHIP.

JACOB AUGENSTEIN, farmer, Naperville, was born April 15, 1843, in Wayne Co., Ind.; is a son of Rev. C. and Harriet (Wallack) Augenstein, the parents of two children, viz., Jacob, and John C., a physician at Batavia. The parents are living at Freeport, where the father is engaged in the ministry of the Evangelical Association. The father can rightly be called a pioneer, who has seen some of the hardships that the early settlers had to endure. He bought 114 acres of land where the subject now lives, which he still owns; he was among the early preachers of Chicago; he has given the greater part of his earnest life in his ministerial labors to the churches. Jacob, of whom we write, was married in 1875 to Susie, a daughter of Jacob and Saloma (Arnold) Hirtzel; he is making some specialty in raising stock; is in the dairy business.

HENRY L. BUSH, farmer, Downer's Grove, was born February 3, 1840, in what is now Downer's Grove Township; is the son of Edwin A. and Nancy B. (Stanley) Bush, the parents of two children—Edwin A. and Henry L., our subject. The father, born in Canton, N. Y., June 16, 1816, died March 5, 1842; the mother, born in New Milford, Penn., November 26, 1813, some time after her first husband's death, married Mr. Dryer, who has since died. Mrs. Dryer is a sister of L. W. Stanley, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. In 1836, in Cass, Du Page Co., subject's mother began teaching school in a cabin 10x12; in this room were crowded twenty-seven scholars, besides the stove, which used to be carried out doors and

emptied when becoming filled with ashes; she also taught the first school in Downer's Grove; she is now living with her son, Henry Bush, the subject of our sketch. During his youth, he was in such poor health that he was unable to attend school, but by careful attention to his books at home, he obtained a good education. At Downer's Grove, August 27, 1865, he married Miss Calla E. Belden, born at Downer's Grove March 24, 1848, daughter of N. A. and Fannie (Randall) Belden, who came to this county about 1844; her father, born in Saratoga County, N. Y., December 11, 1819, died April 13, 1864, and her mother, born in Cortland County, N. Y., August 18, 1818, lives in Downer's Grove. This union has resulted in two children—Guy L., born November 13, 1866, and King M., born September 14, 1870. Mr. Bush has 122 acres of finely improved land; he makes a specialty of raising cows to supply a dairy which he carries on. He was Assessor of Lisle Township for seven years, and is now agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Lactor Station, which position he has held for nearly fourteen years. He has always taken an active part in the agricultural organizations of Du Page County, where he is now Secretary of a society of that kind.

S. A. BALLOU, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born October 19, 1828, in Saratoga County, N. Y.; is a son of Isaac A. and Hannah (Allen) Ballou, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of Saratoga County. They were the parents of ten children that grew up, six of whom are living, viz., O. R., Capt. D. W., Malvina and Henrietta, Amelia

W. and S. A. The mother was a descendant of Ethan Allen, the famous "warrior;" the father was a mechanic and farmer; the parents were Episcopalians. Mr. S. attended school in the districts and an academy at Cleveland, Ohio. He taught some in Ohio and California; his younger days were spent on a farm and in a tannery and shoe shop, his father having followed said business for several years. In the fall of 1849, he went to New Orleans, and soon engaged as a sailor on the barque "Oregon." In 1850, he began labors in California; was mining and merchandising for ten years, after which he returned to Du Page County. In 1861, he was appointed by President Lincoln Captain of C. S. V., which position he held during the entire war. His three brothers, O. R., D. W. and Morgan were in the war. On his return from the war, he settled on his present farm of 225 acres, which he bought in 1863; was married, 1865, to Julia, a daughter of A. S. Barnard, who blessed him with one child, Roy B. His wife died September 17, 1869; was a Congregationalist. He was again married, 1875, to Eliza A., a daughter of Michael and Mary (Fitzgerald) Norton; her mother is dead; her father is living at the age of ninety-three; her parents had ten children, four of whom survive, viz., Thomas Gerritt, Mary and Elizabeth A. Mr. Ballou has two children as a result of his last marriage, viz., Ralph E. and Mary E. While in California, Mr. Ballou was chosen to represent his district in the Legislature and Senate; used every effort in his power to prevent that State from becoming a slave colony; he was a reporter for the Legislature, and did some excellent newspaper work; has served in small offices his share; was Staff Officer for Sherman, McDowell and Thomas. Has always been an active Republican, and has often been chosen by that body as a delegate

to county and State conventions. He is a relative of the Garfield family; is a member of the A., F. & A. M. Lodge.

R. W. BOND, farmer, P. O. Lisle; was born in 1847 in Portage County, Ohio; is a son of William and Angelica (Woodruff) Bond, natives of New York, and parents of five children—Josephine (married to Thaddeus Cooper), Celia (Mrs. A. Macinturf), Janett (deceased), R. W. and Arvilla, who married John M. Wells. The parents came to Naperville, this county, in 1850, where the father was miller for Joseph Naper for several years; they moved subsequently to Somonauk, De Kalb County, this State, where they died, the father in 1869 and the mother in 1871. The father was in the war of 1812, and was ninety-nine years eight months and ten days old at the time of his decease. Our subject attended school at Naperville and worked on the farm. At the age of sixteen, he managed to be received into Company H, Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, and remained in service three years; was a brave soldier. On his return home, he engaged in farming with his brother, William, a child by his father's marriage prior to that with Miss Woodruff. In 1875, he engaged as a policeman in St. Louis, Mo., which he continued the greater part of three years. Was married, November 9, 1879, to Maggie, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ann Caskey; her father died in the late war, and her mother in Iowa; her parents had three children—George, one deceased when small and Maggie. Mr. and Mrs. Bond have no children. They settled on Mr. D. M. Green's farm of 251 acres in 1879, having the exclusive control of the same, except being in partnership with Mr. Greene in a large dairy business. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church, Downer's Grove. He votes the Republican ticket.

HON. A. S. BARNARD, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born February 11, 1819, in Monroe County, N. Y.; is a son of Timothy and Julia (Hills) Barnard; he a native of Connecticut, born in 1789, and died January 8, 1881; she a native of Massachusetts, died in 1864. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was an Elder for forty years; was Judge of the Courts of Monroe County, N. Y. Our subject obtained a fair education in the schools of his native county. In 1838, he came to Du Page County with Rev. E. Strong, and entered land where he remained for twenty-five years. In 1866, he settled on his present farm of 185 acres. He was married in 1843 to Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, daughter of William and Margaret (Morrison) Reynolds, natives of Connecticut. Mr. Reynolds was a noted sea captain many years. This marriage resulted in seven children, viz., Julia, deceased, who married S. A. Ballou, a Major in the late war; Timothy H., who was a clerk in the Commissary Department during the late war; Robert R., Daniel D., Charles F., Frederick C., Elizabeth and an infant deceased. Mr. Barnard has been Supervisor and Town Clerk; he honored his county as a member of the State Legislature in 1863-64. The family are members of the Congregational Church of Naperville.

WILLIAM H. BANNISTER, farmer, P. O. Naperville; was born October 15, 1813, in Ontario County, N. Y.; is a son of Asahel and Polly (Miles) Bannister, natives of Massachusetts, and parents of eleven children, six of whom survive, viz., Asahel, Thomas M., W. H., Mary, Henry, Dwight and Edwin. The parents were Presbyterians; the father was in the war of 1812; was a Colonel, and was shot in shoulder. Mr. Bannister received a common school education, worked on the farm and clerked for his father in a dry goods store dur-

ing his younger days, and came to Illinois with his brother Albert about 1840. Subject worked awhile by the month, and then bought land where he now lives. He was married, in 1849, to Catharine Leich, a daughter of John and Catharine (Kinkid) Leich, natives of Pennsylvania, and parents of seven children, viz., Lettie, Robert, Belle, Rebecca, Samuel, Catharine and Joseph. Mrs. Bannister came to Illinois in 1840, in company with all her family save her father, who died a little while prior to their starting. Mr. Bannister's marriage blessed him with five children, viz., Asahel, Willard, Eva, Catharine and William H. Mr. Bannister has 313 acres of fine lands, the result of his early days' labors with the ox teams and the ancient plows. He helped to construct the first schoolhouse in his neighborhood; takes an interest in education; votes the Republican ticket.

A. B. CHATFIELD, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born November 26, 1810, in Dutchess County, N. Y.; is a son of Sherman and Deborah (Wood) Chatfield, natives of New York and Connecticut, and parents of six children, viz., Alonzo B., Barak, Minerva, Henry H., Eliza and Benjamin F. The parents emigrated to this county in 1835, and here the mother, who was born in 1791, died in 1839, and the father, who was born in 1790, died in 1853. The educational advantages of our subject were limited. He was married in Broome County, N. Y., in 1834, to Mary E. Graves, a native of that county, born in 1816, daughter of Adam and Lydia (Linsley) Graves, natives of Connecticut; he died in 1853; she, born in 1780, died in 1840. This marriage resulted in ten children, seven of whom are still living—Mary, George W. (who was in the late war), Edward, Lucy Ann, Alonzo B. (clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C.; was in the late war, and lost his right arm in the battle of Black River

Bridge), J. Randolph, Emma, Rosa, Charles and Albert; the latter married to Anna Lloyd, of Iowa, and has one child. Mr. Chatfield was Constable several years; Justice of the Peace eight years; Assessor five years, and School Trustee six years. He was the first to suggest the name of Lisle Township, that being the name of one of the townships in his native county; his present home lies on the old Indian trail from Batavia to Chicago. Mrs. Chatfield is a member of the Methodist Church of Downer's Grove. Mr. Chatfield is a Republican.

CAPT. ROBERT DIXON, merchant, Lisle, was born November 8, 1835, in Belfast, Ireland. His parents, Robert and Mary (Wilson) Dixon started from Belfast to Australia in 1834, and were shipwrecked, and returned to where they had started from. The passengers at once brought suit against the owners of the ship at Liverpool for damages, and while the litigation was going on our subject was born. In 1836, the parents landed with their family at New York, and thence came to Downer's Grove, where the father bought land and located. He once had occasion to go away from home, and upon returning after dark and striking the prairie adjacent to his new home, everything seemed changed. While away, his wife had in some way set fire to the grass, and hundreds of acres were consumed. Mr. Dixon wandered around for many hours, and finally tied his oxen and laid down, soon falling into a sleep. He awoke with the sunshine, and on going to a little cabin strange looking to him, he there was greeted by his wife. The father, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1804, was one of the first temperance men here, and was a Justice of the Peace. He was one of the leaders of the Underground Railroad, being an Abolitionist when it almost cost a man's life to express anything in that cause. He

was informed in his own house by a preacher that Abolitionists were on the road to hell as fast as they could go; the old man had a heart that bled for the poor unfortunate ones in bondage, and took no fear upon himself. He died August 3, 1850, his wife, who was born in Enniskillen, Ireland, in 1809, died in 1865. Our subject was on the farm until twenty-six years old, when he enlisted in Company E, Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and held every office up to Captain, having been appointed one year before the close of the war. He was one of ten from his regiment who, in no way marked or crippled, was in thirty-six heavy battles, besides sieges and skirmishes. On his return, he engaged in the wood and coal business, under the firm name of Dixon & Gleason, at Chicago. He then formed a partnership with C. P. Dixon & Co. (brothers) in the manufacture of sash and window blinds. August 10, 1874, he entered a partnership with D. D. Escher in the general dry goods business at Downer's Grove, and through the unfortunate failing of his partner, P. A. Rowland took Escher's place and with him Mr. Dixon was successful. In 1881, he located at Lisle, where he has done a lucrative business. In September, he closed out his stock of goods, and anticipates a home in the West. He was married at Downer's Grove, December 25, 1869, to Sarah J. Rowland, born in Mendon, N. Y., April 5, 1844, daughter of Stephen and Celia (Smart) Rowland, by whom he has four children, viz., Mary C., Robert R., Stephen W. and Sarah E. He has always been a temperance worker; is an active member, as well as his wife, of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Downer's Grove; was one of the building committee for the present church; was voted a resolution of thanks for the discharge of his duty of Treasurer of said committee. He has

always been an active and energetic Republican.

J. DUTTER, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born August 2, 1827, in Germany; is a son of Joseph and Magdalena (Bapst) Dutter. The parents came to this county in 1839, and the father engaged on the construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal; he died in 1853; the mother is living. Our subject is the only one of seven children that survive. He had little chance of education, owing to the limited circumstances of his parents; was married, 1850, to Theresa Riedy, who blessed him with two children—Louisa and Delia. In his early days in this county he witnessed the hardships that made up the life of the early settlers. On one occasion, he hauled a wagon load of turnips to Chicago and sold them for enough to buy a hoe; and many other like experiences were attached to him. He has 138 acres of well improved land, the result of his own labors. He and wife are members of the Catholic Church of Naperville; he votes the Democratic ticket.

ANDREW DILGER, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove; was born May 27, 1832, in Germany, and is a son of George and Mary A. (Ehrhard) Dilger, natives of Germany. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and had eight children, viz., Andrew, Fred, John, Christian, Lena, Emma, Godlove, and one who died in infancy. The father, born April 15, 1801, died September 4, 1870, was a soldier in one of the wars of Germany; his wife, born February 3, 1806, died October 25, 1836. Our subject attended school as much as was convenient, and early commenced to work at farming, which he continued until he came to this country in 1852. He borrowed money to pay his passage over, and afterward liquidated the debt with money earned by arming for very small wages. By his industry and perseverance he now owns 127 acres

of well-improved land. At Naperville, Ill., October 28, 1857, Mr. Dilger married Christina Shafer, born September 30, 1837, daughter of David and Christina (Nusbaum) Shafer, natives of Germany. By this union five children have been born—Mary A. (Mrs. Henry Roth), Emma L., Lydia C., Lizzie R. and George M. He is also the guardian of George, Mena, Elbert and Samuel, children of his wife's sister, Mrs. Mary Hassert; these children live with him, as well as a boy, Frank Manfelth, whom he is bringing up. He, his wife, Mary, Emma and Lydia are members of the German Church of Downer's Grove, in which Mr. Dilger is serving as Trustee and Collector. He has held some township offices; is a Republican.

JOHN EICHELBERGER, farmer, Naperville, was born August 20, 1818, in Lancaster County, Penn., is a son of Jacob and Ann (Baker) Eichelbarger, the parents of thirteen children, five of whom survive, viz., George, Jacob, Michael and Abe. Our subject attended school a very little in a log cabin; John being compelled to labor on the farm the time when he should have attended school. He was married in 1838 to Susan Hartrunnuff, who blessed him with three children, viz., Urias, Mary A. and John. He came to Illinois in 1870, and bought thirty acres of land where he now lives, paying \$2,600 for the same. He and wife hold a membership of a Pennsylvania Methodist Church. He votes the Republican ticket.

DANIEL M. GREENE, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born November 14, 1807, in Vermont, son of Richard and Lydia (Latham) Greene, natives of Connecticut; he, born about 1779, died about 1830; she, born about 1776, died in May, 1834. They had five children—Richard, Lydia, Maria, Daniel M. and William H. Aside from the country school, Mr. Greene attended an academy; his father's

vocation was that of a shoemaker, and the son had to engage early in rural pursuits. At the age of twenty, he bought his time, and engaged in making potash and in running a mill, which he continued for several years; he then taught school in Western New York, receiving a compensation of \$16 per month and board among the patrons. In Ogden, N. Y., November 30, 1834, he married Elizabeth Venilea Trowbridge, a native of that place, born October 9, 1814, a daughter of Windsor S. and Rebecca (Willey) Trowbridge, the parents of seven children, viz., Elizabeth Venilea, Fidelia, Oliver, Martha, Windsor, J. T. (the well-known author), and Edward. Her parents were Congregationalists. Her father, born January 1, 1788, died May 30, 1844; and her mother, born October 2, 1791, lived among her children until her death, March 1, 1882, at the age of ninety. Mr. and Mrs. Greene have had six children, viz., Edward T. (manufacturer and shipper of feed, Chicago), Maria F. (married to Darius Hunkins, ex-Mayor of Galena, Ill.), Francis D. (died in Company B, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry), Carrie R. (married to J. W. Scott, publisher of the Chicago *Herald*, and associate proprietor of the *Daily National Hotel Reporter* of Chicago), Grace H. (married to A. F. Hatch, of the law firm of Hatch & Aldis, of Chicago), and Venilea, who died in infancy. Soon after marriage, Mr. Greene came West and settled where he now lives, and where he has 251 acres of finely improved land, the result of his own labors. He has served the township as Assessor, Trustee, and several other small offices; was elected Sheriff in 1839, and retired in 1842, having been the first Sheriff of the county. The family are members of the Baptist Church, of which they are liberal supporters. Mr. Greene is a Republican.

DEACON P. GOODRICH, farmer, P. O. Lisle; was born in Benson, Vt., December 13,

1776; is a son of Simeon and Sarah (Howard) (Goodrich, natives of Connecticut, and parents of eight children, viz., Emily, Henry, Simeon, Lura, Charles, Pomeroy (subject), Sarah and Eliza. His father, born September 11, 1758, died February 7, 1852, was Deacon in the Congregational Church for many years at Benson, Vt.; his mother, born June 1, 1765, died February 14, 1839. Our subject attended the district schools and the academy at Castleton, in his native State. At twenty-one, he was engaged at farming and running a saw-mill; was married in Benson, Vt., January 28, 1819, to Lucy M., daughter of Oliver and Keziah (Allen) Parmelee, natives of Connecticut, and soon after started for the West in company with his brother, Henry, Isaac Clark, Samuel Goodrich and Lester Peet; they stopped for one year in Ohio, and then came with their ox teams to what is now Lisle Township, Du Page County. Mr Goodrich took a claim of 320 acres where he now resides, and while he was constructing his log cabin, with dirt and stick chimney, his family remained at the residence of Mr. Boardman, of Will County. It was in this "cabin home" that the Indians, then friendly, found a welcome resting place. Occasionally the "red skins" would get on a spree from the use of too much whisky, and would make the night hideous with their yells around this the first house in this part of the country. At such times, the squaws would take care of the war and game implements, that no harm might come to Mr. Goodrich, who was always courteous to them. On one occasion, when the "bucks" were on a "spree," Mr. Goodrich became vexed, and taking his gun from the rack forced them away. He has by his first wife five children, viz., Betsey C., Chauncey M., Pomeroy H., Sarah A. and George, deceased. Mr. Goodrich lost his first wife, and his pres-

ent consort is a sister of A. S. Barnard. Subject has been Deacon in the Congregational Church for fifty years; his family are members of that denomination. Mr. Goodrich, with Messrs. Morse and Richards, built the first schoolhouse in his neighborhood. He votes the Republican ticket.

C. H. GOODRICH, farmer, P. O. Naperville. Mr. Goodrich is another of the pioneers of this county; was born July 31, 1823, in Vermont; is a son of Henry and Thankful S. (Watson) Goodrich, natives of Vermont. They came to this county October, 1832, and settled for a short time where William B. Greene now lives, and later where the subject now lives; here the father died on May 3, 1841, and the mother about January 12, 1857; the parents had seven children, five of whom came to this county, viz., Eliza (Mrs. William Osburn), T. H., Charles H., Willard C. and Martha F. The parents were two of the founders of the Naperville Congregational Church. Mr. Goodrich attended school some in the cabin and for awhile in Chicago. Went East in 1840, and while there attended school in Benson and Castleton, Burr Seminary at Manchester, and Middlebury, all of Vermont; he then taught for some time; he returned to Illinois in 1847, and engaged in teaching. Was married, 1851, to P. Jane Turner, by whom he had five children—Henry H., Ida T., Jennie E., Irving and C. W. (deceased). He settled, at marriage, where he now lives, having 212 acres of well-improved land; has three acres of orchard. One of the finest schoolhouses constructed in this neighborhood was located on the northwest corner of Mr. Goodrich's farm: it was built by John Collins. Henry H., Ida and Jennie have each taught school. All of his children graduated at the Northwestern College at Naperville. He and wife are members of the Congregational Church at Naperville, in

which he is Deacon. He votes the Republican ticket. More will be found of the Goodrich family elsewhere.

WILLIAM B. GREENE, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born October 20, 1818, in Madison County, N. Y.; is the son of Richard and Ethelinda (Briggs) Greene, natives of Rutland County, Vt.; they removed to Connecticut by ox teams. The father practiced the botanical system of medicine for some time; the mother died in 1829 and the father was again married to a Miss Pease, resulting in two children, viz., one deceased when small and Richard L., now a physician in Missouri. Mr. Greene was one of three children, viz., Laura (deceased when seventeen), William B. and Spencer (represented his district in the Legislature of Vermont one term; was an attorney). The father died August 29, 1834. Our subject attended the district schools of his native county and awhile at the seminary at Castleton, Vt. He taught several terms in Vermont, and in Will County, this State. In 1841, he came to Illinois and engaged in rural pursuits, which he has since continued. In 1843, he bought 200 acres of land for \$1,000 of the widow of Charles H. Goodrich, and has since remained on said farm, improving it exceedingly. Was married, March 16, 1845, to Harriet E., a daughter of Eli and Eliza (Meacham) Meeker, natives of Vermont, and parents of three children, viz., Charles H., Harriet E. and Edward F. The father was a Congregational minister; was a Mason, and by that order was sent South to teach in the public and private schools. Mr. and Mrs. Greene have been blessed with six children, three of whom survive, viz., Laura E. (Mrs. Capt. M. Y. Morgan, whose husband was of Company —, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry; he graduated at the "Normal," McLean County, Ill.; was Principal of the Naperville Seminary.

William S. (who married Jessie, a daughter of Thomas and Cleantha (Storm) Hibbard, natives of New York and residents of Chicago, where her father is receiver of the Grand Pacific Hotel) and Gertrude M. (at St. Mary's College, Knoxville, Knox Co., Ill.). Mr. Greene has served his township faithfully in some of the small offices which are all labor and no pay; has been Supervisor, and held the office of Township Treasurer thirty years in succession. He is Warden in the Protestant Episcopal Church of Naperville, of which organization the family are active members.

ADAM GESSNER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born August 27, 1833, in Germany; is a son of Casper and Margaret (Steperlin) Gessner, natives of Germany and parents of five children—Henry, Conrad, Catharine, Adam and Margaret. Mr. Gessner attended school as much as was convenient in the old country; he came to this county in 1856, and engaged for awhile by the month at \$4 to \$10; was chopping wood, etc. Was married, 1860, to Elizabeth, a daughter of Joseph and Susannah (Swilly) Russler, the parents of eight children—Elizabeth, Fannie, Rebecca, Daniel, Mary, Susannah, Matilda and Joseph. Mr. Gessner has nine living children out of ten, the result of this union, viz., Clinton, Sarah, Joseph, Albert, Henry, Emma, Ida, John, Lizzie, Walter and infant. He settled his present farm of 170 acres in 1870. He and wife are members of the Evangelical Association of Naperville; votes Republican ticket.

JOHN HEITZLER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born in Alsace February 12, 1845; is son of Joseph and Frances Heitzler, natives of Alsace and parents of four children, viz., Frances (Mrs. Fred Pelling), Rosa (Mrs. J. Seiler), Joseph (living in Henry County, Ill.), and John; parents came to Du Page County in 1853, settling where the subject

now lives, where they died; the mother was killed by lightning in the cabbage patch August 19, 1879; the father died November 14, 1881; were members of the Catholic Church of Naperville; parents came here in poor circumstances, and labored hard to sustain their family, using the pioneer implements and ox teams. Subject attended school but little; owing to the limited circumstances of the family, he was compelled to hire out at the age of twelve at \$8 per month, plowing with five yoke of oxen; he mowed with scythe when quite young. The means obtained by his labors were consumed by the family; he often hauled corn to Lockport, and sold it at 30 cents per bushel. He worked with his father until his father's death; was married May 25, 1869, to Kate Seiler, by whom he has six children, viz., Joseph, Henry, Frank, Mary, Adaline, infant, also one deceased. He has about one hundred and seventy acres of well improved land, partly timber and partly under good cultivation. He has never sought any office; the family are members of the Catholic Church at Naperville; votes the Democratic ticket; takes interest in education; he ran a threshing machine for sixteen years; he was in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was out seven months; in no battles.

PHILIP HERBERT, farmer, P. O. Cass, was born April 19, 1839, in Germany; is the son of Henry and Katharine (Bohrer) Herbert, natives of Germany, who came here January 12, 1854, settling near where the subject now resides. The parents had nine children—Margaret, Katharine, Mary, Philip, Henry, Abbie, William, Elizabeth and John. The father, who was born June 22, 1801, died February 24, 1880; the mother, born June 20, 1807, is living with her son William. The parents early united with the Catholic Church at Lemont. Our subject attended school but

nine days in this country. He teamed for three years in Chicago, and the remainder of his life has been spent in farming; was married in Milton, January 9, 1866, to Elizabeth, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Miller) Oberhart. She blessed him with six children, four of whom died within two weeks in 1882 with diphtheria. Their names were—Maggie, Katie, Annie and George. Those living are Willie and Mary. Mrs. Herbert was born in Chicago September 4, 1845; her father, born March 11, 1807, died October 30, 1868; her mother, born April 25, 1808, died April 22, 1879. Mr. Herbert has held some minor offices; he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church of Lemont, Ill. He votes the Democratic ticket.

FRED HATCH, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born February 5, 1839, in Lisle Township, Du Page County, the son of Luther and Laura (Kidder) Hatch, natives of New Hampshire, and parents of three boys, viz., Fred, Ezra (storekeeper at Brooklyn, Iowa), Luther A. (farmer in Lynn County, Iowa). The father was born February 5, 1804; came to Du Page County about 1832, and bought land where Patrick O'Brien now lives, and afterward located permanently where our subject now lives; here he died April 22, 1852, having possessed 145 acres of well-improved land, which he had taken when raw prairie; the mother died May 25, 1879. The father was Township Treasurer at the time of his death, having held the office for many years. Mr. Hatch attended the country schools and Wheaton College, after which he applied himself at teaching for nine terms. He was married in Lynn County, Iowa, October 12, 1862, to Hannah T. Burtis, of Iowa; by her he had two children—Freddie B. (deceased) and Luther. Mrs. Hatch died July 7, 1867, and he was again married March 10, 1868, to Anna Ott, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Warner) Ott,

natives of Germany, and the parents of six children, viz., Elizabeth, Franklin, Joseph, Anna, Laura and Joseph; her parents settled in Milton Township, in this county, about 1841, where the father died in November, 1848, and the mother in February, 1849. Mrs. Hatch was born May 27, 1844, in this county; she has blessed her husband with six children, viz., Frank W., Clarence R., Rosa, Hattie, Harry and Mabel. Mr. Hatch has 145 acres of finely improved land here, and 120 acres in Linn County, Iowa. He has held some small offices, as Trustee, etc. He is an active member of the Congregational Church; votes the Republican ticket. His father was an early Abolitionist.

MARTIN HINTERLONG, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born June 15, 1841, in Alsace, Germany; is a son of Joseph and Celestika Hinterlong, natives of Germany, and the parents of four children—Martin, Antony, John, Joseph; the parents were early settlers where the subject now lives; here they used ox teams and experienced many hardships that were attached to the lives of the pioneers. The father died in 1868, and the mother followed him two years later. They possessed 240 acres; at the time of their decease, which the children now possess. Our subject obtained a fair education; was married January 14, 1869, to Frances Kaefer, a daughter of Lawrence and Frances (Neff) Kaefer; her parents had three children—Josephine, Francis and William. Mr. Hinterlong's union resulted in three children—Edward, Frank and Henry; members of the Catholic Church; has been Pathmaster; Democrat; has a dairy of forty cows.

HENRY HORSTMANN, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born January 22, 1822, in Prussia; his parents, Henry and Dorathy (Jung) Horstmann, were natives of the same country, and had nine children, four of whom grew up—

Henry, Emily, Matilda and Bertha; the parents were Lutherans. Our subject attended school till he was seventeen, and was engaged then for a time in merchandising. In 1848, he came to New York, and worked awhile for a farmer in Ohio. In 1849, he bought fifty acres of land, a part of his present farm of 200 acres. In 1857, he was married to Maria Hammerschmidt, a native of Germany, which union blessed him with six children, viz., Henry, Adolph, Emily, Julius, Bertha, and one deceased. Mr. Horstmann has been School Director thirty years in succession, and has filled other small offices; he and wife are members of the Lutheran Church of Naperville, in which he holds office. He takes a deep interest in education, and is a Republican.

E. W. HEYNEN, farmer, P. O. Naperville, born February 28, 1816, in Germany; is a son of John and Margaret (Reth) Heynen, the parents of nine children—Fred, Caroline, Minnie, John, Peter, August, Harriet, E. W., Julia; they were Lutherans. Mr. Heynen attended school considerable, obtaining a fair education; he entered a store room as clerk when quite young. In 1841, peddled on commission, handling all kinds of notions; was married in 1841 to Matilda Kreuzer, the result being seven children, four of whom survive—Robert, Otto, August and Annis. Robert is farming the home place. Our subject came to Illinois in 1848; he farmed two years near Freeport and then worked with Henry Horstmann for five years. In 1856, he bought sixty acres where he now lives, paying \$2,000 for the same. He and wife are Lutherans; votes the Republican ticket; his oldest son, Annis, killed in the late war.

S. D. ICHL, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born July 23, 1853, in Vernon, Lake Co., Ill.; is a son of George and Mary (Escher) Ichl, natives of Germany. His parents came to Illinois, the father in 1830,

and the mother later; the parents had four children—Leanna (Mrs. Fred Gress, farmer, Dakota), Libbie, Solomon D. and Reuben; they were members of the Evangelical Association; the father is living in Lake County; the mother died October 20, 1866; the father again married Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider, the widow of Jacob Schneider, by whom she had two children, viz., Sarah and Henry. Pen cannot describe the hardships of the parents of our subject, and we will only leave them to be compared with similar experiences mentioned in different parts of this book. Our subject is farming 167 acres belonging to his uncles, M. E., J. T. and S. D. Escher. His brother, Reuben, is working for him, and his aunt, Mrs. Lizzie (Faul) Escher is keeping house for them; her husband is deceased; the boys are making a specialty of raising grain.

THOMAS JELLIES, farmer and retired carpenter, P. O. Lisle, was born December 31, 1807, in England; is the son of Joseph and Sarah (Baker) Jellies, who were the parents of twenty children, eleven of whom grew up and eight now survive. The parents lived to be very old; the mother died in a rocking chair without a struggle, while reading the Bible; she was an active member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Jellies, our subject, obtained a fair education, and when eighteen years old began the carpenter's trade, which he continued the most of his life. He was married in 1830 to Mary A. Chapman, by whom he was blessed with five children; three survive, viz., William, Betsey and Sarah. Mrs. Jellies died in 1848, and Mr. Jellies was again married in 1850, this time to Mary, a daughter of Thomas H. and Mary (Marney) Blackburn; she was born February 21, 1822, in Kentucky, and was first married to James E. Smith, the union resulting in three boys and

one girl, viz., Byron, Eugene, Thomas and Julia, now Mrs. L. H. McIntosh, of California, whose husband owns 4,000 acres of land. Mrs. Jellies' first husband died in 1848; her marriage with the subject resulted in four children—Jennie, Lucy, Bertha and Mary. Mr. Jellies put up the first schoolhouse in the neighborhood of Lisle. He made a wagon, the wheels of which were composed of blocks sawn from an oak tree, upon which he hauled the logs to the mill, and the lumber for it with ox teams to build the rude structure. At this building meetings were held, to attend which many of the early settlers drove their ox teams to their rude wagons and sometimes to sleds in the month of July. Mr. Jellies has property worth \$3,000 near Lisle Station, and with his wife enjoys good health at their ripe old age. Mr. Jellies is a Republican.

JOHN KUECHEL, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born January 17, 1840, in Alsace, now Germany; is a son of John and Salome Kuechel, natives of Germany, where the father died, and the mother emigrated to this country in 1856, and died in 1869; was a member of the Evangelical Association. Mr. Kuechel attended school until fourteen year old, at which time he engaged actively in rural labor, driving ox team, etc. He settled with his mother on the land now owned by Solomon Mertz, where he remained until 1864, entering then the ministry in the Evangelical Association, which he continued with unbounded success in different parts of the State till 1876, when he withdrew on account of ill health; he now devotes his time mostly to his fine farm of 106 acres, lying a short distance north of Naperville; he was married to Mary Sembach, which union resulted in six children, viz., Adin, George, Charles, Samuel, Mary C. and Benjamin. He is now Superintendent of the Sunday school of the Evangelical Association at Naperville, of

which organization he and wife are active members. Mr. Kuechel is the artificer of his own little fortune; he experienced the loss of a father when quite young, and consequently, being the only child, had to care for himself and mother. He labored for several years by the month, and by frugality and energy secured him a very pleasant home. He has taken a deep interest in educating his children.

HENRY MANBECK, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born in Berks County, Penn., January 14, 1823; his parents removed to Schuylkill County, Penn., when he was six years old, where he lived till 1854. He received a fair education in the district schools, and began life working on the farm; he also worked at the turner's trade two years, but abandoned it for farming. April 26, 1853, he married Rachel Reed, a native of Schuylkill County, Penn., and in the same month moved west to this county, where he bought a piece of land about two miles east of Naperville, on which he lived till about the year 1869, when he moved to his present place, which adjoins the northeast corner of the corporation of Naperville; here he has lived ever since. Of his seven children only five are now living. He is a Republican, and a member of the Evangelical Church.

J. R. McMILLEN, Station Agent and Postmaster, Lisle, was born September 4, 1830, in Union County, Ind., and was raised in Ohio; is the son of James W. and Cynthia A. (Miller) McMillen, he, a native of South Carolina, born October 31, 1796, died in Illinois February 26, 1868; she a native of Shelbyville, Ky., born in August, 1806, died in Ohio August 23, 1843. Our subject availed himself of such educational advantages as the district schools afforded. At twenty years of age, he commenced working on the Illinois Central Railroad track, where he continued two years, after which he learned the trade

of brick-laying; after working at his trade four years in Bloomington, he settled in Chester, Randolph County, where he continued his trade successfully; while at work on a railroad depot, he fell, breaking both his lower limbs, one of which was amputated above the knee. As soon as he had sufficiently recovered to labor, he was employed in a railroad office in Chicago. In 1866, he was appointed agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Lisle, which position he has since held. In 1867, he was commissioned Postmaster. At Macomb, Ill., September 13, 1859, he married Martha A. Hawkins, born in Reading, Vt., March 11, 1840, a daughter of John S. and Martha (Morrison) Hawkins, natives of Vermont. This union has resulted in five children, viz., Edward W., aged nineteen years; John F., seventeen years; Charles A., twelve years; Fletcher H., ten years; and Anna M., who died in infancy. Mr. Millen was Justice of the Peace three years, and is now in his seventh term as Town Clerk. By his industry, he has secured a good property worth about \$1,800. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church, he of the Congregational, in the Sunday school of which he is Superintendent; he is a staunch Republican.

SOLOMON MERTZ, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born July 12, 1813, in Pennsylvania; is a son of Henry and Hannah Mertz, the parents of eighteen children, six of whom still survive, viz., Solomon, Charles, David, Elias, Edward and Mary. The father was in the battle of Lexington, the beginning of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Mertz obtained a good education, and worked at farming, which occupation he began on his own responsibility on attaining his majority. In 1834, he married Lucy, daughter of Solomon Butts, of Pennsylvania; she died in 1854, having borne eleven children, seven of whom

are living; they are Solomon, Frank, William, Owen, Henry, Louisa and Mary. Mr. Mertz was again married in 1856 to Saloma, daughter of Jacob and Saloma (Repps) Rehm. Mr. Rehm died December 28, 1881; his wife, at the age of sixty-seven, lives with the subject. Mr. Mertz has by his second wife nine children, viz., George, Daniel, Edward, Alice, Amelia, Delia, Ida, Ella and Lula. Mr. Mertz settled where he now lives August 11, 1845; he has 350 acres of well-improved land in this county, and 160 acres in Kankakee County. Mrs. Mertz is a member of the Evangelical Church, and Mr. Mertz of the Lutheran; he was one among the noted hunters of this county; he is a Republican.

D. H. NARAMORE, retired farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born in Benson, Rutland Co., Vt., December 10, 1803; son of Joel and Electa (Clarke) Naramore, natives of Pittsfield, Mass. Joel Naramore, who was born October 1, 1767, died at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., June 13, 1813; his wife, born October 29, 1764, died March 3, 1844; she was a member of the Congregational Church. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living, the eldest being eighty-seven, the youngest seventy-three years of age. Mr. Naramore, at twenty-one years of age, apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade in Benson, Vt., which trade he followed for ten years or more. In 1835, he came by boat and stage to Ohio; afterward settled at Lisle Township this county (then Cook County), paying \$1,000 for a claim of 280 acres, which he farmed till 1876, when he moved to Downer's Grove, where he has since resided. In this county, February 12, 1837, he married Eunice K. Peet, born July 24, 1815, in Poultney, Rutland Co., Vt., who came to Lisle Township and stayed with her brother Lester, who taught the first school in this county at Naperville; she is a daughter of Wheelock and

Aley (Hickok) Peet, he a native of Bethlehem, Conn., born April 28, 1774, died July 29, 1860; she was of Williamstown, Mass., born September 12, 1775, died October 20, 1832; the parents of six children, of whom three are living, the eldest being seventy-eight, the youngest sixty-six years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Naramore are the parents of five children, of whom two are living—Lucy A. (married John Stanley) and Lester P. (married Eppie M. Pinches). Mr. Naramore has always been a stanch advocate of temperance; his wife is a member of the Congregational Church; when she first came to this county the Indians were quite numerous.

HENRY NETZLY, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born in Lancaster County, Penn., September 21, 1832; is the son of Jacob and Mary (Mentzer) Netzly, who came to this county in 1851, settling where the subject now lives, and where the father died in 1868; the mother is living in Chicago. The parents had fourteen children, viz., Urias, Henry, Susan, Betsey, Sarah, Mary, Jacob, John, Daniel, Samuel, Lenaus, Franklin, Lydia and Lucinda. Mr. Netzly obtained a fair education, and the greater part of his life has been that of a farmer. He came to Du Page County with his parents by steamboat; for a few years the family did all their tilling of the soil and hauling of grain to Chicago by means of ox teams. Mr. Netzly was married in 1855 to Catharine Brossman, born October 14, 1836, daughter of Jacob and Leo (Grill) Brossman, natives of Pennsylvania; they were Lutherans, and came to Naperville, Ill., in 1854. They had twelve children, all of whom are dead, except four, viz., Jacob, Martin, Catharine and Lydia; the father is dead; the mother is living. Mr. and Mrs. Netzly have had nine children, viz., Adelia, Rufus, Mary, Laura E., Ira, Lydia, Marvin, who was drowned June 10, 1882, in the Du Page

River, and Jared and Horace, also deceased. Mr. Netzly owns 300 acres of fine land, mostly the result of his own labors; he and wife are members of the Baptist Church; he is a Republican.

MORIS NEFF, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born in September, 1822, in Alsace, Germany, son of Martin and Catharine (Craver) Neff, natives of Germany, and the parents of four children—Moris, Martin, Joseph and one deceased; the parents were Catholics. Mr. Neff attended school during his younger days, and came to America at an early day. He mined in California from 1850 to 1851; he served during the Mexican war, being in every engagement from Vera Cruz to Mexico. In 1849, Mr. Neff, married Helena Frederick, who blessed him with seven children—Adam, Andone, Henry, Moris, Victor, Allen and Katie. Mr. Neff settled on his present farm of 104 acres in 1852; he put up a store building costing \$2,000. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Neff has plowed with the ox teams, and has witnessed the varied scenes of pioneer life; he is a Democrat.

JOHN NADELHOFFER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born July 10, 1836; is a son of John and Magdalena (Operline) Nadelhoffer, the parents of five children, viz., Magdalena, John, Mary (Mrs. John Earhardt), Charles and Saloma; the parents were Lutherans; the father was a wagon-maker. John attended school during the winters until fourteen years old, when he hired out at small wages; he came to America in 1856, and engaged on a farm for John Christie, of this county, at \$12 per month. In 1863, he rented of Alois Schwartz for two years, afterward of D. Sleight and James Wright; he then bought 143 acres where he now lives, and has since remained there, improving the same; he possesses 150 acres, the result of his own labors;

was married August 16, 1856, to Catharine Krautwasser, the result being eight children, viz., Catharine (Mrs. J. D. McMahan), John, Daniel, Lena (Mrs. J. Seiles), Julia, Emma and Bertha. Mr. Nadelhoffer has been no office seeker, but is now Constable of Lisle Township. The family belong to the Lutheran Church of Naperville; he votes the Democratic ticket.

JACOB OFFERLE, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born September 28, 1844, in Alsace, France, now Germany; is a son of John J. and Marie Salome (Yagel) Offerle, also natives of Alsace, France, now Germany, who came to Pennsylvania in 1855, and to this county in 1865. The father, born April 10, 1811, died February 18, 1881, and the mother, born May 28, 1813, died August 8, 1876; they had three children, viz., Adam, Jacob and Adolph; the parents were Lutherans. Mr. Offerle attended the country schools, and was married at Naperville March 19, 1868, to Wilhelmina Rippe, born December 12, 1850, only child of Henry and Marie D. (Rosenwinkle) Rippe, natives of Hanover, Germany, who came to Illinois in 1856; the father was a tailor, and worked in Naperville. Mr. and Mrs. Offerle have five children—William Frank, born December 17, 1868; Marie Dorothy, born May 29, 1870; Henry Adolph, born Jan. 29, 1872, died May 27, 1872; Hannah Lovine Clara, born August 12, 1874, and Henry L., born May 16, 1879. Mr. Offerle has ninety acres of well improved land; he and wife are Lutherans. Mr. Offerle's brother Adolph was born December 20, 1847, and was married in 1872 to Matilda Rosenwinkle, by whom he had five children—Frank, Alfred, Amel, Adolph and Amelia.

F. S. ORY, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born January 12, 1818, in Germany; is the son of Ferdinand Ory, and one of five children, and the only boy; he attended school some in his

childhood days; he came to Illinois in 1844, and bought 200 acres where he now resides at \$15 per acre. He now possesses 300 acres of well improved land, the result of his own labors; was married to Josephine Doael, and has eight children living of a family of eleven, viz., Antres, Atwal, Adaline, Josephine, William, Ferdinand, Mary and Louise; has used the ancient farm implements and driven ox teams, hauling oats to Chicago, and selling them at 13 cents per bushel. He has twenty-eight cows, and runs a dairy. He and wife are members of the Catholic Church at Naperville; he votes the Democratic ticket.

MRS. ROSELLA PUFFER, Downer's Grove, was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y.; she is the daughter of David and Lavina (Wilkinson) Kinyon, natives of New York State, and the parents of seven children. The father died in 1826; the mother is still living. In her younger days, Mrs. Puffer lived with her cousins, Loring and Grenell. In 1843, she married Reuben Puffer, a son of Henry and Lusani (Wilson) Puffer. Soon after their marriage, they came to Du Page County, and settled where subject now resides. Their first purchase was eighty-five acres of farm land, and they have since bought fifty acres of timber land in Milton Township. Mr. and Mrs. Puffer had ten children—Edwin, a stenographer in Chicago; Elmer, a manufacturer of telegraph apparatus in Chicago; Frank, a merchant in Chicago; Leonard R., engaged with his brother Elmer; William, Hattie and Genevieve, all at home. Two of their sons were in the late war; they were George, who died in the service, and Charles, who died in Iowa in 1867. Mr. Puffer died of heart disease in 1867. He and his wife experienced all the hardships of pioneer life. The Puffer family are active Republicans. She is an active member of the

Baptist Church, and the family are possessed of fine literary accomplishments.

THOMAS PELLING, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born October 25, 1812, in England; is a son of James and Jane (Belchambers) Pelling, who came here in 1843, settling where Netzley now lives. The parents had five children, viz., John, James, Thomas, William and Jane; parents were Baptists. Our subject obtained but little education, owing to some financial disappointments of his father. Mr. Pelling worked out by the year, the compensation varying from \$60 to \$85; he came to this county with his uncle, William Belchambers, who was afterward killed by a team running away with him. Mr. Pelling worked for awhile in New York with his brother at blasting rock. He was married in 1850 to S. Karfer, who blessed him with nine children, viz., Mary, Fred (was married November 23, 1880, to Frances Hitzler, and has one child, Iny), Angeline, Frank, Lawrence, Adaline and Ida A. In 1872, Mr. Pelling settled on his present farm of 113 acres; he makes a specialty of running a dairy; his wife is a Catholic; he votes the Democratic ticket.

E. E. PAGE, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born December 28, 1824; is a son of Samuel and Judith (Elliott) Page, natives, the father of Massachusetts, and the mother of New Hampshire; the parents emigrated to Kane County, Ill., in 1838; there the father died December 28, 1839, with the small pox; he was the father of six children, viz., E. E., Clarissa and Harriet, and three deceased. The mother was married a second time to Nathan Williams, of Naperville, and the result was one child; she died about 1865; was a Methodist. Mr. Page attended school in a log cabin Kane County. At the death of his father, he went to live with William Leonard, of Jo Daviess County, and in two years came

to Du Page County, and made his home with the father of Judge R. N. Murray. While here he had the privilege of attending school at Naperville, one and one-half miles distant. He afterward attended the school at Warrenville. In the spring of 1844, he engaged as a farm hand for John Dudley at \$9 per month. At the expiration of six months he took service on a farm in Kane County at \$12 per month. He labored, prior to that with Dudley, eleven months with Murray, spoken of above. In 1847, he engaged in the lumber business in Michigan; bought forty acres of land in Du Page County in 1845 and 1846; he worked on the old Hobson mill dam across the Du Page River in 1849; was married, 1852, to Elizabeth Hobson, which union resulted with three children, one living—Albert, married Florence Moody and has two children, Ethel and Lottie A. Mrs. Page was born in 1832; she settled with her husband for a short time in Milton Township, and then in 1853 came to their present farm of 150 acres well improved, and with a large stone quarry; was elected Justice of the Peace, 1858; enlisted in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was First Sergeant; was elected Supervisor of Lisle in 1866, and held the office for nine years; votes the Republican ticket.

ALONZO PALMER, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born August 4, 1842; is a son of Riley S. and Nancy W. (Richards) Palmer. His parents came to this county in 1855, settling on the Charles Parmelee farm; here the mother died in 1872; the father is now living in Nashville, Washington Co., this State. The parents had eight children, viz., Mrs. C. P. Hatch, Alonzo, Allen, Mehetable, Mary V. (Mrs. George Schriver), Rosetta V. (Mrs. Perry Boucher), and Anna (Mrs. Elwood). Mr. Palmer attended school but little, owing to the limited circumstances of the family. He

learned carpentering, and worked at the same for many years; was married in 1878 to Ella F., a daughter of John and Lucy (Peet) Richards, now residents of this county. This union blessed him with two children, viz., Emma L. and May; he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; was in several hard engagements; votes the Republican ticket.

JOHN PHILIPP, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born October 5, 1854, in Granville, Putnam Co., Ill.; is the son of Martin and Eve (Rohner) Philipp, natives of Germany and the parents of one child—John, our subject; they came to Illinois in 1850. The father died in 1855, and the mother was subsequently married to Herman Pilz, by whom she has three children—Henry, Edward and Albert. The mother settled immediately after her marriage with Mr. Pilz, in Lisle Township, where they have since lived. Our subject remained on the farm with his father until 1881, when he was married to Sarah Hoehn, and has one child—George. Mr. Philipp has forty acres of well-improved land, the result of his own labors. He and wife are members of the German Methodist Church of Downer's Grove.

ELIJAH ROOT, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove. The subject of these notes was born September 26, 1821, in Benson, Rutland Co., Vt.; is the son of Martin and Abigail (Stearns) Root, who came to this county in 1843, settling where the subject now lives, and were the parents of six children—Emily, Maria, James (deceased), Amos, James, Elisha. The parents were members of the Congregational Church, in which the father was Deacon. The father of the mother of Mr. Root was a Revolutionary soldier; was under the command of Gens. Sullivan and Burgoyne; was engaged in the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Our subject, who is the only

one living of his father's family, attended school as much as was convenient; he had the advantages of a select school at Benson, Vt. He was married September 6, 1853, to Jeannett, a daughter of Oliver and Jane Kinyon, the result being eight children, viz., Almah J., Arthur, Charles, Emma, Leonard, Albert (deceased), James (deceased), Helen (deceased). He settled on his present farm in 1842, buying eighty acres of the same, in 1844. He has now 147 acres of finely improved land, the attainment of his own labors. He went to California in 1851, where he mined with fair success for two years. He crossed the Isthmus of Panama when the people were dying there by the hundreds. Possessed of that characteristic that prompts a man to care for others as he would have them care for him, he with his strong arm carried many of the weak, sick and distressed ones from the hot, broiling sunshine to the shades of some isolated peak or small building, there to await death's summons. His official positions have been few but important; he has served the township faithfully for several terms as Assessor, and is now in his eighth term as Justice of the Peace; he has also held his share of the small offices, where it is all labor and no pay. He has experienced a few of the hardships that were to be endured by the pioneer; he hauled oats to Chicago with ox teams, and sold at 10 cents per bushel. He makes a specialty of manufacturing sorghum molasses, having an elegant evaporator of the best construction; he brought the first sample of sorghum molasses to this county; he hauled the first load of merchandise to Downer's Grove, for Henry Carpenter. His active mind never finds rest, and he has obtained a knowledge of law sufficient to practice before any justice court; he is an active Republican.

JOSEPH RANCK, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born April 23, 1844, in Lancaster

County, Penn. His parents, Joseph and Margaret Ranck, were natives of the same State; the mother came here in 1865, and lives with our subject; the father died in 1869; the parents were blessed with eight children—Jonathan, Samuel, Elizabeth (Mrs. Lewis), Emery, Amos and Joseph, and three deceased in infancy. The Ranck family emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1740. Mr. Ranck attended school in the country academy at Waynesburg, Chester Co., Penn., and State Normal at Millersville, same State; he taught some time; he clerked and kept store in Naperville two years, and the remainder of his life has been spent on a farm; was married to Francis E. Higgins, the result being two children, deceased; wife died in 1870; was married a second time in 1875 to Rebecca, a daughter of David and Susannah (Boyer) Frost, natives of Lebanon County, Penn.; her parents came to this county in 1850, and twelve of their thirteen children survive—John, Elizabeth, Daniel, George, Susannah, David, Rebecca, Henry, Samuel, Jacob, Simon, Clara. Mr. Ranck has two children as a result of his last marriage—Elmira and Clarence; he has 115 acres of well-improved land, which he bought in 1866; he is running a dairy; he and wife are members of the Evangelical Association of Naperville; he votes the Republican ticket; has served in some small offices.

RICHARD RICKERT, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born October 18, 1831, in Schuylkill County, Penn.; is a son of Samuel and Mary (Green) Rickert; the mother died in 1844, having blessed her husband with six children, viz., Hannah, Richard, Edwin, Alexander, Matilda and Alfred. The father married a second time to Esther Deibert, resulting in no children. The father was a minister of the Evangelical Association; he also merchandized and shipped coal; is living in Naperville. Richard had some school ad-

vantages in his younger days; his life has been that of a farmer; he came to this county in 1854 with his father's family, and his wife, Sophia, a daughter of George and Esther (Shiffert) Wenner, whom he had married in 1853; she was one of seven children—George, Esther, Mary, Clarissa, Peter, Lydia and Sophia; her father died when she was small; was Lutheran, to which organization her mother belonged. Mr. Rickert's reunion gave him six children, two of whom have been stricken from life's roll on earth; the four living are Mahlon, Emma, Irvin and Mary. His wife died in 1869, and he was subsequently joined in marriage with Susan Kramer, a daughter of Mrs. William Stark, by whom he has four children, viz., Matilda, William, Truman and Addie L. In 1860, he located on his present well-improved farm of 116 acres, in Lisle Township, mostly the result of his own efforts. He has served in some small offices; enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; votes the Republican ticket; takes an interest in educating his children; he and wife are members of the Evangelical Association at Naperville; his wife's parents live with the subject; her mother is blind. Mahlon, the son of Mr. Rickert, is employed in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé car works at Kansas City, and Emma, his daughter, is the wife of John Slick, a fireman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

J. W. STEININGER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born October 11, 1836, in Pennsylvania; is the son of George and Mary (Moose) Steininger, who emigrated to Du Page County at an early day. They were the parents of five children—Rebecca, Tillman, J. W., Catharine and Lizzie. The mother was born May 1, 1806, and died August 29, 1870. The parents were members of the Evangelical Association. Mr. Steininger attended school

some in his native State; he emigrated here with his father's family in 1843; he was married in 1863 to Rebecca Ressler, a daughter of Joseph and Susannah Ressler, which union blessed him with six children—Alwin, born July 22, 1864, died August 11, 1870; Emma, born November 5, 1866, died August 7, 1870; Glistie, born January 25, 1870, died August 30, 1870; Hattie, born October 22, 1871; Annie, born April 24, 1874; Charlie, born July 12, 1876. Mr. Steininger settled on his present farm of ninety-three acres in 1874, which is well improved, and the attainment of their own labors, save about \$2,000 inherited by his wife. He and wife are members of the Evangelical Association; takes an interest in education; has a dairy; votes the Republican ticket. Mrs. Steininger was born in 1843 in this county; her parents came here 1842; her mother brought five dozen eggs from Pennsylvania, thinking that such an article could not be found here. She remained overnight at what is now the Page residence, and the next morning carried Mrs. Steininger in her arms a distance of two miles, together with a broom, to the place of their choice, a cabin 12x16, which for awhile contained three families. Since the above was written, Mrs. Steininger sends us the following, which we insert in her own language: "The threshers had come, and hands being scarce and wages high, mother not only cooked for them but helped to thresh. The required amount of 'chips' were gathered, by which a fire was kept up, and over it was hung a kettle filled with beef. Giving her three children, the eldest being five, the command to feed the fire, she locked the door to prevent our getting lost on the prairie, and went to help the threshers; the only thing we could see was the cloud of dust from the machine. It was getting dark when mother returned, but she

hastily changed her threshing suit for her 'home-made blue,' and soon had supper waiting. In the meantime, two ministers of the Evangelical Association called. Mother was an active member of that organization, and on this same evening determined to attend the prayer meeting at some distance. Father was opposed to her going, but she had the ministers remain for supper, and after all were seated she took a bowl of soup and a slice of bread, and left them to enjoy their meal while she ate her supper on the road to prayer meeting." Mrs. Steininger's parents were blessed with eight children—Betsey, Rebecca, Mary, Daniel, Matilda, Joseph, Fianah, one dead.

MARQUIS L. SARGENT, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born January 30, 1833, in Michigan. His parents were John and Irene (Sweet) Sargent, the father a native of New Hampshire, and the mother of the State of New York. They had seven children, six of whom now survive, viz., Louisa (Mrs. Judge Murray), Silvester (grocer in Chicago), Cleo C. (Mrs. Wright), M. L., Walter A. (policeman in Chicago) and Sarah M. (Mrs. W. Marvin). The parents emigrated to Michigan at an early day, and to Illinois in 1837, settling where the subject now lives. The father died in 1867; he was in the war of 1812 as a Sergeant. The mother died in 1876; she was a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Sargent attended school in the country and at Naperville; he has spent the most of his active life on a farm. In early manhood he went to California, where he remained for a few years, and then returned to his present farm of 145 acres of well-improved land, on which he makes some specialty of stock raising. He was married in 1860 to Lois M., daughter of Henry and Lois (Royce) Ingalls, the parents of twelve children. Mr. Sargent was blessed with five children by his

marriage, two living, viz., Earl and Lorene A. Mrs. Sargent is a member of the Congregational Church of Naperville. Mr. Sargent is a member of Naperville Lodge, No. 81, I. O. O. F., and votes the Democratic ticket, having cast his first Presidential vote for Franklin Pierce. Mr. Sargent is educating his children in the Northwestern College.

L. W. STANLEY, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born May 14, 1826, in Susquehanna County, Penn.; is a son of Dexter and Nancy (Capron) Stanley, the former a native of Massachusetts, and the latter of Pennsylvania. Our subject is a brother of Mrs. Dryer, the mother of H. L. Bush, whose biography appears elsewhere. Mr. Stanley attended school in a cabin which stood where the residence of Mrs. Curtis, of Downer's Grove, now stands, his instructor being Norman G. Hurd. He has devoted his life to farming, save four years, from 1850 to 1854, when he was mining in California, with his brother D. C. and Amos and Albert Adams. He settled on his present farm of 130 acres in 1854, and has improved the same from the "raw" state to that of one to be desired by the most tasteful. In 1854, he married Helen, a daughter of Aaron K. and Maria (Ford) Farr, the parents of seven children, viz., Helen, Edward, Mary, George, Frances, Ida and Charles; her parents came to Downer's Grove in 1842, where the father died subsequently, and the mother is living with the subject. Mr. Stanley has three children living, from a family of five, viz., Arthur F., Mabel and Louie; the former is working for the Western Ecclectic Manufacturing Company of Chicago. Our subject has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, merging from the Whig and Free-Soil organization. He devotes considerable time to the dairy business.

SIMON SCHAFER, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born September 17, 1839, in Germany; is a son of David and Christina (Nusbaum) Schafer, who came from Germany in 1853. They first settled in Canada, where they remained two years, and then came to Du Page County; here they rented land for several years, until they had saved sufficient means to purchase eighty acres, where our subject now lives, and where the parents died, the father in 1880, the mother in 1866. Our subject was the only son, and had but little opportunity for attending school, the greater part of his time being employed in farming with the ox-team and the primitive implements of agriculture. The father's vocation was that of a weaver, and the son was hired out at an early age to learn farming, after which he took charge of his father's farm. He now has 120 acres of well-improved land of his own. In 1866, Mr. Schafer married Sarah Peters, a sister of Daniel Peters, whose biography appears elsewhere in this book. This union has resulted in six children, viz., Frank, Bertha, Amelia, Minnie, Edith and Willie. Mr. Schafer is engaged in the dairy business; he votes the Republican ticket.

ALOIS SCHWARTZ, farmer, P. O. Naperville. Mr. Schwartz was born June 17, 1828, in Alsace, now Germany; is a son of Michael and Mary Schwartz, natives of Germany and the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom are living, viz., Lawrence, Joseph, Alois, Ferdinand, Lewis, Antone and Michael; the parents emigrated to this county in July, 1846, and settled on the farm now owned by Michael Schwartz, near the center of Lisle Township; here the father died, September 10, 1865, and the mother in February, 1874; the parents were Catholics; the father was a fisherman in his native country. Alois experienced some of the

hardships that were upon the early settlers. He never attended school a single day, and what education he possesses is the result of his ambitious efforts. In 1850, he went to California; there he mined successfully for about five years, after which he returned and bought land in Du Page County. By frugality and careful management, he has secured 380 acres of land, which is finely improved, partly by his own hands. In 1866, he made a wise selection of a help-mate in the person of Miss Katie Gipe, which union gave him four children, viz., Edward, Amelia, Dan C. and Andrew. He is tiling his farm; has now about 800 rods of tile drainage on his fine farm. The family are members of the Catholic Church of Naperville. His political proclivities are Democratic.

ALBERT SCHMITT, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born July 22, 1834, in Alsace, now Germany; is the son of Francis A. and Francisca (Schwartz) Schmitt. The parents came to Du Page County in 1843, settling where the subject of these notes now lives; the father died on February 6, 1861; the mother was born October 24, 1808, and is living with her son Albert, of whom we write; the parents had three boys—Theopolas, Antona and Albert; they united early with the Catholic Church. Mr. S. attended school some during his younger days; he drove ox teams when ten years old, hauling oats to Chicago and selling at 20 cents per bushel; he was married, June 3, 1856, to Mary Schmitt (no connection), she a daughter of Martin and Mary (Pfaff) Schmitt. By her Mr. S. had seven children—Frank, Otilia, Henry E., Willie N., Joseph T., Andrew A. and Sophia (deceased). He owns 270 acres of well-improved land, which was formerly timbered. He is now Road Commissioner; has been School Director. The family are members of the Catholic Church of Naper-

ville. Votes the Democratic ticket. His wife was born July 16, 1840, in Alsace.

NICHOLAS STENGER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born January 22, 1860, in Du Page County; is a son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Snebly) Stenger, natives of Germany. The parents settled at Naperville very early, where the father died; the mother is still living; the parents had seven children, five of whom are living Mary, Amelia, Nicholas, Adolph, Elizabeth; they became members of the Evangelical Association very early. Our subject had good educational advantages. He was married, November 25, 1881, to Emma, a daughter of Fred Strubler, of Naperville. He settled on his present farm of ninety-four and a half acres in 1882. He is making some specialty of stock-raising. He and wife are members of the Evangelical Association. He votes the Republican ticket; is a strict temperance man. His father was an owner of the early brewery at Naperville.

E. O. STANLEY, farmer, P. O. Downer's Grove, was born August 8, 1828, in Pennsylvania; is a son of Dexter and Nancy (Capron) Stanley. Mr. Stanley is a brother of L. W. Stanley and Mrs. Dryer, the mother of H. L. Bush, in whose sketches the parents are prominently noticed. E. O. attended school in a small building on his father's farm, and for awhile in the old building that stood where T. M. Woods now lives. Was married, in 1862, to Mary Allen, a daughter of Mr. Allen, of Ohio, who blessed him with two children, viz., Adah M. and Lee. He has 134 acres of well-improved land, the result of his own labors. He is running a dairy, having seventeen cows. Been in some small offices. Votes the Republican ticket. He and wife are members of the Baptist Church of Downer's Grove.

G. W. WEBSTER, farmer, P. O. Naperville. This enterprising young man is the

son of George W. and Caroline Webster. The father is a son of Lyfret and Sarah Webster, and was born in 1811. The mother of our subject was born July 1, 1822, in Ashland, N. H.; is a daughter of Jacob and Clarissa (Webster) Shepherd. The Shepherds are descendants of the Holdeness Colony, and the Websters of the Plymouth Colony. Mrs. Webster's parents emigrated to Lisle Township, this county, in 1849, and settled on the farm where the subject now lives. Here her father died in 1865, and her mother in 1860. She was one of two children, Caroline and Walter (a grocer of Chicago). Her mother was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. She was married to Webster, the father of our subject, in 1846, the result being two children—Clara E. and George W. Her husband died in November, 1848. She and her consort came to this county in September, 1846, buying at that time 152 acres at \$1.25 per acre. Here she has lived since. Her parents really never bought any land here, but made their home with her after her husband died. She and her son lived in Chicago for seven years, where he was engaged in the milk and grocery business. George is now managing the farm, raising grain and stock. His mother lives with him. He is somewhat in the dairy business. Mrs. Webster tells a little circumstance connected with the life of ancestors, Websters and Shepherds, which we deem worth a notice, as it illustrates some facts set forth in parts of this book. These relations were, two families of them, located on the banks of a river, in New Hampshire, some forty miles away from any other people. The river ran between the two families, and, as there was no means by which they could cross, the women were so eager to visit that they would go to the banks and holloa at each other, thus learning the condition and wel-

fare of the family. They would bring their interviews to a climax by the one singing and the other dancing to the sweet music that rolled over the turbulent waters.

S. J. WILLARD, farmer, P. O. Lisle, was born August 27, 1818, in South Brimfield, Mass.; is a son of George R. and Hannah (Dunham) Willard, natives of Massachusetts and parents of eleven children, viz., George R., Ferdinand, Clarissa, Oriel, S. J., Whitney, Benjamin C., Oriel L., Annis, Edwin and Maryette. In 1835, the parents settled on a claim of 300 acres, where the subject now resides. The father died in 1835, about six weeks after arriving in this county; the mother died in 1862. Our subject attended school as much as was convenient; worked on the farm and with his father at wheelwrighting. When they located in this county, Mr. Willard drove the ox teams and witnessed the scenes that make up the life of the pioneer. He was married, in 1859, to Janet Decker, by whom he was blessed with five children—Judson, Lewis, Maurice, Alice, and one deceased when young. Our subject has 218 acres of well-improved land. He votes the Republican ticket.

S. D. WEBSTER, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born January 16, 1848, in Du Page County; is the son of M. R. and Caroline Webster, early settlers of this county, and the parents of eight children, viz., Henry, Sarah, Charlotte, Mary, Charles, Rockwood, William and S. D. The mother died in 1850; the father survives, among his children. The father was married a second time to Arvilla Bessel, by whom he had two children, Laura and Julia. His second wife died in 1870. Our subject attended school at Naperville, aside from the district schools. Was married, October 1, 1874, to Flora A., daughter of J. D. and Lucinda Turner, one of six children—Joel, George, Jennie, Matilda,

Flora and Charles. He is farming 150 acres of well-improved land belonging to his father. His wife is a member of the Congregational Church. He votes the Republican ticket. His father is noted as one of the early Abolitionists.

JOSEPH WORLEY, farmer, P. O. Naperville, was born February 21, 1832, in Alsace, Germany; is a son of Antona and Mary (Herstel) Worley, who came here in 1853, settling in Lisle Township, where they both died, having been blessed with four children

—Joseph, Sophia, Lizzie, and one deceased. Mr. Worley attended school some in his native country. Came to this country in 1849, and engaged for eleven years in a brewery at Naperville. Was married, in 1855, to Lizzie Schmitt, the result being six children—William, Andrew, Mary, Frank, Henry and Libbie. He settled on his present farm of 180 acres in 1869, which is well improved, and the attainment of his own labors. The family are members of the Catholic Church. He votes the Republican ticket.

YORK TOWNSHIP.

GEORGE H. ATWATER, Utopia, was born in Broome County, N. Y., February 19, 1826; his father, Jesse Atwater, was born March 7, 1784, in the State of Connecticut, son of Jesse, a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of our subject was Lucretia Martin. The Atwaters came West in 1834, and settled in this county. Jesse died in 1866, and his wife in 1868. They were the parents of eight children—William, Olive, George H., Rachel, Ann, Betsey, Rebecca and Benjamin. William Olive and Rebecca are dead. Jesse Atwater was a good citizen and was much esteemed. His successor on the homestead, his son George H., has constantly resided here since his father located the claim. July 14, 1849, he married Phebe Willig, a native of Pennsylvania, born September 9, 1831, daughter of Henry and Mercy Ann (Abbott) Willig; he died May 8, 1882. Mr. Atwater has two children—Alfred and Almeda. Alfred married Ada Stevens, and has two children. Almeda married Jones M. Clapp, of Marengo, McHenry County. Mr. Atwater has 146 acres of fine land.

GERRY BATES (deceased). Prominent among the early arrivals of Elmhurst of one

who contributed much toward its advancement and settlement, was Gerry Bates, who came here in 1842, and purchased the section of land upon which the town of Elmhurst now stands. He was born August 24, 1800, in Chesterfield, Mass., son of Benjamin Bates, whose ancestors were of English origin. Our subject removed with his father in 1808, to Geauga County, Ohio, but in 1842, removed to this locality as above stated, and soon after making his purchase, built Cottage Hill Hotel. A few years after, he engaged in merchandising, and was made Postmaster, the first one in the township, and held the office up to the time of his death—a period of about thirty years. His death occurred July 29, 1878. He was twice married—first, to Adaline Hovey, who bore him several children. His last wife yet survives him, and resides on the homestead; her maiden name was Georgia S. Smith, a native of South Waterboro, Me. She, with three children—Frederick H., Adaline and Charles, resides at the "Willows," the name of the family residence. Fred H. is now practicing medicine in Bensenville, in Addison Township, this county, and is getting into a fine practice; he received his lit-

erary education at the University of Chicago, and graduated at Rush Medical College February 21, 1878. After the death of his father, he became Postmaster, and held the office until his resignation. In August, 1881, he was associated with Dr. J. M. Zahn, of Elgin, in the practice of medicine, which copartnership was dissolved in May, 1882, when he located at Bensenville. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Harlem Lodge, No. 540.

GEORGE BARBER, farmer, P. O. Lombard, was born in Benson, Rutland Co., Vt., November 18, 1818, second son of Joel and Laura (Cleveland) Barber, he born in Rutland County, Vt., she in Hampton, Washington Co., N. Y. Joel Barber was a son of William Baber, one of the first settlers in Rutland County, Vt., who had to keep his family in the fort at Ticonderoga, N. Y., for shelter while he was making a settlement in Benson, Vt., and who had seven children—William, Robert, James, Joel, Sallie, Polly and Eunice. Joel Barber's wife, Laura Cleveland, was a daughter of Josiah Cleveland, who was thrice married, Mrs. Joel Barber being one of the children of the first marriage. The Clevelands were Methodists, the Barbers Baptists and Congregationalists. Joel Barber had eight children—William C., George, Gilbert, Carlyle, Margaret A., Lucy, Anna E. and Betsey, who died in infancy. Our subject left home to push his own fortunes at the age of twenty-two, having but little educational advantages. In the spring of 1844, he started West; arrived in Chicago June 15, that year, and came to this county, having then about \$70. In the fall of 1843, he married Maria Root, a native of Rutland County, Vt., daughter of Martin and Abigail (Stearns) Root, he born March 14, 1785, died February 18, 1865, she born January 23, 1788, died in York Township, this county, March 2, 1873. Martin Root's wife, Abigail Stearns,

was a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who was with Washington at Valley Forge. The Root family came to this county in the fall of 1843. Martin Root had a family of eight children. Mr. Barber, when he first came to this county, rented land in Lisle Township; then bought forty-eight acres in Downer's Grove, where he remained several years, then sold out and moved to Lisle Township, and after remaining there about four years, came to his present place in 1860, bought 140 acres of land, at \$20 an acre, and has since remained here; he bought this farm from Horace Brooks, who settled it. Mr. and Mrs. Barber have had three children—Josiah C., Lucy M. and George F., who died March 3, 1866, aged seventeen years. Mr. Barber has followed farming since he located here, and has also been agent for Kirby's mowers and reapers; he has been Assessor and Supervisor; was formerly a Whig, now a Republican.

HENRY BUCHHOLZ, farmer, P. O. Elmhurst, resides on Section 1; his residence is situated on the northeast corner of the township. He was born November 5, 1846, in the Kingdom of Hanover, and came to this country with his parents when but two years of age. His father, Henry, was born October, 1810, and married Minnie Beckmann, daughter of Fred Beckmann, and by her two children were born—Henry and Louisa. Louisa married Henry Kemman, of La Grange. The paternal grandfather of our subject was also named Henry; he never came to this country. The father of Henry came here in the spring of 1848, and purchased the farm upon which he remained until his death, in March, 1868; his wife yet survives him, and resides in Proviso; she married Henry Avers. October 1, 1873, our subject married Caroline, born March 12, 1849, in this township, and is the second daughter of Fred Fisher, one of the

early settlers of the county. Mr. Buchholz has two children—Albert Henry and Carl Fred; he has about 200 acres of land under excellent improvement.

MELVIN J. BALLOU, railroad conductor, Lombard. The popular and well-known conductor of the Omaha Express was born in the Empire State, St. Lawrence County, October 5, 1845, son of Philander and Abigail (Stearns) Ballou. The paternal grandsire of Melvin J. lived to be eighty-six years of age. James F. Stearns his mother's father, lived to be also four-score years. The father of M. J. was a farmer and yet resides in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. He raised nine children, six sons and three daughters. Melvin was brought up on the farm, and, while yet in his teens, he volunteered in Company G, Sixtieth New York Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. After the war, he returned home; soon after, however, he came West, to Du Page County, first, to Turner Junction, and, in 1867, he began railroading and worked his way up, and in due time was placed in charge of a train as conductor, and, for thirteen years, has been serving in this capacity, his run being the Omaha Express on the Chicago & North-Western Railroad, running from Chicago to Clinton, Iowa; his efficiency as a railroad man and his known fidelity have secured him one of the best runs on the line. He resides at Lombard, having a little home of his own, a wife and two children—Eva F. and Ashley Melvin; his wife Fannie was born in Milton Township, daughter of M. W. Murray, one of the old residents of Du Page. Mr. Ballou is a Republican and a member of the Masonic order. He has three brothers in this State, all of whom are railroad men—Henry, Hector and Louis. Henry resides at Blue Island, and is passenger conductor; Hector at Danville; is conductor of freight

train; Louis S. resides at Watseka, is passenger conductor. He has one brother—Charles, a farmer, who lives near Mears, Mich.

SETH CHURCHILL, Lombard, was born in Vermont May 25, 1805, and is a son of Winslow and Mercy (Dodge) Churchill, natives of Vermont, Winslow Churchill having been born in Rutland, that State. The Churchill family came to this country from England in the Mayflower; the Dodge family came from Scotland. Winslow Churchill and family came to this county in June, 1834, having landed in Chicago on the 5th of that month, came to Babcock Grove, now Prospect Park, where some of the family still reside, took a claim eight years before the land was surveyed, paying \$1.25 per acre for 160 acres. Winslow Churchill settled on the banks of the Du Page River, where he died, aged seventy-seven years, eight months and eight days; his wife died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years; they had the following children: William, who came West about the year 1840, died in Wisconsin, aged eighty-one years; Malinda, who married Sylvester Ketcham, died in Michigan; Christina, in this county, has been twice married, her first husband, Erastus Ketcham, died, leaving one son, Erastus; her second husband, David Christian, also deceased, left two sons—Wesley and William C. Lorana, who came with her parents from New York, married John D. Ackerman, and had five sons—Seth, the subject of this sketch; Major, living in Jeddo, N. Y.; Betsey, living in Cook County, wife of Samuel Mahoffy; Winslow, in Downer's Grove, this county; Amanda, died when young; Isaac B., in Milton Township, this county, and Hiram, who went to California and has never since been heard of. The subject of this sketch lived on his first purchase of land until March, 1854, when he came to

Lombard, having previously, however, spent one year in Chicago. August 9, 1828, he was married to Roxana Ward, of Jordan, N. Y., by Rev. M. Fuller. Mrs. Churchill was a daughter of Elijah Ward, who had a large family; she died March 12, 1872, aged sixty-four years one month and twenty-one days, leaving five children—Mary J., born January 8, 1830; Horace, December 9, 1831; Myron, April 23, 1834, Emily R., August 17, 1838, and William H., July 17, 1840. Horace started for California via the overland route; was at Fort Laramie May 9, 1852, and has never since been heard from. Myron died December 25, 1876; he had two sons, Warren and Orville. Emily resides at Prospect Park, wife of Oscar Johnson. William H. resides in Iowa. December 10, 1874, Mr. Churchill married Eliza Young, born August 23, 1849, in Oberholm, Germany, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Young, who came here about 1852; the latter died in August, 1852. By this union they have one child—Jessie. Mr. Churchill has a fine farm of 420 acres of land; he has been a church member for forty years; his father was formerly a Congregationalist; later, a member of the M. E. Church, to which he belonged at his death.

EDWARD ELDRIDGE, farmer, P. O. Utopia. This gentleman came to Du Page County May 29, 1835, making his first settlement in York Township, where he has since lived. He was born November 16, 1803, in Albany County, N. Y. He was the seventh child and fifth son of a family of eleven children. His father was Benedict Eldridge, a native of Cape Cod. Benedict Eldridge married Rhoda Chevalier, and her children, who grew up, were Richard, Zenas, Hannah, Dorcas, George, Edward, Mary, Lydia and Louis. In May, 1835, Edward came West to Du Page County, and the

same year went north to Section 14, where he made a claim, which he afterward purchased, located thereon, and has since been a resident of the same. July 10, 1836, he married Rachel B. Atwater, who was born January 8, 1815, in Broome County, N. Y., daughter of Jesse Atwater, one of the early settlers of this township. Mr. Eldridge has had five children born, four living—Rhoda, wife of Frank Filer, she died June 1, 1882; Lazetta, married Charles B. Townsend; Benedict J.; Martha, wife of Charles G. Howell; Rebecca, wife of Walter S. Price. Mr. Eldridge is now nearly fourscore years of age; has been a resident of the township forty-seven years, and is yet in good health. Not a member of any church; in politics, Democratic.

GEORGE FULLER, farmer, P. O. Utopia, was born March 6, 1815, in the town of Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y., son of Jacob W. Fuller, who came to this county in 1836, and died at Fullersburg June 5, 1867; he was a blacksmith. Jacob W. married Candace Sullivan, who bore him thirteen children, all of whom grew up save one. George remained on the farm until twenty-three years of age; he learned the trade of his father, which he followed for several years, but finally gave his entire attention to farming. In 1850, he located where he now lives. He was the first Assessor of York Township, and has subsequently refilled the same position. He has served as Township Treasurer for fourteen years. He was married, December 31, 1841, to Cynthia M. Talmadge, a native of New York, daughter of John Talmadge; she died September 15, 1851. July 12, 1853, he married Polly Davis, daughter of Nelson Davis; she bore him three children—Lorin, Sarah and Mary, all deceased; she died in 1863, February 12. December 31, 1864, he married his present wife, Lydia A., who was born in this township; her parents were

Louis and Harriet (Clark) Eldridge. Four children were born—Lorin, Sarah, Mary J. and Willie N., all deceased. Mr. Fuller has about 300 acres of land; is in very easy and comfortable circumstances, and is spending his declining years in happiness and contentment.

FRED J. T. FISCHER, physician, Elmhurst, was born in Du Page County on the homestead farm, in Addison Township, July 30, 1842, and was the second son of Henry D. and Maria Franzen (Fischer). Fred J. T. was brought up on the farm, where he remained until June, 1861, when he enlisted as private in Company B, Thirty-third Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three years and three months; during that time, he participated in every battle in which his company was engaged, some of the most prominent being Cache River, Ark., Bolivar Bend, Miss., Champion Hills, Miss., siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Miss., and Fort Esperanza, Texas. Soon after his return home from service, he was elected County Clerk, and served three years, when he resigned in order to complete his education. He entered Oberlin College, and graduated in 1874, receiving the highest honors of his class, consisting of thirty members, and being elected Greek orator of the class; he received the degrees of A. B., A. M., as well as M. D. He also took a three years' course at the famous Heidelberg University, Germany, and, upon his return, engaged in practice at Cincinnati, Ohio, until the spring of 1879, when, on account of the death of his father-in-law, Diedrich Struckmann, he returned to Elmhurst. Since that time, he has been engaged in the practice of his profession here. September 27, 1874, he married Martha S., daughter of Diedrich Struckmann and Caroline Korthauer. Mr. Struckmann came to this country in 1844; he was a carpenter

and builder by trade; he was a successful business man and accumulated a handsome competence for his family; he died in 1879. (See sketch of Mr. Struckmann and portrait appears in this work.) The Doctor has one son—Walter D. He is a staunch Republican and a member of the Evangelical Church.

DAVID FULLER, farmer, P. O. Fullersburg, born March 28, 1825, in the town of Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y., son of Jacob W. Fuller, one of the pioneers of York Township. David was a lad of eleven years when his father came to this township, and has been a resident of the same up to the present time. He was first married when twenty-six years of age, April 7, to Catharine, daughter of Philip Bohlander, one of the early settlers of Du Page County; she died March 28, 1870. Of this marriage the issue was three children. Angeline, now deceased, was the wife of George Coffin; Charles P. B. and Lydia L. are living. June 1, 1871, he married his present wife—Charlotte, a native of England, daughter of Thomas Evernden and Mary Ford, who came to the United States in 1855, and to this State ten years later. Nine children were born to Mr. Evernden, two sons and seven daughters—William, Thomas, Mary, Jennie, Charlotte, Esther, Kate, Annie and Birdie. Esther and Kittie deceased. Mr. Evernden died September 2, 1870; his wife Mary resides with her son Thomas, in Fulton County, Ill. William resides in this county, druggist at Hinsdale. By the last marriage, Mr. Fuller has one daughter—Elsie Bernice, born November 25, 1872. He resides on the farm his father settled (Section 27), which has never been out of the family name; he has 208½ acres and other interests in the county; he has traded successfully in real estate, and is of a mechanical turn of mind.

FRED GRAUE, miller, Fullersburg, was born January 25, 1819, in Landesbergen, in the Kingdom of Hanover, the third son of Frederick Graue and Lucie (Thürman), to whom were born eight sons and one daughter. The Graue family emigrated to the United States in 1833, arriving first in Albany County, N. Y. In May, the following year, came to Chicago. They remained at Chicago a short time, and, in the same summer, located in Addison Township, this county, at a grove which has since borne their name. Here Frederick, the father, died in 1837, his wife surviving him until 1866. Fred, the subject of these lines, remained with his father until of age, when he located on a piece of land near the homestead, upon which he lived until 1850; he then moved to the southeast corner of the township, on Section 36, where he, in company with William Asche, purchased a mill site and erected a saw-mill. After three years' association together in business, Mr. Graue bought the entire interest, and has since run it. In the summer of 1852, he built the brick mill, main building 45x28, three stories high and basement, put in two runs of buhrs, and has since run the same, mostly on custom grinding. Mr. Graue has been twice married—first, to Louise Fischer, born in Hanover, daughter of Frederick Fischer; seven children were born of this marriage, five of whom lived to maturity—Caroline, wife of Fred Grage, of Addison Township; Louis and Fred E. are on farms in York Township; Emma resides in Portland, Ore., wife of Harmon H. Kiessling; William, the youngest, remains yet at home. His second marriage was to Mrs. Henrietta Kiessling, whose maiden name was Korthaur. He has about 200 acres of land which he carries on, but gives his attention personally to his milling. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

EDWARD D. GRAUE, farmer, P. O. Elmhurst, is a son of Henry Graue, one of the early settlers of the township, and resides on the farm owned and settled by his father. Henry Graue was born April 23, 1826, in the same locality in the Kingdom of Hanover as were his brothers Fred, August and Lewis. Henry came here to York Township with his brothers, and made his purchase and engaged in farming, remaining here until his death, July 19, 1868. He was a good citizen, and a worthy member of the community. His wife was Louisa Krage, born near Hanover, in February, 1829, daughter of Fred Krage and Mary Stuenkel, which family came to Du Page in 1837. Two children are living, of a family of three, born to Henry Graue and wife—Edward D., our subject, and Louisa, who resides in this township, wife of Edward Rotermund. Edward D., who has taken his father's place and represents him on the home farm, was born April 13, 1848, and has now charge of the farm and resides with his mother. The farm, at his father's death, consisted of 360 acres. Mrs. Rotermund's portion taken out leaves 240 acres.

HENRY D. GRAY, hardware, Lombard. This genial and wide-awake business man was born November 19, 1849, and is a descendant of the Graue family (pronounced Gray), who were among the earliest settlers. Henry D. was a son of Deidrick Graue and Louisa Flag. Deidrick Graue was the pioneer of the family; he came and settled in the south part of Addison as early as 1833; he purchased considerable amount of land, which he afterward divided out among his brothers, who settled near him; he died in 1879, in January; his wife yet survives him and resides on the homestead. The children born them were Henry D., August, Louisa, Regina and Albert, all of whom yet reside on the farm except H. D. and Louisa, who re-

side in this town. Louisa married Duncan Malcomb, a partner of Henry D., who was raised on the farm where he was born until he came to Lombard, in 1877, and engaged in the hardware and agricultural implement business. Prior to this, he was for some time engaged as auctioneer, which he has since followed, in connection with his other business. In 1879, he associated with him in business his brother-in-law, Mr. Malcomb. Since, the firm has been Gray & Malcomb. In politics, Republican; is unmarried, and a member of the A., F. & A. M., Wheaton Lodge. Mr. Gray is the "outside man" of the firm, attends to the canvassing and setting up the machinery. Malcomb attends to the store and tin-shop.

AUGUST GRAUE, store and farming, Elmhurst, was the youngest child born to Frederick Graue; he was born January 12, 1829, in the Kingdom of Hanover, and came with his parents to this State, arriving at the grove which bears the family name, June 9, 1834. August was but a child when he came here, and was brought up to farm labor, and has since that time given his time to agricultural pursuits. July 24, 1851, he married Caroline Krage, daughter of Fred Krage, a native of Hanover; she died March 21, 1862, having borne four children—Louisa, Henrietta, Mary and August. His last wife was Mrs. Louisa Stelling, and by her he has Caroline, Edward, Willie and Julius. After Mr. Graue married, he located on part of the homestead, and continued on the same a constant resident and been engaged in farming. He has 271 acres in this county, and 100 in Will County, this State. October, 1881, he left the farm and located in Elmhurst and engaged in merchandising, carrying on a general store—dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, notions, etc.

J. B. HULL, stock-dealer, Lombard. Among the old-time residents of Lombard is

Joseph B. Hull, who descended from old English stock; his progenitors came to Connecticut and there settled prior to the Revolution. Joseph B. was born March 24, 1814, in Kinderhook, Columbia Co., N. Y., and removed with his parents to Cortland County when six months old. His father, George Hull, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in June, 1786, son of Tiddman and Annie Hull. George Hull married Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Eunice Barnard. The family on both sides are remarkable for their longevity. Subject's father is yet living, in his ninety-sixth year; his wife died aged seventy-five; her mother, Eunice, died aged eighty-four. Tiddman lived to nearly a centenarian; his wife Annie died aged ninety-four. Joseph Barnard, from whom our subject was named, was a sea Captain, and followed the seas and was lost while on one of his voyages. To Tiddman Hull and wife Annie were born seven children; those who lived to be grown were Penelope, Avis, Ruth, Annie, Amy, Solomon and George; now living, are George, the father of J. B., who resides in Madison County, Y. Y.; Avis resides in Brooklyn. To Joseph Barnard were born two children—Eliza, and Annie, the mother of J. B. Eliza married a man by the name of Hunt, and settled in Wisconsin. Our subject was raised a Quaker. To Geo. Hull and wife were born ten children; except the one who died in infancy, nine of them lived to many years past their maturity ere there was a death in the family; the first death of this number was at the age of forty-nine. The eldest was Edward; then, in order, came Judith, Joseph B., Lydia, Annie, Tiddman, Caroline and George M.; those deceased are Edward and Lydia. Eliza and Tiddman never came West. Caroline resides at Harvard, McHenry County, wife of Henry Benjamin. Annie and Judith reside at Oak Park; the

former married L. Morey, the latter Horace Coleman. George M. resides at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Joseph B., who resides here in Lombard. His father was a mill man, and, for several years, ran a large paper mill in Kinderhook; afterward, was engaged in farming, and run a saw-mill. Joseph was raised to farming and in the mill business; lived with his father until about twenty-five years of age; he afterward engaged with his brother Edward in the mill business. He came to this State in 1845, arriving in Chicago in April, and came out to Bloomingdale Township, this county, and purchased of the Government and laid claim to 160 acres, 120 of which he got at Government price, the other eighty a neighbor entered away from him, which he afterward obtained by paying him \$100 extra; when he paid for his land, he had \$75 left; he purchased two yoke of cattle for \$65, and a horse for \$13; this wiped out all his money. The first money he got he obtained by cutting by hand twenty-five tons of hay, which he sold to E. O. Hills at \$1.25 per ton; he hauled the same on a sled and his wife stacked it. About two years after, he sold his improvements and land to W. R. Patrick, for \$25 per acre. He then came to the northwest part of York Township, and purchased over 300 acres, costing \$2.50 per acre. When he first settled, he engaged in butchering, and, in two seasons, he killed 188 head of cattle, and other stock in proportion. About the year 1848, he went to Chicago, and engaged in business; carried on a store and manufactured shingles. About two years later, he came to Lombard and built a storehouse and engaged in merchandising; subsequently, had interests in a store at Cottage Hill and at Danby. About the year 1875, he sold out his land, reserving twenty acres and engaged in stock trading, which business he has since followed. He has

done much toward building up the town; when he came there was about three buildings there; there are now nine buildings here which he built. He has always been identified with the Republican party since its organization. In September, 1861, he enlisted in the army, and was over one year in the commissary department, serving as non-commissioned officer; on account of ill-health, he was released and returned home. He was married, in April, 1841, to Fannie E. Patrick, born in Cortland County, N. Y., in 1817, daughter of Nathaniel and Penelope Patrick. Four children have been born to Mr. Hull; but two living—Alma and Alice (twins); Alma resides in Huron, Dakota, wife of C. C. Hills; Alice resides in Lombard, at the home of her parents, wife of Henry Ferguson. Emily and Lydia are deceased. Emily E. died, aged thirteen; Lydia married Franklin Claffin, and moved to Hopkinton, Mass.; she had two children, both of whom died of diphtheria, and now lie by the side of their mother, who died in 1877. Mr. Hull has been a member of the Congregational Church since its origin in this place; himself and wife and two daughters of the number (fourteen) who formed the society at its organization. Though now nearly his threescore years and ten, yet he is active as a man of forty, and is actively engaged in stock trading, his operations extending into Iowa and other places, where he gathers up beef and stock cattle for the Chicago market.

GEORGE F. HEIDEMANN, physician, Elmhurst, was born February 10, 1839, in Hanover, Germany, the seventh son of Christian Hiedemann, who served in the famous battle of Waterloo. His wife was Mary Heuer. Our subject was left an orphan at a very early age, and came to this State when a lad of fifteen. At the age of seventeen, he engaged in a drug store, after which he at-

tended the University at Ann Arbor, where he took a course of lectures and completed his course at Rush Medical College, being at one time private pupil of Dr. Brainard. March 31, 1863, he was appointed Second Assistant Surgeon of the Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. May 7, same year, was commissioned as First Assistant Surgeon by Gov. Yates, and was assigned to Springfield in charge of the post there. In the summer of 1863, he was sent to Cairo, where he remained until he joined Gen. Sherman's forces; afterward was with Gen. Banks on the Red River Expedition; subsequently, was with Gen. A. J. Smith, at Memphis; then with Rosecrans, who was operating in Missouri, winding up his service with Gen. Thomas at Nashville. He was discharged in February, 1865. After his discharge from service, he came to Elmhurst and engaged in the practice of his profession, and has since remained. He was married, March 26, 1865, to Hannah C. Schween, daughter of William Schween; her mother's maiden name was Sophia Boeska. The Doctor served two years as Coroner under Hayes' administration, and has been School Director for nine years at the place; has six children—Alvenia M., William G., George H., Lydia, Ellen and Edie. Member of the Evangelical Church and a Republican. He has since his coming to Elmhurst been in active practice, which has been a successful one, having now been here about eighteen years.

L. A. HAGANS, Elmhurst, has been identified with the interests of Elmhurst since 1857, at which time he removed here, locating on the place he now owns, though purchased by him some time previous to his arrival. He was born January 31, 1825, in Preston County, now West Virginia. There were nine children of his father's family, five sons and four daughters, L. A. being the

third son and fourth child in order of birth. His father was Harrison Hagans, who was born in 1796, in Massachusetts, son of George Hagans, who served in the war of the Revolution and came of Irish stock. The mother of our subject was Jane, whose father was Daniel McCollum, of Scotch origin. The subject of these lines received the advantages of a common school, and, entering Washington College, Pennsylvania, remained there until his graduation, after which he began merchandising at Brandonville, Va., remaining about one year, and then to Kingwood, the county seat, where he continued about eight years. In the fall of 1857, he came to Illinois, locating here. In August, 1860, he returned to Virginia, and engaged in merchandising once more. The war breaking out, he went to Wheeling, where he was appointed Secretary of the commonwealth under Gov. Pierrepont. After the formation of the new State of West Virginia, he removed to Alexandria, remaining there until 1865, when he returned to this State to settle his father-in-law's estate, after which he returned to Virginia once more and purchased an interest in the *Wheeling Daily Intelligencer*, and was associated in the management of that journal until the fall of 1873, when he sold out his interest and returned to Elmhurst. His place is called "Hawthorn," which he has improved from the wild prairie to its present condition. Since his last return to this State, he has been associated with the firm of Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago. April 19, 1848, he married Lovela, born in Pennsylvania, daughter of Elisha and Anne M. (Brown) Hagans; he has one child living—Wilbur E. Myra Bella is dead; she was born May 9, 1857, and died June 10, 1868. Mr. Hagans is retired from active business, and employs his spare time in beautifying and improving his home.

· WILLIAM HAMMERSCHMIDT, tile manufacturer, Lombard. Among the recent inventions of the day, there are none that are productive of better results and pay a better return as an investment to the farmers than the judicious distribution of drain-tile on low and wet soils, which fact is now generally understood. As an industry, the manufacture of drain-tile is becoming one of importance, and, recognizing this fact, Mr. Hammerschmidt has, within the past few years, turned his attention to the manufacture of tiling. He came to this township in May, 1878, and established the Lombard Tile Factory, and has since been giving his whole time and attention to the enterprise, giving employment to a large force of men. He is a native of Du Page County, born in Naperville October 10, 1853, eldest son of Adolph Hammerschmidt, a native of Prussia, who came to this country in 1848. William remained at home until twenty-four years of age, and came to York Township in the spring of 1878, and has since been identified with that township. His factory is situated one mile south of Lombard; his residence is adjacent to the factory. On March 30, 1882, he married Miss Elizabeth Bundorf, a native of Hanover.

A. E. HILLS, merchant, Lombard. Foremost among the energetic and stirring business men of Lombard is A. E. Hills, who was born September 15, 1846, in the town of Bloomingdale, eldest son of H. S. and Lorena (Maynard) Hills. At the age of fourteen, he set out for himself, and for several years was engaged as a clerk. In January, 1871, he came to Lombard and opened a grocery, flour and feed store, and was Postmaster. About two years later, he moved to the Marquardt corner, and continued there under several firm changes until 1878, when he sold out to his partner, Louis Marquardt. In 1879, he associated with W. J. Loy in the auction

business as Hills & Loy. May, 1881, he purchased Loy's interest and built the store building he now occupies, which he stocked with general merchandise. May 3, 1882, he associated with his brother, D. C., and since the firm is known as A. E. & D. C. Hills. He also does an auctioneering business and attends to sales all over the country. He is the present Postmaster and Police Justice of the town, and a member of the A., F. & A. M., Turner Lodge, No. 872. May 16, 1870, he married Ellen M. Patrick, born in Bloomingdale Township, daughter of W. R. Patrick and Mary L. Knowles. He has five daughters—Carrie L., Florence E., Donna J., Helen M. and Alena.

HERMAN H. KORTHAUER, hardware and agricultural implement, Bensenville, eldest son of Esquire Henry Korthauer, was born in this township May 28, 1852, on the homestead farm. He received a good common-school education, which was completed by a thorough course in the business department in Wheaton College, where he graduated in 1867. He then returned home and engaged in farming pursuits, continuing here until the fall of 1881, when he located in Bensenville and engaged in the hardware business, buying out Henry A. Coggsell, who was well established in the trade. Mr. Korthauer is well known in the community, and, having good business qualifications, will merit the patronage of his many friends. He makes a specialty of the Grand Detour plows and Woods' machines, as well as a line of the best farming machinery and implements in use. May 25, 1877, he married Emma, daughter of Fred Heuer, a well-known and prominent farmer in the township; has had two children, one living, Mary, Carrie died March 4, 1880.

B. M. LEWIS, farmer, P. O. Lombard, is a native of Berks County, Penn.; was born

April 26, 1811, the youngest son of Morgan Lewis, born in same county in 1771, and died in 1843; he married Rachel Hudson, who was born in Lancaster County, Penn., in 1768, and died in 1849. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Evan Lewis, who married Rachel Williams; she bore him three sons—Morgan, Daniel and Amos; the former was a teacher; the latter were farmers by occupation. The great-grandfather of B. M. was Morgan Lewis, a native of Wales, and came to Pennsylvania soon after William Penn's arrival. To Morgan Lewis and wife, Rachel, were born six children—two sons and four daughters, viz., Drusilla, Rebecca, Maria, Amos, Jane, and Benjamin M., the youngest of the family. He was raised upon the farm of his father until the year 1828, when he went to work on the public works, on the Mine Hill & Schuylkill Railroad, where he continued sixteen years and worked from one position to another, until he was promoted to Superintendent, which position he held until he resigned on account of impaired health from typhoid fever, which incapacitated him for about one year. In June, 1852, he came West, and located first in the south part of Addison Township, purchasing 240 acres where Henry Geills now lives. In 1858, he removed to Lombard and engaged in merchandising until 1861, when he located on the farm he now owns, which place was settled by Walter Fillér. Since his advent to this place, he has been engaged in farming pursuits. He has been a successful business man. He has 263 acres here in York Township, 160 in Bureau County, and 1,015 in Kankakee and Will Counties. He was married, in 1833, to Sarah Robinson, born in Berks County, Penn., in 1814, daughter of Robert Robinson and Martha Philips. They have the following children: George M., Jane L., Ben F., Rebecca, Amelia, John

D., Thomas J., Morgan J. and Carrie N., all living. Charles M. died in 1881; was married, and had two children. George resides in Bureau County, a farmer. Jane L. lives in Wisconsin, near Lake Mills, wife of Luciel Griswill. Ben F. lives in Chicago; runs a flour and feed store. Rebecca lives with her parents. Amelia married John Loy and resides in Will County; also John D. Thomas J. works the home farm. Morgan J. resides in this township, farming. Carrie is a teacher; graduated in 1878 at the Northwestern College. Mr. Lewis has for several years been Road Commissioner. In politics, has been Democratic, yet not partisan. Was raised an Episcopalian, and, prior to his leaving Pennsylvania, became affiliated with the Masonic order.

JACOB LOY, retired farmer, Lombard, was born April 14, 1804, in Perry County, Penn., son of Nicholas and Margaret (Miller) Loy. Jacob, our subject, was raised to farming, and lived with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, when he apprenticed himself to the tanner's trade, working at it four years. He then began the career of a drover, and afterward followed butchering while the canal was being built. He was subsequently made Superintendent, and placed in charge of several miles of construction work. After the canal was completed, he engaged in boating, and ran the first boat, Juniata, Newport; was also engaged in the mercantile business, after which he engaged in the manufacture of iron, and purchased a foundry, but the venture was not lucrative, so he turned his attention to the lumber business, purchasing a saw and grist mill, but finally sold out and removed with his family to this county March 31, 1858, locating on the northwest quarter of the northwest section in the township, and has since been a resident here, and engaged, in

the meantime, in farming. In February, 1830, he married Catharine Zinn, a native of Lebanon County, Penn., daughter of Joseph Zinn and Elizabeth Snavelly. He has had ten children born him, seven of whom are living—William J., George, John, Rebecca, Caroline, Amanda and Mary. Mr. Loy is now retired from active life. His farm is carried on by his sons, George and John. Is a member of the Lutheran Church.

W. J. LOY, farmer, P O. Lombard. One of the worthy officials of York Township is Esquire Loy, who has been meting out legal justice to the people of this locality for several years; is now serving his fourth term. He came to York Township in September, 1857, from Perry County, Penn., where he was born September 11, 1831, and is the only son of Jacob and Catharine (Zinn) Loy, well-known residents of the township. William J. has been reared to farming pursuits. He worked with his father, remaining under the parental roof until of age, and afterward, as he continued in his father's employ some time after arriving at his majority. December 25, 1859, he married Sophronia Hatfield, a native of Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of Adam and Isabella (Truesdell) Hatfield, who came to the township in 1854. Her father died July 3, 1865; mother, in 1859; seven children were born them; five grew up—Jennie, now of Chicago; William, in California; Luellen, in Missouri; Lucinda, in Wayne County, Ohio, wife of John Reeder. After the marriage of Esquire Loy, he located on the farm he now owns, and has been closely allied with the township interests. He is Township Treasurer, and held that office for eight consecutive years. He has three children—Edward E., Vesta L. and Hazel V. Is a member of the Masonic fraternity of long standing, having been entered, passed,

raised, inducted, etc., etc., before coming to the West. Is a member of the Chapter at Wheaton.

J. H. LATHROP, capitalist, Elmhurst, was born July 5, 1806, in Lebanon, N. H., and was the youngest of a family of ten children. His father, Samuel Lathrop, was the youngest of a family of twenty children, and, when but a mere boy, served in the Revolutionary war, and was wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill. He married Lois Huntington, daughter of Theophilus Huntington, of Connecticut. Samuel died about the year 1819. Our subject came West to Erie County, N. Y., where he remained until some years past his majority. His educational advantages were limited, but in early manhood he turned his attention to active business pursuits, first embarking in the lumber trade; afterward, was appointed Collector at Buffalo. Subsequently, he removed to Virginia, where he married, in 1843, Miss Mariana, born in Alexandria, Va., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Barbour) Bryan. While in Virginia, he engaged in the banking business, and operated extensively in coal mines, which at that time was the largest and most important in the United States. During President Taylor's administration, he was appointed Navy Agent at Washington, D. C. In 1865, he came to Illinois and settled in Elmhurst, where he has since resided, having an elegant home, surrounded with all modern comforts and conveniences. He has three children—Bryan, Barbour and Florence W.

WILLIAM H. LITCHFIELD, Justice of the Peace, Elmhurst, was born November 2, 1832, eldest son born to Cyreneus and Nancy (Plummer) Litchfield. Cyreneus was a son of Joel, and, early in life, was apprenticed to learn the clothier's vocation. In the year 1820, he removed to Erie County, N. Y., and engaged in farming. In 1846, he came to

Du Page County and located on Section 13, in this township, where he purchased land and improved the same. In 1865, he located at Elmhurst. In 1851, he was appointed Justice of the Peace, to fill an unexpired term, and was four times re-elected, serving eighteen years in all. His death occurred September 28, 1876. He was first married to Nancy Gardiner, and by her had one child, Harris G., now on Governor's Island, an officer in the regular army, and attached to Gen. Hancock's staff. His last wife was Nancy Plummer, born in 1813, in New Hampshire, daughter of Caleb and Polly (Webster) Plummer. Mrs. Litchfield had three brothers and four sisters, nine in all—her sister who married David Talmadge. They came to the county and settled in this township in 1836. She has two brothers, Benjamin and Chester, who are residents of the county. By last marriage to Miss Plummer, two children, William H. and C. W., were born, both living with mother in Elmhurst. William H. was elected Justice of the Peace in 1877, and has since been honored with re-election. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

D. MEYER, retired farmer, Lombard. The present prestige of Du Page County is largely due to the advent of the German people, who came to this country, and, in many instances, penniless upon their arrival, yet their resolutions were only surpassed by their industry and economy, which, together combined, have made them to-day our most conspicuous and well-to-do farmers, and added thereby very materially to the wealth and prosperity of the county. Of this class Mr. Meyers is one. He left his native home, Stulsnau, in province of Hanover (where he was born December 5, 1818), in the summer of 1840, son of Frederick and Sophia (Essmann) Meyer, who died in Germany. He

left Bremen in the summer of 1840, and for the first two years lived near Cincinnati. In the spring of 1844, he came to Leyden, Cook County, where he soon purchased land, which he sold in 1849, and came to this county and purchased 210 acres where his son lives, and remained on the same until 1878, when he removed to his present location. He was married, while in Cook County, to Dorothea Dierking, born in Hanover in 1830, daughter of Christian Dierking. Mr. Meyer has ten children—Louis, Louisa, Caroline, Emma, Fred, William, Rosa, Henry, Martha and Frank. Louis resides on the homestead; Louisa is the wife of August Rotermund; Emma (dead) was the wife of August Schmidt; Henry resides at Bartlett, in cheese factory; Fred runs a store at Utopia. Mr. Meyer is a member of the Lutheran Church.

W. D. MEYER, farmer, P. O. Elmhurst. William Deidrick Meyer was born in the Faderland, province of Hanover, June 13, 1848. His father's name was Henry Meyer, a native of Germany, born August 25, 1807, and married Caroline Reinking, born February 6, 1822, daughter of Deitrich Reinking. Four children—one son and three daughters—were the offspring of Henry and Caroline Meyer. William D. was the eldest born. The girls, in order of birth, were Louisa, Doratha and Minnie. Louisa married Louis Balgemann, of Elmhurst; Doratha resides in Bloomingdale, wife of Herman Malwitz; Minnie also resides in Elmhurst, wife of George Balgemann. William D. was but three years of age when his parents came to this country from Germany. His father for some time was in partnership with his brother Deitrich, they working together until each had means to purchase. Father located on this farm about the year 1854, and improved it, and remained here until removed by death, March 18, 1882; his wife yet survives. Will-

iam D. now occupies and owns the homestead, having 120 acres. November 4, 1877, he married Annie, born in Lombard September 11, 1857, daughter of Deitrick Klusmeyer; has one child, Robert William; one daughter, Alma, deceased at five months.

F. G. MEYER, store, Utopia, is the rising young merchant of Utopia. He was born in the township October 10, 1855, and is the second son of Deitrick Meyer, a well-known farmer in the township. Frederick G. has, since his birth, been a resident of the township, remaining on the farm until the fall of 1879, when he came to this place and engaged in the employ of Arthur Robinson in the cheese and butter factory, and while here obtained a general knowledge of cheese manufacture. While here, he saw there was a good opening for a general store, and accordingly erected the storehouse he now occupies, and in August, 1880, he stocked up his store-room with groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, hardware, crockery, willow ware, flour, notions, etc., and has since been doing an excellent business, being well known in the community, and keeping a neat and select stock of goods at reasonable prices, he has been well patronized. In January, 1881, he was appointed Postmaster of Utopia, which position he yet holds. August 10, 1881, he married Annie Thoma, daughter of J. M. Thoma, of this township.

L. MARQUARDT, store and elevator, Lombard, is the junior member of the firm of Marquardt Bros. He was born September 23, 1851, in Bloomingdale Township, the fifth son of Henry and Sophia (Weber) Marquardt. He remained at home until fourteen years of age, when he was sent to Fort Wayne, Ind., and remained here in school three years and a half, and then went to Chicago, on Twelfth street, and engaged in the grocery business, where he continued until July 13, 1876, when

he came to Lombard and engaged in the grocery business on the corner he now occupies; was first associated with A. E. Hill; afterward purchased his interest and carried on the business alone some time; then took in his brother Fred, and since then the firm has been Marquardt Bros. They keep a general store, and, aside from this, have a large elevator and warehouse, and do a large business in grain, coal, bran and feed in general. November 1, 1877, he married Minnie, born March 9, 1860, in Addison Township, daughter of Fred Rotermund. He has two children, Amanda and Arthur. Are members of the Lutheran Church.

MRS. FRANCES E. OGDEN, Elmhurst, is a native of Delhi, Delaware Co., N. Y. Her parents were William B. Sheldon and Ann Bonesteen. He was a native of Rhode Island, and son of Job Sheldon, who served in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandfather was Philip Bonesteen, whose wife was Maria Ollendorf. To William B. Sheldon were born three daughters—Maria, Cornelia and Frances E. (Mrs. Ogden). Cornelia is deceased. In 1854, Frances E. became the wife of Hon. Mahlon D. Ogden. He was born July 16, 1811, in Walton, Delaware Co., N. Y., son of Abraham and Abigail (Weed) Ogden, of English descent. Mr. Ogden went to Columbus, Ohio, in 1836, where he studied law under Judge Crane, and came to Chicago about 1840, and engaged in the practice of his profession. About fifteen years later, he associated in the real estate business with his brother, William B., and continued in this relation up to his death, which occurred February 13, 1880. In 1871, he was elected Alderman of his ward, and was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church. He was a staunch Republican and a thorough business man. He was first married in 1837, to Henrietta M. Kasson, who

died leaving two children—Charles C., now a resident of Little Rock, Ark.; and Mary B., who resides in Chicago, wife of Gen. William E. Strong. In 1873, Mr. Ogden located on his summer residence, known as "Clover Lawn," in Elmhurst, where he died; his wife yet occupies the same during the summer months, when not traveling, and her winters are passed in New York City. She has three children—Anna S., William B. and Breanon. Is a member of the Episcopal Church.

C. W. PLUMMER, farmer, P. O. Utopia, was born December 20, 1821, in Erie County, N. Y. He was a son of Caleb and Polly (Webster) Plummer. Caleb Webster died in 1840. To him were born the following children: Sally, Polly, William, Benjamin, Nancy, Maria, Philura and Charles W., who was the youngest of the family. Our subject came to this county in 1848, and, the year following, began breaking land on Section 15, where his land was located, and, in 1850, built a house, and has since been a resident of the township, and upon the same farm, which contains 120 acres. Before leaving New York, September 17, 1848, he married Mary Townsend, who was born in Erie County February 25, 1829, in Concord. Her parents were Gilbert W. Townsend and Esther Twitchell. Gilbert W. was born in Erie County, N. Y., February 12, 1812; Esther was born in Athol, Mass., October 11, 1811. The Townsend family came to York Township from New York in 1856, locating on Section 15. In 1874, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend removed to Oak Park, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer have two children—Henry M. and Mrs. Mary E. Philips. Henry married Lovina Kernan; they have one child, Chester Henry, born May 7, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer are Protestant Methodists.

ARTHUR ROBINSON, cheese-maker, Utopia, the enterprising proprietor of the cheese factory at Utopia, in this township, who was born in Derbyshire, England, July 6, 1854, son of William Robinson and his wife, Catharine Palmer. Our subject received his instruction as a practical cheese-maker in his native country, having worked in the first cheese factory that was run on the American system. He came to this country in March, 1875. Previous to his coming here, he worked two years in a factory in Otsego County, N. Y. He came to Will County, this State, where he started a factory at Frankfort, which was operated by the farmers, where he continued about two years and a half. In the fall of 1877, he came to Du Page County, and engaged in the commission business in Chicago. The factory is at what is called Utopia, this township. In January, 1882, he started a new factory in Downer's Grove Township, which is promising good results. Mr. Robinson has proven himself to be a man of thorough business principles, and given entire satisfaction to his patrons. In August, 1880, he was married to Amelia, daughter of Henry Baethke, of Proviso, Cook County, and has one child.

DEIDRICH STRUCKMANN was born in Landesbergen, on the River Weser, province of Hanover, Germany, on the 29th of November, 1818. After acquiring a common-school education, such as his poor parents could afford to give him, he devoted himself to the carpenter's profession, at which he worked faithfully till he proved himself as a good workman and mechanic, then traveling to some extent in Holland and other parts of Europe. Being a man of great enterprising spirit, he concluded to leave his Fatherland, and chose America for his future field of labor. Mr. Struckmann emigrated to New York

in 1841, but, having no means whatever, he immediately looked for employment, and worked for several years at Sandy Hook, building light-houses, etc. After working here awhile, he was taken sick, which, for a time, consumed all his earnings. In the fall of 1844, he came to Illinois, settling in Addison Township, Du Page County, the country being at that time all one open prairie. Here a number of his friends and countrymen had settled previous to him, and, having "Excelsior" for his motto, he made himself useful wherever he could obtain work, for low wages, and, after several years, gradually worked himself up as a master of his calling, and, through his ability, his cheerful disposition and straightforwardness, and also his honest and upright character, he rapidly made friends, and gained the entire confidence of all he came in contact with. In 1848, he was married to Caroline Korthauer, which marriage was blessed with three children, one son and two daughters, the youngest daughter, Caroline, dying at Wheaton in 1871, while preparing herself for teacher at college. He steadily increased his reputation as a builder, and continually had to have more men in order to erect the many buildings which he had contracted for. Whatever building had to be done within many miles of where he lived, he seemed to be their choice, as he acted for them as contractor, builder and architect. Owing to his clear head and sound judgment, he was generally successful in all his undertakings, and whenever he would meet with misfortune, he would show a ceaseless spirit in overcoming it. In whatever capacity he served, he would fill it with honor and ability. Besides his professional abilities, he was also a very good real estate speculator, in which he was also very successful. He erected almost every building in the vicinity of where he lived,

and put up sixteen churches, some of which are very large and costly structures. He helped to form the Addison Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, for which he acted as agent for over twenty years. In 1875, he went to Europe to visit his old home, and returned after an absence of about three months. In 1877, he erected a large German seminary at Elmhurst, valued at \$25,000, being as nice a structure as can be found between Chicago and Elgin. Mr. Struckmann was a ceaseless toiler for business, a self-made man, and his name will long be remembered as one of the leading and best business men of Du Page County. Through his great enterprise and good calculations, he accumulated a large amount of property, comparing well with any man's standing in the county who built himself from nothing upward, and being the founder of his own fortune. He died at his home in Elmhurst May 4, 1879.

HENRY G. STRUCKMANN, only son of Deidrich Struckmann, deceased, was born at Addison, Du Page Co., Ill., January 8, 1849. He received a good school education, attending some good colleges, and always took much interest in learning. He intended to be a draughtsman, and worked in a Chicago architect's office for some time, but was obliged to go into other business on account of weak eyesight. At the age of eighteen, he devoted himself to the milling trade, and, after five years' experience commenced business for himself at Vernon Mills, Lake Co., Ill., where he owns a large mill property, and is carrying on a very successful business there. He is also acting as Justice of the Peace there, and is now serving his second term. September 26, 1875, Mr. Struckmann was married to Bertha Rotermund, daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmine Rotermund, living near Bensonville, Du Page Co., Ill., and

two children have blessed this union—Laura and Arthur.

GEORGE SAWIN, attorney at law, Elmhurst, is one of the leading lawyers in Du Page County. He was born in Boston, Mass., April 14, 1834. His ancestors four generations back came from the North of Ireland. His parents were John and Charlotte (Lash) Sawin. About the time of his majority, he began the study of law in the office of Hon. George S. Hilliard, remaining there nearly two years, and, from close application and confinement, his health became impaired, and he concluded to try traveling, so he accordingly accepted a position offered by L. L. & W. H. Mills as general collector and adjuster of accounts, remaining in their employ three years, also working in the same capacity for Stacy & Thomas one year. He then entered the law office of James P. Root, and was admitted to the bar, and first associated in practice with John Mattocks, then with Hon. Gilbert S. Walker, and with Chase & Munson. In November, 1861, he enlisted in the Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned First Lieutenant and assigned to the Quartermaster's department, where he remained until after the battle of Shiloh, when he was assigned to the staff of Gen. Sweeney. He served until the close of the war, and came out with the rank of Major. During his term of service, he participated in the battle of Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, Meridian, on Price's raid in Missouri, Pleasant Hill, and at Nashville. He escaped unscathed, yet had three horses shot from under him. Upon his return home, he resumed the practice of his profession. November 13, 1855, he married Miss Carrie L., who was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., daughter of Elijah and Charlotte (Brockway) Rust. This marriage has been crowned with the birth of three children—George, Robert

L. and Gertrude B. George died aged one year; Robert L., at the age of nine; Gertrude B. resides at Ridgeland, in Cook County, wife of Morton L. Marks. Mr. Sawin located at Elmhurst in July, 1870, where he has since resided, at "Clover Lawn." Mr. Sawin is one of the Trustees of the town, and is a member of the Episcopal Church. Is an honored member of the A., F. & A. M., and, since November, 1881, has been Eminent Commander of Siloam Commandery at Oak Park.

J. R. STRICKLAND, farmer, P. O. Utopia, born June 28, 1822, in Broome County, N. Y. His father's name was Ebenezer Strickland, who served in the war of 1812; he married Mary Mack, and by her had fourteen children, of whom John Rogers, our subject, was the eighth in order of birth. The Stricklands came to Du Page County in 1839, and located where Mr. Hesterman now resides. Ebenezer removed to Iowa in 1866, and there died. John R. was brought up to farming, but went to Chicago, where he worked a short time. In August, 1847, he married Cirinthia Barus, born in Berkshire County, Mass., daughter of James and Temperance (Childs) Barus, who came West in 1840. In 1848, Mr. Strickland located where he now lives, purchasing 120 acres of land, upon which there were no improvements. His wife died March, 1878. March 4, 1880, he married Mrs. Maria Cavanaugh, a native of Du Page County, daughter of Patrick Mulnix, who was an early settler. Mr. Strickland has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty years.

SETH WADHAMS, general business, Elmhurst, President of the Washington Ice Company of Chicago, is a resident of Elmhurst and has been identified with the State since 1835. He was born October 29, 1812, in Litchfield County, Conn., son of David

Wadhams, born March 4, 1769, and died in 1829. The mother of our subject was Phebe Collins, who bore her husband sixteen children, all of whom grew to maturity, but only four of whom are now living—Phebe, Mrs. Roswell Carter, of Chicago; Mortimer, in Rochester, N. Y.; Carleton, in South Bend, Ind.; and our subject, Seth, who left home at the age of nineteen and clerked for about three years in dry goods store at Rochester, N. Y., after which he decided to cast his fortunes with the then wild State of Illinois, and came first to Vandalia, Fayette County, but did not remain there long, coming, in July of the same year, to Chicago, which, at that time, had less than one thousand inhabitants; yet, as small as the place was, Mr. Wadhams grasped the idea readily that Chicago was destined to become a great city. Turned his attention at whatever he could do; worked in harvest at 75 cents per day and boarded himself; afterward clerked for Norton & Case in Chicago, and, subsequently, for Ryerson & Blakeley, dealers in hardware. While in their employ, he sold the first piece of bar iron ever sold in Chicago. Afterward, he took an interest in foundry and machine shop with

H. P. Moses, and remained about three years, and then went into the ice business in Chicago, which business he has built up from a capital of a few thousand, until it now has become one of the largest in the city, and, in fact, in the West. In 1868, he began improving the place he now owns, which is called "White Birch," and it is one of the most desirable residences in the State. In January, 1849, he was married to Elizabeth McKenney, a native of Hartford, Conn., daughter of David McKenney. Her grandmother was a Walcott, which was one of the old and substantial families in early time. She died suddenly, at her home, Sunday, July 9, 1882, and was buried in Graceland Cemetery. Mr. Wadhams has no children living; had one child, Dana T., which died aged six and a half years. He has property of great value in Chicago, and is yet actively engaged in business. Though now having attained nearly his threescore years and ten, he possesses all the vigor of mind and body that is usually seen in men of forty. In politics and religion, he has taken but little interest, yet he was the first Assessor of personal property in the county.

WINFIELD TOWNSHIP.

G. J. ATCHERSON, retired, P. O. Turner, is a native of Rockingham, Vt. He was born in the year 1825, and was raised on the farm. He received a limited common-school education. At the age of thirteen, his father died, and he worked with his brother till he became of age. He then began peddling, and traveled by wagon in that line for nine years, selling tinware the first year, and dry goods and notions thereafter. He then came West and rented a farm on Salt Creek, Du Page County, Ill., and the next year, he

moved to Turner Junction and engaged in buying hides, furs and wool. He also kept a boarding house, and, about three years later, he added the boot and shoe business. About 1870, he began dealing exclusively in hides and fur. Since the spring of 1881, he has retired from active business. Politically, he was formerly a Free-Soiler, and Republican since the organization of the party. He has held the office of Poor Master, and has served as Supervisor of Winfield Township for three years. In 1855, he married

Mrs. Mary Ann Bolles, formerly Miss Weaver, a native of Rockingham, Vt. They have no children. By her first marriage there were three children, two living—Charles E. Bolles, now living in Oak Park, Ill.; and Delia I. Davis, living in Windsor, Vt.

WILLIAM ADAMSON, deceased, was born in Yorkshire, England, in the year 1818. He lived in his native land until he was twenty-five years of age. He worked at mining, and in 1841 married Miss Harriet Squires, a native of Yorkshire. In 1843, they came to America, in company with Mrs. Squires, her son and daughters, and bought a farm one mile south of Turner and lived there. About 1860, Mrs. Squires and her son went to Kansas, where she died soon after. Mr. Adamson died in 1876, on the farm, and Mrs. Adamson lived there until 1879, when she came to Turner. By the marriage there were twelve children, of whom three are living—William, on homestead; Mrs. Sarah A. Pernel, living in this county; Mary E., at home.

JACOB BARTSH, farmer, P. O. Geneva, is a native of Baden, Germany. He was born in the year 1812. He was raised a farmer, and received a common-school education. In 1832, he came to America, and first stopped at Lithopolis, Ohio, and worked at a hotel, and in 1834 he went to New Lancaster, and the following year he joined a circus and traveled with them for four years, and then hired as coachman in Cincinnati, and lived there about seven years. During the latter part of the time, he kept a livery stable, and then went to farming in Shelby County, Ohio, where he lived a number of years. He then, in 1850, came to Du Page County, and bought eighty-five acres in Winfield Township, finally getting 230 acres. While in Cincinnati, he married Ragna Harmon, a native of Alsace, France. She died

here in Du Page County, and was buried at Geneva. They had nine children, of whom four are living. About four years after the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Fogt. She lived in Shelby County, Ohio. They have one child, Julia. He sold his farm to his son-in-law and moved to Geneva.

HENRY BRADLEY, grain-dealer, Turner, is a native of Berkshire County, Mass. He was born in the year 1834, and is seventh of twelve children born to Ebenezer and Abigail (Sturges) Bradley. They were natives of Massachusetts. They married there, and came West in 1847 and settled on a farm located on the line between Du Page and Kane Counties, Ill., three miles west of Turner Junction, where they now live, at the advanced ages of eighty-seven and eighty-four respectively, both in good health, body and mind. Our subject was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. At the age of nineteen, he began working on his own account, with his brothers on the farm, and, some three years later, he engaged, in partnership with Mr. Fowler, of Batavia, in the lumber business, and continued in the business four or five years, and soon after came to Turner Junction, where he engaged in the grain business and shipping stock, which he has continued since. He is a Republican in politics. In 1859, he married Miss Mary Lathrop, a native of Massachusetts. By the marriage there are four children—Clarence, Fannie, Grace and David.

DARIUS BARTHOLOMEW, farmer, P. O. Batavia, is a native of Du Page County, Ill. He was born in 1844, and is the second of five children born to Bishop and Almira Jones Bartholomew, who are spoken of elsewhere in this work. Mr. Bartholomew was raised on the farm and received a common-school education. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Regi-

ment Illinois Infantry, Company D, and served until the close of the war. He was with the command at the battle of Resaca, Atlanta campaign, the march to the sea, and the other engagements of the regiment. From the army he returned home and farmed the home farm on the shares until 1871, when he married Miss Hannah E. Lehman, a native of Pennsylvania. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents. After the marriage, he bought and occupied his present place, which contains 136 acres, located three miles east of Batavia. By the marriage there are two children—Arlind E. and Walton H. He is Republican in politics.

THOMAS BROWN, farming, P. O. Turner, is a native of England. He was born in the year 1812. In 1831, he came to America and located in Schenectady County, N. Y., where he worked on the farm until 1842. He then worked a year in Onondaga County. In 1843, he came West by the lakes. He first stopped a few weeks at Batavia. He then bought forty acres of the Government here in Winfield Township, and rented a farm adjoining, and he has farmed ever since. He now owns 110 acres, located adjoining the village of Turner. In 1834, he married Miss Cornelia M. Van Valkenburg, a native of New York. By the marriage there have been seven children, of whom three are living. He is a Republican. He has held the office of Highway Commissioner. The three children living are William H., mining in Montana; Mary, at home; Mark, on a cattle ranch in Montana.

D. C. BROWN, farming, P. O. Warrenville, is a native of Wayne County, N. Y. He was born in the year 1834, and is the eldest of nine children born to James and Annie (Crane) Brown. They were natives of New York, and married there January 10, 1833, and came West in the fall of 1836. They

came by team and lake, and made a claim to the present place. She died here on the farm in 1858. He married a Mrs. Scofield, May 9, 1858. They moved to Wheaton in 1868, and he died there in 1879. She is living there at present. They had one child, George Brown. Our subject has always lived on the old homestead. He received a common-school education, and, at the age of sixteen, he took the management of the farm, and, in 1868, he bought the same. In 1857, he married Miss Louisa Bean, a native of Ohio. They have four children. He is a Republican; has served two terms as Road Commissioner, and has been School Director for nearly thirty years. He owns 175 acres, located three miles west of Warrenville.

CAPT. L. B. CHURCH, retired, Turner, is a native of Wyoming County, N. Y. He was born in 1833, and is the fifth of ten children born to Lucas B. and Betsy (Patterson) Church, the latter an own cousin to Mrs. Bonaparte. They were natives of Cayuga County, N. Y., and Colerain, Mass. They married in New York. He was engaged in the lumber business, having mills on the Genesee, and a yard in Rochester. The mills were destroyed by floods, and, in 1844, the family came West and settled in McHenry County, Ill., where they followed farming at Crystal Lake, where he died in 1849. She died there in 1878. Our subject lived at home until he became of age. He then began as agent for the stage company on the old Galena & Chicago Railroad, and in 1857 he became the proprietor of the Junction House. In 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry. He was made First Lieutenant, Company B, and served six months with his regiment. He was then detailed upon the staff of Gen. W. T. Ward, of Kentucky, and, a year later, was ordered to his regiment, and again detailed on the staff

of Gen. E. A. Payne, and, a year later, was detailed on the staff of Gen. Saul Merideth, of Indiana, and, five months later, joined his regiment, being promoted to Captain of his company, joining the command at Roanoke, N. C. Returned home in June, 1865. He then became the traveling agent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for five years. He was then appointed one of the Assistant Supervisors of Illinois in the Internal Revenue Department, and, about six months later, was relieved and appointed Internal Revenue Assessor for Montana, where he served until 1873, when he returned home and took his old position with the Lake Shore & Michigan Railroad, and, three years later, he was made General Western Passenger Agent of the Hoosac Tunnel Line, headquarters at Chicago, and remained with them until 1879, when, owing to ill health, he had to retire, and has since looked chiefly after his health. November 23, 1854, he married Miss Clara Haffey, a native of Schoharie County, N. Y. She lived at Franklinville, Ill., with her parents. He is Republican.

JAMES CONLEY, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Tipperary County, Ireland. He was born in the year 1822, and was brought up on the farm, receiving a fair common-school education. In 1834, his parents came to America and settled in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. In 1839, Mr. James Conley came West to Illinois, and located with his brother in Livingston County, where he worked on the farm. In 1843, he married Miss Eliza Sutter, and, the next year, came to Du Page County, where he bought forty acres of land in Winfield Township, and has farmed in the vicinity ever since. During the past twelve years, he has also conducted the eating-stand at the depot in Turner. By the marriage there are three children.

C. M. CLARK, dealer in lumber and coal, Turner, is a native of Canada. He was born in the year 1830. When two years of age, his parents removed to Syracuse, N. Y., where he was raised. He received a common-school education. At the age of twenty, he began teaching public school in the vicinity of Syracuse, and taught for five or six years. In 1856, he came West, and taught school two winters in Wisconsin. He then taught four winters at Gary's Mills, in Du Page County, Ill., and five winters at Turner, after which he engaged in the lumber and coal business at Turner, and has continued same since. In 1859, he married Miss Arvilla, daughter of the Rev. R. Currier. She was born in New Hampshire, and came to Turner with her parents. She died in 1865. They have had one child, viz., Charles D. Clark, now attending Wheaton College. In 1867, he married Miss Amanda E. Williams. She was born near Syracuse, N. Y., where, also, she was married. He is Republican in his politics. He has served as Town Clerk, Village Trustee, and a member of the School Board for the past twelve years, and has taken an active interest in securing efficiency to the school.

JUDGE THOMAS DRUMMOND, Winfield, was born October 16, 1809, at Bristol Mills, Lincoln Co., Me. His father, James Drummond, descended from a Scottish line; was a sailor, a farmer, and for many years, a legislator of his State. Young Drummond took his course through the common schools, the academies, to prepare him for college, and, at his majority he was a graduate of Old Bowdoin. His next three years were spent as a student in the law office of T. Dwight, of Philadelphia, whose father was President of Yale College. He was admitted to the bar in 1833, and, in 1835, made his professional start in life in Galena, Ill., and

never lost sight of his original aim in life. He soon won distinction among his peers, as the sequel showed. His law practice grew into large proportions, and, in 1850, he received substantial proofs of the public estimation of his able jurisprudence by being appointed Judge of the Northern District Court of Illinois. The duties and responsibilities of his office soon multiplied on his hands, in proportion as the country increased in wealth, and with it the inevitable rivalry of growing interests, only to be harmonized by the principles of general law, and never, since the days of Moses, the great law-giver, did a jurist find more versatility, more complexity, and more fallow ground to break, than has come under the jurisdiction of Mr. Drummond since he has been clothed with the ermine. Since December, 1869, he has been Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Seventh Judicial District, embraced in the States of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. His rural home, near Winfield, to which he came in 1868, evinces his love for domestic life, in its immunity from the turmoil of metropolitan centers like Chicago. Here, at this tranquil retreat, he entertains his coterie of friends who visit him and enjoy his pleasant surroundings at the same time. He has a large family, two of whom have died—his daughter, Annie E., in 1869, and his wife in 1874. To his neighbors he is plain Mr. Drummond at home, and in his official capacity, when they uncover their heads before His Honor, it is done with all the more genuine respect.

JOHN FAIRBANKS, deceased, Turner, is a native of England. He was born in the year 1806, and came to America with his parents. They settled in Wyoming County, N. Y. His father was a clothier, and John learned the same trade. When he was about twenty-five years of age, he went to Erie

Co., N. Y., and conducted a woolen factory in Amherst, now Cheektowaga, N. Y. While here, he married, in May, 1838, Miss Pamela Levens. She was a native of Erie County, N. Y. After the marriage, they came to Illinois and settled on a claim he had bought in the previous year, in what is now Winfield Township, Du Page County, where he lived until his death, on January 11, 1879. He was a Republican, and served as Supervisor of his township a number of years. They had six children, of whom three are living—Mrs. Almira Chatfield, of Turner; Judson Fairbanks, on the old homestead; and Nellie Fairbanks, at home. Mrs. Fairbanks lives in Turner.

JAMES FAIRBANK, farming, P. O. Turner, is a native of Yorkshire, England. He was born in the year 1814, and is the seventh of nine children born to Francis and Jennie Shaw Fairbanks. They were natives of England. They married there; also all the children were born there. He was a manufacturer of woolen goods. About the year 1820, they came to America, and located in Genesee County, N. Y., where they farmed until their death, he in 1847, and she some four or five years later. John Fairbanks, the eldest son of Francis, manufactured woolen goods in New York until 1837, when he and his brother James started by teams for the West. They proceeded as far as Erie, Penn., when, owing to the roads, James took the wagons, etc., and went to Chicago by boat, John going through on horseback, they meeting at Warrenville, Ill. John bought a claim about three miles northwest of Warrenville, and lived there until his death. James worked by the month at farming for a few years, and then worked at carpenter work for a number of years. He also bought a claim to his present place, and has lived on the same since. In 1839 he married Miss Maria

Blackman, a native of Erie County, N. Y. She died a few months after the marriage. He married Miss Electa Chandler, a native of Genesee County, N. Y. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents in 1836. By the marriage there were two children, of whom one is living, Allen H. He was Democratic in his politics in early days, then Abolitionist, and has voted Republican since the organization of the party. He owns 220 acres, located three miles south of Turner.

GEORGE FEHRMAN, of George Fehrman & Son, Winfield, is a native of Hanover, Germany. He was born in the year 1822. He was raised a farmer, and, at the age of fifteen, he apprenticed to the tailor's trade, and served four years, and worked some five years as a journeyman. In 1849, he came to America, and first stopped at Dunkle's Grove, now Addison Township, Du Page Co., Ill., where he worked at his trade one year, and then opened out for himself at Addison Village, and, some two or three years later, he added general merchandise, and continued the business until 1865, when he sold out and lived three years in Chicago and conducted a produce commission business. He then went to Lombard, in Du Page County, where he conducted general store until 1871, when he went to Bloomingdale Township and farmed three years. He then rented his farm and came to Winfield, and, two years later, he and his son William opened the present store. In 1853, he married Miss Catharine Oehman, a native of Germany. She died in 1870. By the marriage there were seven children, six of whom are living. In 1876, he married Mrs. Kerch.

JOHN M. FAESSLER, retired, Turner, is a native of Baden, Germany. He was born in the year 1828, June 11. His father, also his grandfather, were carpenters, and he learned the same trade, and, at the age of

twenty, came to America. He worked one year in New York City, and then went to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he worked for about four years. In the fall of 1854, came to Turner, Ill., and bought a farm, two and a half miles west of the town, where he farmed until 1869, when he removed to Turner, where he has lived since. In 1852, he married, at Portsmouth, Ohio, Miss Mary Walter, a native of Germany. She came to America two years after he did. They were acquainted in the old country. They had five children, of whom but one is living, Charles F. M. Faessler. The four deceased all died within one week, by the scarlet fever. He is Republican in his politics. He is a member of the Evangelical Association, and is one of the pioneer members of the St. Michael's Church of that denomination in Turner. Mrs. Faessler is also a member of the church. During his residence in Turner, Mr. Faessler has farmed his place by a tenant.

SEBA FRENCH, farmer, P. O. Warrenville, is a native of Painesville, Lake Co., Ohio. He was born in the year 1819, and was raised on a farm. He received a limited common-school education. His father was a clothier by trade, though, in later years, followed farming. He also conducted a saw-mill. Our subject worked on the farm, and, in 1842, married Miss Elizabeth Clark, a native of New York. She died here in Illinois. They had three children—Abigail Peas, living in Wisconsin; D. C. French, living in Boone County, Ill.; Lucy R. Brown, living in Parsons, Kan. In 1862, he married Miss Harriet Woodburn, a native of New Hampshire, and living in Lake County, Ohio, at time of marriage. They have one child, Hattie E. In February, 1854, Mr. French came to Illinois and bought a place one mile north of Naperville, where he farmed two years, and then came to his present place,

which contains 129 acres, located one mile west of Warrenville. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as Road Commissioner one term.

JACOB A. GALUSHA, retired farmer, Warrenville, is a native of Burlington, Vt. He was born in the year 1803, and is the second of ten children born to Ezra and Mabel Barney Galusha. They were natives of Connecticut and Vermont. He was a farmer, and, when a young man, went to Vermont, where he married, and, in 1834, they came to Illinois and located on a claim in what is now Milton Township, Du Page Co., Ill., and lived there a few years, and lived thereafter with their son until their death. Our subject was raised on the farm. He received a common-school education. On becoming of age, he began on his own account, farming a piece of land he had bought, and upon which the family lived. In 1833, he came West, over the canal and lakes, and made a claim to his present place, and, the next year, his father sold the property in Vermont and came West with his family and made a claim adjoining his son's. Mr. Jacob A. Galusha was married to Miss Parmelia K. Foote, of Kane County, Ill. She died in 1870. They had three children—Ezra and Edwin, farming the old homestead; and Mrs. Cora Hancock, of Chicago. In 1872, he married Mrs. Bisbee, formerly Annie Jayne, a native of Susquehanna County, Penn. She came to Du Page County, Ill., in 1864. By the first marriage, she had three children—Alonzo and Albert, farming in Nebraska; and Mrs. Nettie Henderson, living in Reedsburg, Wis. He is Republican in his politics, and a member of the Universalist Church since he was a young man.

JUDE P. GARY, deceased, was a native of Pomfret, Windom Co., Conn. He was born February 3, 1811, and was one of the pio-

neers of Du Page County, Ill., where he settled in the year 1832, making a claim near the present village of Warrenville, fuller particulars of which are given in another part of this work. In 1851, he married Miss Margaret L., daughter of the Rev. Mr. Kimball, who is spoken of elsewhere in this work. She died July 25, 1862. By the marriage there were eight children—George P., Lucy M., Leora M., Jude F., Lovisa J., Edwin A., Laura E. and William S. In 1863, Mr. Gary married Mrs. Dr. Rose, formerly Miss L. M. Sherwood, a native of Chenango County, N. Y., born April 28, 1827, by which marriage there were born four children, three of whom are living—Eben S. Gary, Lewis E. Gary and Charles L. Gary. By her first marriage, Mrs. Gary had one child, Mrs. Mary Rose Wilson. Mr. Gary died May 11, 1881. Mrs. Gary is living on the old homestead near Warrenville.

C. W. GARY, hardware, tinware and agricultural implements, Turner Junction, is a native of Du Page County, Ill., and is the youngest son of Charles Gary. He was born on his father's farm, located two miles south of Turner, in the year 1844. He received a common-school education. At the age of twenty, he began farming on his own account, farming the home farm on the shares, and, on becoming of age, his father deeded him 100 acres, and, after his father's death, he bought out the heirs, and now owns the home farm of 250 acres. In 1877, he bought the hardware business of J. W. Gates & Co., and has conducted the business since. He is Republican in politics, and has held the office of Supervisor for two years. In 1864, he married Miss Maria Pierce, a native of Du Page County. She died in 1873, leaving three children—Charles E., Mary Nettie and Ella M. In 1874, he married Miss Mary Baker, native of the State of Ohio, near Cleveland. Her parents died when she was a

child, and she made her home with her uncle, at St. Charles, Ill. They have one child, Lula.

G. W. GUILD, farming, P. O. Warrenville, is a native of Huntingdon County, N. J. He was born in the year 1837, and is the eldest of eleven children born to A. E. and Suzan A. Warne Guild. They were natives of New Jersey and now live in Cook County, Ill. In 1839, they moved to Fulton County, Ill., and, about 1843, moved to Sugar Grove, Kane County, and thence to Cook County. Our subject lived at home until he was about twenty years of age. He received a common-school education, attending the Wheaton College for two years. In 1857, he came to Du Page County, and worked on the farm of Mr. John Warne, and, the next year, rented the place, and farmed it several years. He then bought the present place where he now resides, and, in 1881, he bought the adjoining place, now owning 220 acres, located one mile west of Warrenville. In 1858, he married Miss Abbie E. Warne, a native of Du Page County, Ill., daughter of John Warne, Esq. By the marriage there is one child—John W.—and an adopted daughter, Augusta Guild. He is Republican in politics.

FRANK J. HAGEMAN, farming, P. O. Winfield, is a native of Du Page County, Ill. He was born on his father's farm, in Winfield Township, in the year 1852, and is fourth of five children born to Frederick and Margaret Snyder Hageman. They were natives of Germany. Frederick Hageman came to America with his parents when a young man, and she with her parents when seven years old. On the way over, his mother and brother were drowned. He and his father went to Chicago. His father was a physician, and practiced in Chicago. Frederick studied medicine in Germany, and got his diploma in the Rush Medical College, Chicago, and

also practiced in that city. He first ran on the lakes, and made headquarters at Buffalo, where he married. His father died in Chicago. Frederick came to Du Page County about 1850, and settled on a farm in Winfield Township. He bought first forty acres, and added to it until he had 325 acres. Shortly after coming here, he retired to Wheaton, and lived there at the time of his death. Mrs. Hageman is living there at present. While in Chicago, he served as City Physician and Alderman. Frank J. was raised in Wheaton. He received a course of study in Wheaton College, and learned the painter's trade, which he followed about five years. August 11, 1877, he married Miss Emma Batchelor, a native of Du Page County, Ill. They have three children—Luey, George and Frank. After the marriage, he came on the old homestead farm, and has farmed it since.

MATHIAS HILLS, general store, Winfield, is a native of Prussia. He was born in the year 1831. He was raised a farmer. He received a common-school education. In 1854, he came to America, and stopped a few months in Michigan, and thence to Chicago, and, after a few months of sickness, he went to Lake County, Ill., and dealt in stock for two years. He then rented a farm and farmed for about six or seven years, and next went to Cook County and opened a butcher shop at West Wheeling, now Arlington Heights. He remained there three years. He then came to Winfield and engaged in his present business, and has continued since. He is Democratic in politics; has served as Postmaster of Winfield for about four years. He also served as agent for the American Express Company for six years, and station agent for the North-Western Railway Company at Winfield for three years, and Collector of township for one year. In 1855, he married Miss Barbara Nilles, a native of Prussia.

They had seven children, five living—Jacob P., Toony, Mary, Eva, Katie.

M. W. HAWKS, carpenter, Turner, is a native of Goshen, Hampshire Co., Mass. He was born in the year 1817. When he was fourteen years of age, he apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and served until he became of age, after which he worked transient as a journeyman, at Amherst, on the college. He also traveled three years in Canada. While there, he married Miss Julia Wait. She died in July, 1876. From Canada he came to Chicago, where he lived until February, 1846, when he came to Winfield Township, Du Page Co., Ill., where his brother-in-law lived, and bought a small place and farmed the same in connection with his trade as carpenter, and lived there until a few years ago, when he moved to his present place, in the village of Turner. By his marriage there were seven children, of whom four are living—Mary Church, resides near Milwaukee; Cloye Jones, resides in Beatrice, Neb.; Arthur Hawk, telegraph operator; Clifford Hawk, engineer on North-Western Railway. September 16, 1877, he married Hannah Akers, a native of Fulton County, Penn. She resided in Wheaton at the time of her marriage. He is Republican in politics; was Whig, anti-slavery. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

NEWTON HAWKS, farming, P. O. Turner, is a native of Goshen, Hampshire Co., Mass. He was born in the year 1819. His father was a physician, and died when Newton was young, and our subject was raised in the village until he was eleven years of age. He then went on the farm, living with a relative until he became of age. He then worked one year in a saw-mill, and six years in a flower garden at North Hampton. He then, in 1847, came West and worked at the carpenter business in Chicago for one year,

when he came to Du Page County and bought his present place, though he rented for two years before he occupied his place, and has lived here ever since. In 1858, he married Miss Jane Wood, a native of Vermont. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents about 1854. They have three children—Wilbur D., Louisa C. and Theron B. Mr. Hawks is Republican in politics. He has served in the school offices, and as Road Commissioner. He owns eighty acres, located one and a fourth miles southwest of Turner.

BENJAMIN HOWARTH, livery, feed and sale, Turner, is a native of New York. He was born in Auburn, N. Y., in the year 1843, and is the fourth of six children born to Sanders and Mary Peacock Howarth. They were natives of England. They married there, and moved to New York soon after, and in 1844, they moved to St. Charles, Kane Co., Ill., and in 1846, settled in Milton Township, two miles north of Wheaton, where they carried on farming. He died there in 1879. She is living with her daughter, in Wayne Township. Our subject was raised on the farm. About 1868, he farmed the home farm on the shares, and, in 1875, went to Kane County, where he farmed one year; he then moved on a farm two miles south of Wheaton, and, in 1878, came to Turner and engaged in his present business. In 1875, he married Miss Emma Vandervolgin, a native of New York. He is Republican in politics.

WILLIAM J. HOLLISTER, farmer, P. O. Batavia, is a native of Berkshire County, Mass. He was born in the year 1840, and is the youngest of five children born to G. J. and A. M. Fuller Hollister. They were natives of Massachusetts and Vermont. He was a wollen-manufacturer. In 1846, they came West, and bought a place lying on both sides of the county line of Du Page and Kane

Counties, where he farmed until his death, in 1880. Mrs. Hollister died in 1875. Our subject was raised on the farm. He received an academic course of study at the academy in Batavia. In 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Regiment Illinois Infantry, Company B, and was in the service three years. The first year, he served as Clerk in the Commissary Department. He was in the siege and capture of Vicksburg, siege and capture of Mobile, and the other engagements of the regiment. He returned home from the army, and, in 1866, he married Miss Ella Carpenter, a daughter of A. E. Carpenter, an old pioneer of Du Page County, now resident in Aurora, Ill. He lived on the old homestead the first year after he was married, and then came to his present place, where he has lived since. By the marriage there are three children—Bertha M., Freddie A. and Robie C. He is Republican. Owns 150 acres located in Du Page and Kane Counties.

A. H. JONES, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of White Hall, Washington Co., N. Y. He was born in the year 1824, and is the second of eleven children born to Cornelius and Fannie M. Wilson Jones. They were natives of Washington County, N. Y. They married there and, a few years after, moved to Providence, R. I., and, in company with Mr. Jerry Breede, owned and conducted a canal boat for three years. He then returned to his native county in New York and farmed until 1835, when he and Reuben Jones, a son of his half-brother, with their families, came West by teams to Illinois, and settled on the east side of the Big Woods, in what is now Naperville Township, Du Page County, where they bought claims and occupied and improved the same. In 1850, Mr. Jones went overland with two of his sons, Franklin and Hiram, to California, where he mined on the

Yuba River for about three years. He then came home and sold out and moved to Iowa, where he lived for four years, when he returned to a place he bought in Winfield Township, where he lived until 1875, when they moved to Batavia, where they now live, both of whom have passed the age of eighty. Our subject lived at home until the year 1847, when he married Miss Susan Warne, a native of New Jersey. She came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents, in 1834. After the marriage, they occupied a part of his father's farm, where he farmed until 1852, when he went overland by team to California, and mined one year, and farmed two years in Santa Clara Valley. He then returned home, and, soon after, bought and occupied his present place, where he has since lived. By the marriage there are five children, all daughters—Sarah M. Delana, farming in Linn County, Iowa; Emma E. Hodges, of Turner, Ill.; Mary Hummel, farming in Nebraska; Carrie, at home; Josephine, at home. Mr. Jones is Republican. He owns 160 acres, located two and a half miles northwest of Turner.

J. J. KAUTZ, farming, P. O. Turner, is a native of Baden, Germany. He was born in the year 1828. He was raised on the farm. He received a common-school education, and, at the age of twenty, he entered the army, and was engaged in the war or rebellion against Prussia. In 1849, he came to America, and stopped in Erie County N. Y., where he worked at farming and lumbering for about two years, when he came to Illinois and located at Turner, where he had relatives. He worked at gardening, and, the following spring, his parents, Christian and Mary Pfeifer Kautz, came and bought a farm in Winfield Township, Du Page County, where they lived until their death. J. J. Kautz worked on the Galena & Chicago Railroad, he being

foreman of a gang of laborers, and, the next winter, went to live with his parents, and has lived on the farm since, he buying out the heirs after their death. He married, in 1856, Miss Saloma Hansel, a native of Germany. She came to America with his parents in 1852. They had nine children, of whom three are living—Christian, farmer in Kane County; Charles, at home; Louisa, at home. He owns 208 acres, located on county line, three miles west of Turner.

MARTIN KAUTZ, farming, P. O. Geneva, is a native of Baden, Germany. He was born in the year 1829. He was raised on the farm and received a common-school education. In May, 1855, he came to America and settled in Turner, Ill., where he had relatives living. He then worked as a helper to a mason in Geneva, and then rented one of his present places for four years, and then bought the place, and has lived there since. He now owns 223 acres, located on the line, three miles west of Turner. In 1855, he married Miss Barbara Hawk, a native of Baden, Germany. She came to America on the same vessel he did, and also came to this county with him; they were married a few months later. They have seven children—Carrie Wolf, farming in Kansas; Mary, Martin, Jr., Jacob, Frederick, Barbara, Christina. He has earned all his property.

EDWARD LAMBE, milling, Warrenville, is a native of Yorkshire, England; he was born in the year 1831; he received a common-school education, and, at the age of fifteen, began clerking in a railroad office, where he continued about three and a half years. In 1850, he came to America with his parents, William and Mary Watson Lambe; they were natives of Yorkshire; they settled on a farm in Du Page County, Ill., where the family lived till 1857, when Mr. Edward Lambe bought the mill in company with Mr. Victor

Fredenhagen, and the family moved to Warrenville, where Mrs. Lambe died a few years later. In 1862, Mr. Lambe sold one-half his interest in the mill and moved to a farm in Downer's Grove, where he farmed for eleven years, during which time his father died. In 1873, he returned and bought Mr. Fredenhagen's one-fourth interest in the mill, giving him then one-half interest, and, a few years later, he became the sole proprietor. August 11, 1879, the mill was destroyed by fire, and was rebuilt, on a more extensive plan and improved pattern. In 1855, he married Miss Sofa Fredenhagen, a native of Germany; they have four children—William Victor, Paul Edward, Mary L. and Carrie A. Both the sons are engaged in the mill.

J. E. LEHMAN, farmer, P. O. Batavia, is a native of Lee County, Ill.; he was born in the year 1847, and is the second of three children born to Samuel and Mrs. Foutz Lehman. Our subject was raised on the farm in Lee County, Ill., until he was ten years of age, when the family moved to Warrenville, Ill., where our subject lived until 1871, when he came to his present place, and has lived here since. In 1873, he married Miss Emma Pratt, a native of Du Page County, Ill. By the marriage there are three children—Wilton, Della and Luke. He owns 130 acres located two and a half miles southwest of Turner.

JAMES W. McKEE, farmer, P. O. Warrenville, is a native of Du Page County, Ill.; he was born in the year 1840, and is the second of three children born to David McKee and his second wife, Sarah Ward. David McKee (deceased) was a native of Loudoun County, Va.; he was born December 2, 1800; his parents were John F. and Jane Marple McKee, of Scotland; they settled in Virginia, from which State they went to Pennsylvania, and, in 1813, they went to Cincinnati, Ohio,

where David learned the trade of blacksmithing. In 1821, he made a trip to New Orleans, on the City of Washington, and, in 1822, he was appointed to do blacksmithing for the Indians at Chicago, where he worked for eight years; he then carried mail for a year between Chicago and Fort Wayne; served with Capt. Bordman in the Black Hawk war, and then hired to the Government again. In 1836, he located on a farm at the forks of the Du Page River, and kept a blacksmith shop there for a number of years; from there he moved on a farm in Winfield Township, Du Page County, where he lived to within a few years of his death, which occurred near Aurora, Ill., April 8, 1881. Mr. McKee was twice married—first, to Miss Wealthy Scott, a sister of Willard Scott, Esq., of Naperville, Ill.; two children were born—Stephen and Josephus; the latter died when he was young. Stephen served four years in the army during the rebellion, after which he removed to Nebraska, where he died. The second wife was Miss Sarah Ward, a native of New York; they had three children—Mrs. Wealthy Bicknell, of Cedar Springs, Mich.; Miss Carrie A. Fisher, of St. Louis, Mo., and James W. McKee, living here on the old homestead, where he was born. November 28, 1860, he married Miss Frances L. Bird, of Winnebago County, Ill.

WILLIAM A. MACAULEY, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of St. Lawrence County, N. Y.; he was born September 21, 1823, and is the second of ten children born to George and Mary Miller Macauley; they were natives of Ireland and New York City, she being of Scotch descent. He came to America when a young man; he had been educated as a Presbyterian minister; his father was a successful merchant of Dublin, and placed his son in circumstances that he was not required to follow the ministry, and did not.

George Macauley married in New York City, and came to Illinois in the summer of 1841, and occupied a claim he had bought of Mr. Town, which was located in what is now Winfield Township, Du Page County, and lived on the place until his death. Mrs. Macauley died about two years previous to her husband. Our subject was raised on the farm; he received a common-school education. In 1841, he and his brother Walter M. drove a team to the present place. In 1864, he married Miss Anna Whitmer, a native of Niagara County, N. Y., where she lived when married, she being engaged as a school teacher. They have three children—William L., David W. and Mary F. In 1849, Mr. Macauley went to California overland with cattle, being seven months on the trip; he lived there three years; he followed mining one year, and conducted a grocery and butcher shop for about two years; he then returned and kept a general store in Elgin for about seven years, when he came to the old homestead, and, except three years' residence in Chicago, has lived here since.

M. W. MURRAY, farmer, P. O. Winfield, is a native of Ireland; he was born in the year 1823, and is the eldest of four children born to John and Mary Brennan Murray; he was of Scotch descent and born in Ireland; he married in his native land and came to Canada soon after, where he lived for six or eight years, and then came to the United States and settled in Connecticut, and, in 1835, he came West by the lakes and bought a place on the lake shore, at Grosse Point, and, the next fall, went to Chicago, where he lived until 1837, and then made a claim in what is now Winfield Township, Du Page County, Ill., and occupied and improved the place where he lived until his death. Mrs. Murray lived on the old homestead until her death. Our subject lived with his parents

until he was about nineteen years of age; he then began for himself, working by the month for a season, and then rented a place, which he farmed a year, and, on becoming of age, he was elected Constable of Wayne Township to fill a vacancy, and he served in all for seven years. During the last four years, he also served as Deputy Sheriff; he then moved on a place which his father deeded to him, and farmed the same since. In January, 1845, he married Miss Martha Ann Billings, a native of Indiana, and came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents, who were early pioneers. She died May 1, 1872. By the marriage there were nine children, of whom seven are living. September 29, 1875, he married Mrs. Ketchum, formerly Miss Lucinda C. Scott, a native of Pennsylvania; she came to Du Page County in 1856. By the present marriage, there have been two children, both of whom have died. He is a Republican in his politics.

D. R. MARTIN, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Erie County, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1843, and is the second of eight children born to Christian F. and Sarah Rhodes Martin; they came to Kane County, Ill., in 1849, and to Du Page County in 1865; they now live near Naperville. Our subject was raised on the farm; he received a common-school education. When he was about twenty-two years of age, he began farming the home farm on the shares, and, in 1871, he married Miss Lucinda Pratt, a native of Du Page County, Ill. After the marriage, they came to the present place, which he rented a few years and then bought the same, it being the old David Martin homestead, and has lived here since. By the marriage there are four children—Jessie, Olive, Albert and Cora. Mr. Martin is Republican in politics; he has served as Assessor and school officer. He owns 122 acres, located

one and three-fourths miles west of Turner.

JONATHAN R. MATHER, farmer, P. O. Warrenville, is a native of Du Page County, Ill.; he was born in the year 1849, and is the seventh of ten children born to Israel and his second wife, Hannah Royce Mather; they were natives of Essex County, N. Y. Our subject was raised on the farm; he received a common-school education. At the age of sixteen, he began doing for himself, working by the month, and, after becoming of age, he began farming the home farm on shares. In 1877, he married Miss Nettie L. Ketchum, a native of Du Page County, Ill.; they had two children, one living—Israel. Since his marriage, Mr. Mather has farmed the home farm.

HENRY H. MARTIN, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Erie County, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1848, and is the fifth of nine children born to Christian F. and Sarah Rhodes Martin. Henry H. Martin was raised on his father's farm, and received a common-school education; he lived at home until he was twenty-four years of age; had an interest or share in the product of the home farm, since he was sixteen or seventeen years of age. In 1872, he married Miss Clara A. Hodges, a native of Pennsylvania; she came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents, who settled on a farm in Winfield Township. After the marriage, they settled on the present place, which he bought of his father, and has lived here since. He owns eighty-six and one-half acres located one mile west of Turner. By the marriage there have been three children, two of whom are living—Elmer and George. Mr. Martin is a Republican. He is at present Highway Commissioner.

DANIEL W. MARTIN, farmer, P. O. Turner; is a native of Kane County, Ill.; he was born in the year 1851, and is the fifth of eight children born to Christian F. and

Sarah Rhodes Martin. Mr. Martin was raised on the farm, and received a common-school education. In 1865, the family moved to Du Page County, Ill., and, in 1872, he began farming his father's place on the shares, and, in 1874, he married Miss Jennie Pratt, a native of Wayne Township, Du Page County, Ill., and daughter of Obadiah Pratt, one of the pioneers of Wayne Township. After the marriage, he rented the farm, and, in the spring of 1881, he bought the place, his parents then retiring to Naperville, where they now live. Mr. Martin is a Republican. He owns 117 acres, located one mile south of Turner. In addition to farming, Mr. Martin has conducted a thresher for the past ten years.

RUSSEL MANVILLE, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Whitehall, Washington Co., N. Y.; he was born June 5, 1818; he was raised on the farm and received a common-school education; his father died when he was about fourteen years of age; he lived on the home farm with his mother till he was twenty years of age; he then decided to go West, and, accordingly, took the canal to Buffalo, thence by boat to Detroit, and railroad to Ypsilanti, and team and stage to St. Joe and lake to Chicago; thence to Warrenville, where, the next spring, he rented a farm and farmed one season, after which he worked during summers and taught school in Marshall and Tazewell Counties, and, about 1845, he came to his present place, and has lived here since. In 1848, he visited Vermont, and married Miss Julia C. Smith, a native of that State. By the marriage there are four children—Lotan S., United States mail agent; Mrs. Jane E. Smith, of Wayne Township; E. H., of Oak Park; Martha J., at home. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as Collector one year. He owns 175 acres, located four and one-half miles southwest of Turner.

EDWARD P. MACK, farmer, P. O. Warrenville; is a native of Susquehanna County, Penn.; he was born in the year 1815, and was raised on the farm and received but a very limited common-school education. At the age of twenty, he went to Rockingham, Vt., and learned the clothier and cloth-dressing business, working about five years. He then returned home and boated on the Schuylkill Canal one season, and, in 1841, he came West and sold dry goods and groceries from a wagon in Wisconsin and Illinois. He then engaged in breaking prairie in Wisconsin, which business he followed for two seasons. He then bought his present place and occupied the same. He owns 240 acres, located two and one-half miles north of Warrenville. In 1842, he married Miss Maria Royce, a native of Essex County, N. Y.; she came to Will County, Ill., with her parents; she died in July, 1882; there have been ten children, of whom seven are living—Abner, farmer in Iowa; Edward, farmer in Nebraska; Charles, employed on the Chicago & North-Western Railway; Orland, farmer in Will County, Ill.; Adaline, at home; Elmer, at home, and Milton, at school, Aurora. Mr. Mack is a Republican.

J. C. NELTNOR, general store and nursery, Turner, is a native of Pennsylvania; he was born in the city of Erie, in the year 1841, and is the eldest of six children born to Francis X. and Mary A. Runser Neltnor; they were natives of Baden, Germany; they came to America when young; they married in Pennsylvania. He was a merchant tailor, and came to Du Page County, Ill., in 1847, and conducted his business in Bloomingdale until his death, in 1881, Mrs. Neltnor is living in the old home at Bloomingdale. Our subject lived with his parents until he became of age. When about ten years of age, he engaged as clerk in a general store in Bloom-

ingdale, and clerked there until 1861, when he became a partner with Dr. Sedgwick in a general store, and continued there until 1864, when he sold out and came to Turner and engaged in his present business. In 1868, his place was destroyed by fire, and he afterward built his present place. In 1870, he established, in company with Mr. C. W. Richmond, the Grove Place Nurseries, and, in 1874, he became the sole proprietor and has conducted the business since. In 1882, he established *Neltnor's Fruit and Flower Grower*, a horticultural magazine, published quarterly. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as Secretary of the County Committee for a number of years. In 1864, he married Miss Mary E. Kinney, a native of Du Page County, Ill. They have six children.

CAPT. G. N. ROUNDY, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Spafford, Onondaga County, N. Y.; he was born December 4, 1811; he was raised on his father's farm and received a common-school education; on becoming of age, he began on his own account, working by the month; he also spent two years in Canada, collecting for a party doing business there, and, in 1836, November 12, he drove the first car over the Erie & Kalamazoo Railroad, from Toledo to Adrian, now part of Southern Michigan. November 1, 1837, he came to Illinois and bought a claim in what is now Wayne Township, Du Page County, and improved the place, and; in the fall of 1843, he sold out and came to Winfield Township, and has farmed in the township ever since. He owns 120 acres, located one mile east of Turner. He married Miss Maria L. Kimball, a native of Vermont; she came to Illinois with her parents. By the marriage, there have been twelve children, of whom seven are living. He is Republican in his politics; he has served as Assessor of Winfield Township some seven or eight

years, and has held the office of Supervisor. During the war, he was appointed County Marshal; he has also served as Road Commissioner for two terms, and he was Captain of the old Winfield Cavalry Company.

DAVID ROOT, farmer, P. O. Batavia, is a native of Piermont, near Haverhill, N. H.; he was born November 8, 1815; his parents, Ephraim and Vashti Burd Root, were natives of New Hampshire and Vermont. He was a farmer, and moved to Genesee County, N. Y., in 1822. Mrs. Root died there in 1829, and Mr. Root later moved to Michigan, and thence to Illinois, and finally died in Indiana, where he lived with a son. Our subject was brought up at home until his mother died; he then went to live with an uncle, for whom he worked on the farm, receiving \$7 per month, and, after two years, he began teaching at the age of sixteen, having a school of fifty scholars and receiving \$12 per month, for a four-months' term. He then went to Kentucky, where he had brothers living, and taught school at Newport and in Fayette and Harrison Counties, for seven years. When Mr. Root first went to Kentucky, he made a trip horseback to Michigan; this was about the year 1832, and, in 1839, he came horseback to Illinois, and bought a claim to his present place, which he occupied, and has lived here since, except about a year he lived in Indiana. In 1841, he married Miss Sylvia Graves, a native of New York; she came to Du Page County with her parents; she died September 22, 1847; they had three children. In 1847, he married Miss Marietta Hallenbeck, a native of Erie County, N. Y.; she came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents, in 1843; they had seven children. He is Republican, and a member of the Baptist Church for the past forty years; also Mrs. Root is a member of the Baptist Church. He owns 190 acres, located three miles east of Batavia.

W. T. REED, Reed & Stark, general store, Turner; is a native of Du Page County, Ill.; he was born on the farm in Wayne Township, in the year 1843, and is the third of seven children born to Geo. W. and Juda A. Ellenwood Reed, of Wayne Township. Our subject was raised on the farm and received a common-school education. After he became of age, he began farming on the shares, which he continued until 1876, when he removed to Turner and engaged in partnership with Mr. Voll in the general store business, and, about one and a half years later, Mr. Voll sold his interest to Mr. Stark, and they have conducted it since. In 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Regiment Illinois Infantry, and was in the service about five months. In 1878, he married Miss Maggie Campbell, a native of Philadelphia; she came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents. By the marriage there is one child—Jennie Irene. He is Republican in politics, and has served as Police Magistrate for two years.

C. K. SANDERS, commercial traveler, Turner, is a native of Cattaraugus County, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1836, and is the eldest of four children, born to James and Betsy Irish Sanders; they were natives of Vermont and New York; they married in New York, and came West in 1841, and rented a farm in Wayne Township, Du Page County, Ill., and, two years later, bought a piece of land and began building a house on the place, but died before it was completed, and Mrs. Sanders sold the place and soon after married Mr. O. Higgins, and lived in Wayne Township until about 1881, when they moved to Turner, where they now live. Our subject lived at home until he was about eighteen; he received a common-school education; he spent one year in the East, and, while there, taught writing, and returning home in the spring, clerked in a store in

Wayne during the summers and teaching writing in the winters. He then accepted the position of Deputy Circuit Clerk, under Mr. Whitney, and held the position about one year, when he enlisted in the Fifty-fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry, Company, C, and was appointed Quartermaster Sergeant, and served fifteen months, when he was discharged, after which he became a citizen employe in the Quartermaster's department, and held the position until the close of the war, when he returned home to Wayne Township, and clerked in a general store for about one and one-half years, at Lincoln, Ill. He then engaged in the business at that place on his own account, which he conducted until the fall of 1869; he then became a salesman in the office of Franklin McVeagh & Co., of Chicago, and, four years later, began traveling on the road for the same house, with whom he has remained since. In 1865, he married Miss Elvira Currier, a native of Du Page County, Ill.; she died in 1876. By the marriage there was one child—Bertha D. In 1878, he married Mrs. Almeda E. Townsend, a native of Utica, N. Y. There are no children.

EDGAR STEPHENS, of Wiant & Stephens, general store, Turner; is a native of Morris County, N. J.; he was born in the year 1845. In 1847, the family moved West to Illinois, and located at Geneva, where they lived for seven years, then moved on a farm, two miles south of Batavia. Our subject lived at home until 1861, when he enlisted in the Forty-second Regiment Illinois Infantry, Company I, and served three years; he was in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge; at the latter place was wounded and joined his regiment about five months later, and took part in the Atlanta campaign—battles of Jonesboro and Kenesaw Mountain; from the army he came home and engaged as fireman on the North-Western Rail-

way for two years; he then became engineer and continued with the company nine years longer. He then became a partner in the present business. He is Republican in politics, and has held the office of Trustee of Turner and Township Treasurer. In 1869, he married Miss Alice Wiant, daughter of Joel Wiant, Esq., of Turner. By the marriage, there have been four children, one of whom is living, viz., Lloyd Stephens.

JOSEPH W. SMITH, Postmaster, Turner, is a native of Cazenovia, Madison Co., N. Y.; he was born in the year 1812. In 1819, the family moved to Gates, Monroe County, N. Y., where his father died; he then went back to Cazenovia, and lived with his uncle until he was about sixteen years of age, during which time he worked at blacksmithing; he then went to Greece, Monroe Co., N. Y., where his mother lived. February 28, 1829, he enlisted in the United States Army, and was in the service for three years; he then learned the cooper's trade and followed the business in Monroe County and in the State of Michigan for eighteen years, where he engaged first as trackman and then as fireman on the Michigan Central Railroad, and later, he engaged with the New Albany & Salem Railroad, having charge of their blacksmith shops. In 1857, he came to Turner and engaged as blacksmith for the old Galena Railroad. During the war, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served about five months, and, on his return, he resumed his place with the railroad company. In 1873, he was commissioned Postmaster of Turner, and has held the position since. October 20, 1833, he married Miss Eliza Ann, daughter of Dr. Moses Lewis, of Greece, N. Y.; they had five children, three of whom are living—two sons and one daughter; the latter married Mr. D. C. Stanley, of Downer's Grove.

C. P. STARK, of Reed & Stark, general store, Turner, is a native of Du Page County, Ill.; he was born on the farm in the year 1855, and is the second of nine children born to Martin and Margaret (Voll) Stark; they were natives of Germany; she came to America with her parents, and he came to America in 1847, and settled in Du Page County, Ill. Our subject lived at home until he was about fifteen years of age, then engaged as a clerk in a general store at Turner, and continued clerking at Turner and Chicago for seven years (one year in Chicago), and, in 1877, he purchased Mr. Voll's interest in the business and formed the firm of Reed & Stark. In 1881, he married Miss Ida M. Reed, a native of Du Page County, Ill., daughter of George W. Reed, of Wayne Township. Mr. Stark is Democratic in politics, and has served as Town Clerk three terms and Village Clerk four or five years.

CHRISTIAN D. SMAIL, farmer, P. O. Winfield, is a native of Mecklenburg, Germany; he was born in the year 1812; he was raised a farmer and shepherd, and, in 1849, he married Miss Mary Witt, a native of Mecklenburg, and the same year came to America, and lived for three years in Chicago, and then came to De Plaines, where he lived about one and one-half years, and, in 1853, he came to Du Page County and rented a farm in Winfield Township. In 1858, he bought and occupied his present place. There were two children—one living—Caroline; she married, January 15, 1874, Mr. Christian Fessler, a native of Baden, Germany; he was born October 4, 1841; he was raised a farmer, and received a common-school education, and served as a teamster in the French and German war; he came to America in 1871, and worked at farming in Du Page County. By the marriage there are two children—Flora and George. Mr. and

Mrs. Fessler live on the old homestead with Mr. Smail. He owns forty acres, located two and a half miles south of Winfield.

JOHN WEST, drugs and general store, Turner, is a native of England; he was born in the year 1829. In 1830, his parents moved to America, and located in Oneida County, N. Y., where they engaged in the manufacture of woolens, which business they and their ancestors carried on in England for generations. Our subject was raised in Oneida County, and received his education at the Whitesboro Academy. When about eighteen, he began as book-keeper in a general store, and, in 1850, he visited one year in England; in 1852, he engaged in that business on his own account; in 1855, he went to California via Panama and lived there about fifteen months, being engaged in mining; he then returned East and soon after took charge of a general store at Blackberry, Ill., and, in the spring of 1857, he located at Turner and opened a general store, and has conducted the business ever since, he being the oldest merchant in the town. In 1852, he married Miss Elizabeth Allison, a native of Leeds, England; she came to America with her parents. By the marriage there have been four children, three of whom are living. He was formerly a Whig, and, later, a Republican; from 1860 to 1869, he was Postmaster of Turner; he has also served as Town Clerk, in all about fifteen years. In 1848, Mr. West and his father subscribed for twenty shares in the old Galena & Chicago Railroad, and that \$2,000 has now increased to \$20,000, besides the dividends, and has remained in the family. The children are as follows: John A. West, musician and organist in the Church of the Ascension, Chicago; Mrs. J. T. Hosford, and Annie West, Utica, N. Y.

JOEL WIAINT, retired, Turner Junction. The subject of this sketch, whose portrait ap-

pears in this work, is a native of Luzerne County, Penn.; he was born December 10, 1812, and was raised on the farm; his education was obtained in the common schools of his day; he lived at home until he became of age, and then went to the vicinity of Mauch Chunk, where he was principally engaged as a clerk in a hotel until 1837, when, with a Benjamin Fuller and family, he came West by team, via Chicago, and stopped at Spencer's Crossing, owing to the roads. He and Mr. Fuller took horses and prospected, visiting Rockford and Dixon, returning, intending to go to Dixon, but, owing to the roads, they stopped in Wayne Township, where they bought claims. Mr. Wiant lived with Mr. Fuller about one and one-half years; he then went East and married Miss Rhoda Wolever, a native of Sunbury, Penn.; after their marriage, they occupied their place in Wayne, to which piece after piece of land was added, until finally it contained over 400 acres. Mrs. Wiant died June 6, 1851; they had four children, all of whom are living to-day. October 17, 1852, he married Miss Dorcas Wolever, a twin sister of the first wife. By this marriage one child has been born, which died September 22, 1865. In 1858, he moved to the Junction, trading a part of his farm for a store property and grounds. He conducted the store until 1862, when he traded his business for a farm near Wheaton and a village property in that village, where he moved, and, in 1865, he returned to Turner and opened up in the old store again, firm, J. Wiant & Sons, and was connected with the business about four years, since which time his sons have conducted the business. He then built his present elegant brick house, where he has lived retired since. In politics, Mr. Wiant was formerly a Whig, but, since the organization of the Republican party, has voted that ticket. While in Wayne, he served as Assessor, Col-

lector and Highway Commissioner. In 1869, he was appointed by the Board of Supervisors County Treasurer, which office he held about two years.

A. H. WIANȦ, United States Gauger, Turner, is a native of Wayne Township, Du Page County, Ill.; he was born in the year 1841, and is the oldest of five children born to Joel and Rhoda Wolever Wiant who are spoken of elsewhere in this work. Our subject was raised on his father's farm, and, in addition to the common schools, he attended the Wheaton College a short period. At the age of seventeen, the family moved to Turner, and, in 1862, they moved to Wheaton, where he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry, and was in the service nearly three years; during the first year and a half, he acted as Commissary for the company. He was with his regiment in the battles of Resaca, Cassville, the Atlanta campaign, Kenesaw Mountain and Peach Tree Creek, the march to the sea, Averysboro and Bentonville, and finally, at the review in Washington, D. C. He served every day with the command, never being ill or injured in any way; from the army he came to Turner, Ill., and became a partner in the firm of Wiant & Sons' general store, and, a few years later, the firm became Wiant Bros., Mr. Wiant continuing in the business until 1876; he then sold out and engaged as a traveling salesman for Franklin McVeagh & Co., of Chicago, and, the same year, he was appointed United States Gauger and has held the office since. In 1870, he married Miss Ella Haffey, a native of Turner, Ill. By the marriage there is one child, viz., Lester Albert.

THOMAS WIANȦ, of Wiant & Stephens, general merchandise, Turner, is a native of Du Page County, Ill.; he was born on his father's farm in Wayne Township, December 24, 1844, and is the second of four children

born to Joel and Rhoda Wolever Wiant, who are spoken of elsewhere in this work. Mr. Wiant was raised on the farm until fourteen years of age, when the family moved to Turner. He received, in addition to the common schools, two terms at Wheaton College; he assisted his father in the store, and, in 1865, became a partner with his father and brother, and has been identified with the store ever since. October, 1877, he married Miss Mary Moore, a native of Canada; she came to Turner, Ill., with her parents. By the marriage there are two children—Edith and Clare.

HENRY S. WILLIAMS, farmer, P. O. Warrenville, is a native of Jefferson County, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1820; his parents, William and Mary Sterling Williams, were natives of Connecticut and New York. Mary Sterling was a daughter of Judge Sterling, who was the first Judge of Herkimer County, N. Y. William Williams was a farmer; he went to New York when a young man and married there. In 1834, he came West afoot, and made a large claim near Warrenville, Ill.; he also made a timber claim in the Big Woods, where he put up a log house, in 1836; he was joined by a daughter and two sons, and, in the following year, built the house on the prairie claim, one mile west of Warrenville. In 1838, his wife and several children came. Mr. Williams was a militia man, and took part in the battle of Sackett's Harbor. He was very poor when he came West, and borrowed \$43 of Dr. Maxwell, of the United States Army, at Fort Dearborn. He made a claim of 1,600 acres when he first came, but it was jumped down to 320, upon which he and his wife lived until their death. Henry S. Williams was raised a farmer, and had but limited opportunities in the schools of his day. In 1836, he came West with his brother and sister, and, the next year, assisted in building his present

residence; he worked on the farm which finally became his after his parents' death. In 1855, he married Miss Sarah Jane Welty, a native of Maryland; they have no children, but one adopted daughter—Florence Williams.

JACOB WURTZ, invalid, Turner, is a native of Baden, Germany; he was born in the year 1823; he was raised on the farm and received a common-school education; his father was a weaver, and he learned the same business, and worked at it and farming. In 1848-49, when the Revolution took place, he took up arms against the Prince, and, in 1849, he and his brother Christian came to America and worked in New York State by the day for about two years, when their parents came to America and they all came West and settled in Winfield Township, Du Page County, Ill., where the parents died. Mr. Jacob Wurtz has lived here since; for the past eight years he has been afflicted with paralysis, and has been confined most of the time. In 1849, he married Miss Saloma Schoch, a native of Baden, Germany; she came over to America at the same time he did. There are four children—Mrs. Saloma Asmus, farming in Erie County, N. Y.; Christian, farming in Erie County, N. Y.; Mrs. Louisa, wife of Rev. Mr. Wolf, of Cook County, Ill., and Michael, managing the home farm, which contains 102 acres, located two and a half miles, southwest of Turner.

MICHAEL WURTZ, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Baden, Germany; he was born in the year 1825; he was raised a farmer and received a common-school education; when about fifteen years of age, he began working at weaving, which he followed for about three years; he also worked at washing gold in the Rhine and also at fishing. In 1851, he and his parents came to the United States of America, and settled on the present place,

where the parents died, and the son has lived here since. In 1853, he married Miss Saloma Kress, a native of Baden, Germany; she came to the United States of America with Mr. Wurtz. There have been five children, three of whom are living—Mary B., Susan K. and Annie E. Mr. Wurtz was a Revolutionary soldier in the rebellion in Baden against the Prince. He is Republican. He owns 230 acres in this county, besides some timber land in Kane County. The homestead is located three miles southwest of Turner.

CHRISTIAN WURTZ, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Baden, Germany; he was born in the year 1828, and came to America in 1849 with his brother; they worked for two years in Erie County, N. Y., and then wrote to their parents, Michael and Suzannah C. Pfeifer Wurtz; they came and bought a farm in Winfield Township, Du Page County, Ill., where they lived until their death. Our subject married, in 1857, Miss Elizabeth Bachman; she was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America with her brother. After the marriage, they lived on the old home farm; he then bought and moved to a place on the Geneva Railroad, and, later, came to his present place. There have been nine children, seven living—B. Franklin, Michael E., Suzannah C., George W., Christian J., Carrie D. and Louisa S. E. He is Republican. Mr. Wurtz owns about 356 acres; his residence is located two and one-half miles northwest of Turner. He is a member of the Evangelical Church since childhood, and has taken an active interest in its affairs.

COL. J. M. WARREN, retired, Warrenville, is a native of Fredonia, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1810, and is the third of eight children born to Daniel and Nancy Morton Warren; they were natives of Worcester County, Mass.; they married in Madison County, N. Y., in 1803, and moved to Chautau-

qua County soon after. He conducted a grist and saw mill, and also carried on a general store, and, at one time, a distillery. In 1833, they came West by teams, the Colonel and two sisters coming in the spring, and made a claim to about 160 acres, where Warrenville now stands. His father came out the same spring, and bought a claim on the river north of Naperville, where he lived several years, when they came here and lived with their son, where they died, he July 6, 1866, and she February 4, 1873, they living to the age of eighty-six and eighty-eight respectively. Col. Warren farmed his claim, upon which he built the first house in the village of Warrenville, which was laid out on the claim about 1836; he also built and conducted, in company with Philo Carpenter, of Chicago, a saw-mill. He also conducted a general store in Warrenville for a number of years. He was the first Postmaster of the place, and has held the office in all some twenty-five years. He was formerly a Democrat in politics, his first vote being for Jackson, and has been Republican since the second administration of Lincoln. In 1844, he was elected to the Legislature from the Will District, representing Du Page, Will, Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, and, later, was elected to fill a vacancy. The Colonel was raised in the village of Fredonia until he was fourteen years of age; he received a common-school course of study; after he became old enough, he assisted in his father's business, which, at the time, was principally confined to the distillery, where he worked until he came West.

DAVID WARD, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Rothwell, Yorkshire, England; he was born in the year 1826; his father was a coal miner, and David was put in the mine at nine years of age, and continued at work in the mines for about thirteen years, he re-

ceiving his education by attending night schools. In 1846, he married Miss Ann Barber, a native of Rothwell, Yorkshire, Eng. In 1849, they came to America, and located on a farm near Winfield, where they farmed for eighteen years; they then sold out and came to his present place, located one mile east of Turner, where he has lived since. By the marriage there are nine children, of whom eight are living—Joseph A. Ward, living in Sycamore, Ill.; Mrs. Annie Gladding, of Fulton County, Ill.; William K. Ward, of Turner, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Roundy, of Turner, Ill.; John L., George Alfred, Ella May and Charles D., at home. Mr. Ward is Republican in his politics.

SANFORD WATSON, farmer, P. O. Batavia, is a native of Cortland County, N. Y.; he was born in the year 1839, and is the fourth of eight children born to Eliphalet S. and Lois Kendall Watson; they were natives of New York and Massachusetts; he was a carpenter and also farmed. In 1844, they came West and settled in Winfield Township, Du Page County, Ill., where Mrs. Watson died; he afterward married Miss Morina Bartholomew, and lived on the old homestead until 1882, when they moved to Geneva, where they now live. Our subject was raised on the farm; he received a common-school education; he also taught school a number of terms. On becoming of age, he began working as a carpenter with his brother. In 1862, he married Miss Jane Cooper, a native of Ohio; she came to Du Page County, Ill., with her parents. In the fall of 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry, and some three months later, he was transferred to the Pioneer Corps, and served for three years. From the army he returned home and began farming, also doing carpenter work. They have four children—Irving S., attending Grinnell College, Iowa; Charles

S., Mary E. and Frank S., at home. He is Republican; he owns 113 acres located two miles east of Batavia.

REV. JOHN WIEDERHOLD, Winfield, is a native of Westphalia, Prussia; he was born in the year 1840; he was born on his father's farm, and lived there until he was twelve years of age, when he began to prepare for the ministry, and studied at Pader-

born and Fulder, except a two years' vacation, owing to sickness, until 1864, he came to America, and studied for four years at the St. Mary's Seminary, of Chicago, and then finished his studies in Milwaukee, where he was ordained by Bishop Henne and was appointed to his present parish, where he has presided since.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP.

IRA ALBRO, farmer, Wayne Township, was born in Erie County, N. Y., October 31, 1809, son of John and Martha (Gardner) Albros. John Albros was a native of Rhode Island, to which State his ancestors came from Nova Scotia. He was twice married; his wife was Betsey Dunham, sister of Solomon Dunham, of Du Page County; his second wife, Martha Gardiner, bore him seven children, all of whom grew to maturity, none of whom, however, came West, save Ira, our subject, the eldest of the family. He came to Illinois in the spring of 1835; worked out by the month some time; took a claim of 228 acres of land in the fall of the same year, and has since resided on the place. He has devoted his attention to farming since he settled here; he started on his farm, May, 1866, the first cheese factory in this section of the country, which he sold after running it seven years; his farm now comprises about three hundred acres of land. Mr. Albros was married, September 29, 1839, to Betsey Dunham, born in Erie County, N. Y., June 24, 1819, eldest daughter of Solomon Dunham. Mrs. Albros died October 25, 1880, leaving one son, Adrian B., born in 1841; she was a woman of worth and of marked character, and did much good in the community. Mr. Albros was a Democrat, as was also his father. The

latter was in the war of 1812, came West in 1853, and died February 2, 1861; his wife died January 4, 1862.

ROBERT YOUNG BENJAMIN, farmer, P.O. Turner Junction. Of the pioneer representatives of Du Page County, this gentleman ranks among the first. At the time of his coming, the red man had not taken his final departure, and was watching with envious anxiety the encroachments of the "pale face" upon their domain, and the consequent diminution of their own numbers. Robert Young Benjamin was born in the (then) wilds of the Buckeye State July 7, 1808, near Worthington, Franklin Co., Ohio. He was the eldest son and the third child of his father, Daniel Benjamin, a native of New York State, son of William. Daniel Benjamin was a carpenter by trade, and emigrated to Ohio and made his settlement north of where Columbus now stands, and was one of the early pioneers of Franklin County. He married Martha, a daughter of Robert Young, who was a native of county Tyrone, Ireland. Robert, whose name heads this sketch, was named for his mother; he was reared to farm labor, and assisted his father when young in clearing up the farm, and thus early in life became accustomed to the usages and inconveniences that are necessarily incident to frontier life. His

school advantages, as a matter of course, were very meager; the elements of reading, writing, etc., were acquired in the log cabins of that day; his principal schooling was such as he obtained in the busy school of life—experience. February 25, 1826, he married Nancy, who was born March 8, 1808, in Hopkins County, Ky., daughter of John Groff. In the spring of 1834, he came West to this State, and the 12th of May he made his location where he now resides, and the 15th, three days from his arrival, he moved into his house, which was the first one built in the township. His claim amounted to about four hundred acres, which he purchased of the Government as soon as it came into market. Here he settled, and for well on to half a century he has been a constant resident of the place, and been identified with the interests of the county and township. Of eight children born to him, seven are living, viz., William, Allen, Daniel and Nathan (twins), George, Walter and Elizabeth. The above are living, but variously scattered. William resides in Roseburg, Ore., Register of Land Office there; Allen, Walter and Daniel are in Harrison County, Iowa; George resides in Montana; Elizabeth and Nathan are residents of Wayne Township; Elizabeth is the wife of John Kline. Mr. Benjamin has now 150 acres of land, and is yet engaged in the cultivation and management of the same, and has always been one of the township's worthy citizens. He is not a member of any church or society. Politically, he has since his youth been a staunch Democrat.

LUTHER BARTLETT, deceased, was born July 21, 1817, in Conway, Franklin Co., Mass., of a family of six sons and one daughter, he being the fourth son and the fifth child that grew to maturity. His father was Luther, and his mother's maiden name was Annie Nims, of Massachusetts. Three broth-

ers named Bartlett came from England at an early day in the history of this country, one settling in New Hampshire, one in Massachusetts and one elsewhere. To Luther and Annie (Nims) Bartlett was born seven children, all of whom lived to maturity. Luther Bartlett, father of subject, died on the homestead in Conway, and there our subject was raised to maturity. He taught school for several years. In the fall of 1842, he came to Michigan, and the following summer he and his brother Lyman bought a farm in Wayne Township of 320 acres, and settled upon the same, and the following spring (1844) they bought of the State enough land to make 765 acres in all. Here he remained until his death, June 25, 1882, of Bright's disease; he was sick only a few days; he was a life-long Democrat; he was Supervisor several years. The deceased was a man highly respected in the community in which he lived; was strictly upright and honest in all his dealings with his fellow-men, and although not a member of any church, was extremely liberal to all denominations, November 8, 1844, he was married to Sophia, daughter of Chester and Sophia (Palsifer) Bartlett, he a native of Massachusetts, born in 1788, and died in 1850; she born in 1798. Chester Bartlett and wife came West in 1843.

WILLIAM BLANK, farmer, P. O. Bartlett. Of the wealthy farmers in the township there are none that are entitled to more credit than William Blank. He was born April 12, 1823, in Pennsylvania, near the Lehigh River, son of William Blank and Sarah Hickman, both of the same State. Our subject started out in life upon his own resources. He had no school advantages; could just read and write his name, but had no knowledge of figures whatever. He worked out by the month, and got means to enable him to come West. Upon his arrival, he had nothing but

his hands, but he labored on; he came West in 1845. In 1850, he went the overland route to California, and while on his way had some trying experiences; was sick six months, and was in danger of his life from the Indians, and other difficulties. While he remained in California, he was engaged in teaming and mining. He succeeded in saving some money, and upon his return to the county he settled permanently, and has since remained. He is a self-made man, and what he has accumulated has been by hard labor, having never speculated nor engaged in any commercial business. He has 181 acres, upon which he put all the substantial improvements. July 1, 1847, he married Mrs. Eleanor Blank, born April 12, 1822, in Perry County, Penn., daughter of Benjamin Dunkelberge. Mr. Blank has four children—Orlinitia, Evaline, Lydia A. and Allison. Orlinitia married Albert Ellis; Evaline, wife of Dr. Vanderhoof. Mr. Blank's first purchase was eighty acres, costing \$8 per acre, and after added forty more, for which he paid \$15 per acre. He purchased and located where he now resides in December, 1866; farm cost \$40 per acre.

HENRY F. BARBER, farmer, P. O. Wayne, was born in Benson, Rutland Co., Vt., July 12, 1804, and is a son of Levi and Rebecca (Hinman) Barber, natives of Worcester, Mass. and parents of nine children—six sons and three daughters. Mr. Barber remained on the homestead farm until he grew to manhood, and in January, 1828, married Huldah L. King, born in 1806, daughter of David King. Mr. Barber came to this county in the fall of 1852, and purchased a farm in Bloomingdale Township, where he remained about three years; then moved to Cook County, Ill.; lived there until about the year 1869, then moved to his present place in Wayne Township, Section 15, where he

has a fine farm of 211 acres. Mrs. Barber died July 4, 1875, leaving three children—Caroline E., wife of Josiah Sterns, of Bloomingdale Township; Mary, wife of I. B. Kinney, and Henry F., living on the homestead, who married Mary Moore, who has borne him three children; Barton H., May and Howard.

JOHN CARR, farmer, P. O. Turner Junction, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in June, 1808, in Ireland, and emigrated to Vermont in 1834, where he worked by the month at a small salary for one year, when he went to Massachusetts, and farmed for two years. In 1837, he came to Chicago, and subsequently to Batavia, where he engaged in a grist mill at \$20 per month. Within about one year he took sick, and when able to work, his means were exhausted, and he started again anew. In 1841, he was married to Bridget McGuire, which union blessed him with two children that grew up, viz., William J. and Ann. He began buying land as soon as he could save some means from his daily labors, such as digging wells, chopping wood, etc. He has now 250 acres of well-improved land, the result of his own labors. He lived for many years in Winfield Township, and in 1867 he settled where he now resides in Wayne Township. He has experienced the hardships that make up the life of the pioneer. He labored for some time in a distillery, yet has never attained the habit of drinking strong drinks. He has hauled wheat from this township to Chicago and sold it for 40 cents per bushel, and also oats at 20 cents. He served one term as School Trustee. He and wife early united with the Catholic Church. He votes the Democratic ticket. His son William was married to Mary E. Lynch, a daughter of James and Margaret Lynch, by whom he has, as a result of his union, four children, viz., Anna, John, Gertie and James W. William has good

land adjoining the home place, and he with his family reside with his parents and sister Ann, who was never married. William is now School Director, and has served in some small offices. Our subject has always taken a deep interest in educating his children, yet he had but little chance himself. He is now well along in years, burdened with poor health, while his consort suffers with cancer on the hand.

ROBERT CARSWELL, farmer, Wayne Township, was born in Scotland May 1, 1837, son of Allen and Janet (Johnson) Carswell. Our subject was the youngest of three sons, and emigrated to Herkimer County, N. Y., with his parents. He engaged for several years in agricultural pursuits in different counties in New York State; then went to New Jersey, where he engaged in farming in Hudson County for two years; then located in Otsego County, N. Y. From there Mr. Carswell came to Wayne Township, Du Page County, Ill. For several years after coming to Illinois, Mr. Carswell worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned in New Jersey. In 1872, he married Emma Dunham, youngest daughter of Solomon Dunham, one of the old pioneers and representative men of this county. After marriage, Mr. Carswell lived one year in Wheaton, and the following spring located in this township, of which he has since been a resident. He has 173 acres of land under cultivation, and ten acres of timber land. Since purchasing his place, he has erected a good house and barn and made general improvements. Aside from general farming, Mr. Carswell raises Norman horses and conducts a dairy, having thirty-seven cows. Mr. and Mrs. Carswell have four children—Robert F., Ira A., Grace D., and Willard B. Mr. Carswell is a Republican.

SOLOMON DUNHAM, deceased. Of the early settlers who came to this region of

country and were prominently identified with its interests, was Solomon Dunham; although not an actual resident of the county, yet living as he did near the line, and in that early time lines were not as closely drawn as now, and being a man of much more than natural ability, possessed of an education much superior to the settlers in common, and being of strong mind and of a positive nature, his influence was felt to a large degree for miles about him. Hence, though Solomon Dunham was not an actual settler of Du Page County, yet it is no more than just to him that he receive some honorable mention in this volume. Most of his children and descendents have since become identified with this county. He was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., in 1791. His father, who was an officer in the war of the Revolution, was a native of England, and had several sons, some of whom took sides with the British, and were denominated Tories. The father of our subject took the side of the colonists, and took up arms against his brothers. Solomon, our subject, was bereft of his father at an early age, and was thus early in life thrown upon his own resources. He soon learned the tanner's and currier's trade and that of shoemaking, all of which he carried on for several years. He used to run a boat on the Hudson River; was engaged in the lumber business, and was on a sail boat passing down the river when the first steamboat plowed the Hudson, and his boat run a race with the new steamer. He afterward removed West to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and still carried on his trade and engaged in farming to some extent. As the tide of emigration was drifting westward, he caught the spirit of the times, and in March, 1835, started with his family in a wagon, the party consisting of himself, wife and seven children—Betsey, Daniel, Harriet, Cordelia, Jane, Julia and Helen. He located

on Section 12, now St. Charles Township, bought a claim of about four hundred acres of land of Frances Perry, a portion of land extending into Du Page County. He studied surveying, and surveyed off and divided many of the claims that were taken at that time, and in the settling these lines it often required much promptness and decision of character to settle disputes among the real claimants and the "jumpers." He was the first Station Agent at Wayne Station on the Chicago & Galena Railroad, and built the first store there. In politics, he was a Jefferson Democrat, and up to the time of his death was true to the principles he held. He was a good farmer, and was successful in his business affairs. He was a good neighbor, and a valuable member of the Commonwealth. He was the first County Commissioner and first Assessor in Kane County, and took an active part in the interests of the county as long as he lived. He died in April, 1865. His marriage to Lydia Ballard was blessed with eleven children, all born in New York, except Mark W. and Emma, now Mrs. Carswell; six are living—Daniel, Harriet, Cordelia, Helen, Mark W. and Emma, all now in Wayne Township, except Mark W. and Harriet; the latter resides in St. Charles Township, adjoining Wayne Township, wife of Mark W. Fletcher. Betsey, now deceased, married Ira Albro; Helen; Jane married Daniel Stearns; Julia died aged sixteen; Cordelia resides in Wayne Township, wife of Peter Pratt; Emma, wife of Robert Carswell; Mark W., on the homestead. Solomon Dunham died April, 1865.

DANIEL DUNHAM, farmer, breeder and importer of Percheron horses; residence, Grove Place; P. O. Wayne; is one of the prominent farmers of Du Page County, and ranks among the first of the breeders of fine stock in the State. He was born in Erie County, N. Y., January 13, 1821, and is the

eldest son of Solomon and Lydia (Ballard) Dunham. At the age of five years, he removed with his parents to Gowanda, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., where he remained till the spring of 1835, when he came West to Illinois, and located at St. Charles Township, Kane County, one-half mile from the Du Page County line, where his father purchased about 400 acres of land from Francis Perry. Mr. Dunham lived with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age, having, in 1842, purchased a farm of 250 acres in this county, which he began improving in 1849. November 5, 1853, he married Olive Hathaway, born in Steuben County, N. Y., in May, 1837, eldest daughter of Edward and Sallie A. (Dolph) Hathaway, he born in Massachusetts in 1815, son of Joel Hathaway, she born in Steuben County, N. Y., daughter of Alvin and Mary (Calkins) Dolph. The Hathaway family moved West in 1844 to St. Louis, Mo., where they remained until 1850, when they came to Wayne Township, this county. Mr. Dunham built a house in 1849, on his farm, where, after his marriage, he located and has since remained. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham have four daughters—Ellen D., wife of Joseph Ross, of Wayne Township; Flora I., wife of Charles P. Dewey, of the banking firm of Birge & Dewey, Toulon, Stark Co., Ill.; Julia and Mary at home. Mr. Dunham began breeding and importing Norman horses in 1872, and makes a specialty of that business, in which he has met with good success. He has now forty brood mares and eighty head in all. Prior to his engaging in the breeding and importing of fine horses, he followed the dairy business, beginning in 1868. He kept about 100 cows, and, in the summer of 1877, shipped to Chicago 7,000 cans of milk. Before keeping the dairy farm, he fed cattle for about ten years, shipping large numbers of cattle

and hogs. He carried on the dairy business till 1880, since which time he has given his attention to his horses. He has 800 acres of land, and one of the best improved farms in this county. Among the breeders of Percheron horses in the United States, Mr. Dunham ranks third. He is a supporter of the Democratic party.

LYMAN W. DURFEE (deceased) was born in Windsor County, Vt., April 4, 1802; second son of Nathan and Cynthia (Slade) Durfee, natives of Vermont. Our subject was raised on a farm, and was early in life thrown on his own resources. He finally purchased some land and engaged in farming. June 5, 1825, he married Betheny Allen, born November 4, 1807, in Cayuga County, N. Y., eldest child of Barry and Abigail (Derby) Allen, she a native of New York State, and he of Vermont. Mr. Durfee came West in the fall of 1838; spent that winter two miles east of Elgin; thence he came to Kane County, Ill., near the Du Page County line, where he worked three years. He visited this county first in 1837, and brought his family here in 1838; in 1842, he pre-empted a piece of land, which he afterward lost, and the following year bought forty acres for \$40; he added to this land till he had 120 acres at the time of his death, which occurred December 5, 1874; he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Durfee had eight children—Jane, living in Jackson County, Wis., wife of Irvin Whitney; Martin, engaged in mining in Arizona; Harvey, in Kansas; Henry, in Idaho, mining; Almera, deceased; Andrew, Frank and Abigail, at home.

W. J. GORHAM, farmer, P. O. Wayne Station, born November 27, 1837, in Dutchess County, N. Y., the youngest son of William and Sarah (Halloway) Gorham. He removed West with his parents, and located

with them in Will County, and remained there until his location on the farm he owns, which was shortly after his marriage, which occurred in July, 1866, to Lucinda Smith, daughter of John Smith, one of the early settlers. Mr. Gorham has an excellent farm; the buildings he has erected since his purchase; he has one child—Willis, born October 17, 1871. His father, William Gorham, was born in old Stratford, Conn., about the year 1792, son of William and Mary (Cannon) Gorham. Mary Cannon was born in France; her father came over with Lafayette, and fought in the Revolution under Washington. William Gorham, the grandfather of our subject, was a sea pilot by occupation. He had ten children born to him, viz., Le Grand, Joseph, Hannah, William, Mary, Lewis, Stephen, Charlotte, Curtis and Betsy. Le Grand was born the day that Danbury was burned; he settled in Massachusetts, and run a mill and kept a hotel at Great Barrington. Joseph went off with Commodore Porter on the sea, and was never heard of after. Hannah married George Robson, a Revolutionary soldier; they settled in New York. Mary settled in the same place; she was the wife of George Cox. Lewis settled in Great Barrington. Stephen in old Stratford, where he was born. Betsy married Capt. Kimball, and settled in New York. Charlotte and Curtis never married, so far as known. Sarah Holloway, the mother of W. J., was born July 22, 1800, in Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y., daughter of Justice and Hannah (Parks) Holloway. Hannah was a daughter of Jacob Parks and Deborah Stevens. Jacob Parks married Lydia Tinkham, who was a daughter of Jacob Tinkham, an Englishman by birth, who died leaving a large estate, which his heirs in this country have never been able to get possession of. He (Jacob Tinkham) had three children—

Lydia, Hannah and Jacob; the latter died when crossing the ocean. To Justice Holloway and Hannah, his wife, were born five sons and one daughter, viz., Sarah, Deborah, Jacob, Althea A., Phebe and Anna; all of the above, except Sarah (Mrs. Gorham), came West and settled at St. Charles, Kane County, this State. Justice Holloway died March 1, 1840; his wife survived him until January, 1862. William Gorham, the father of W. J., was a tanner and currier by trade, and carried on merchandising to some extent while in Dutchess County. After he came West, about 1852, he went to Will County, where he died. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Seven children were born to him, viz., Hannah E., Mary A., Aiken, Eletha, Jacob R., Elijah and William, all of whom are living, except Eletha. Hannah E. resides in Grundy County, this State, relict of Newall Dodge. Mary A. resides in St. Charles, wife of R. H. Leake. Aiken resides in Will County, a farmer; Jacob R. and William, in this township.

JACOB RANSOM GORHAM, Wayne, is a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., born September 26, 1830, second son of William and Sarah (Holloway) Gorham. William Gorham was born in Stratford, Conn.; was a tanner and currier by trade, and, in addition to pursuing his trade, carried on mercantile business and the manufacture of boots and shoes; his wife, who was a daughter of Justice Holloway, was born in Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Mr. Gorham learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner; left home when he attained his majority, and arrived in this township with but \$4 in his pocket, and engaged in farming with R. H. Lake; afterward, traded in stock, meeting with success. After one year, he dissolved partnership with Mr. Lake and returned East, and, after stay-

ing a short time, returned to this county and worked at his trade and also engaged in farming. In 1855, he married Adelia Reed, born November 15, 1838, only daughter of Horace Reed; from this union five children were born—Almira, wife of Thomas W. Lake; Gussie F., Edith, Horace and Mamie. Horace Reed, Mrs. Gorham's father, was born January 26, 1795, in Weston, Mass.; came West and settled on the place now owned by our subject, which he improved and on which he remained until his death, which occurred January 28, 1867. April 19, 1818, he married Almira Parker, a native of Massachusetts, born May 5, 1800, daughter of William and Sallie (Parker) Parker, also natives of Massachusetts. William Parker was born in Lynn, Mass., and died in 1828, aged fifty-seven years; his wife born in Leicester, Mass., died November 3, 1863, at the advanced age of ninety-two years; they had the following children, who grew to maturity: Esther, Otis (settled in Vermont), Almira and Louisa (twins), Sarah and Mary. Mr. Parker settled in Vermont in 1803, and died in that State; his wife and daughters came to Illinois in 1859. Horace Reed served in the war of 1812; afterward, joined a militia artillery company, in which he was promoted from Sergeant to Captain; he and his wife were members of the M. E. Church. After his marriage, Mr. Gorham bought a farm of seventy acres, which, after working six years, he sold, and bought 180 acres in the same school district; worked it five years, then sold out and bought his present place, on which he has lived since 1867; his farm consists of 337 acres; he carries on general farming and dairying. He is a supporter of the Democratic party. William Gorham, subject's father, had seven children, six of whom are living—Hannah E., residing in Grundy County, relict of Newall Dodge; Mary A., in

St. Charles, wife of R. H. Lake; Elijah; Aiken, a farmer in Will County, Ill.; Jacob R. (subject) and William, in this county; he was a Methodist. The Gorhams were early settlers of Stratford, Conn., being there in 1777; they came out with the Pilgrim Fathers. The Holloways were of Quaker descent.

M. J. HAMMOND, farmer, P. O. Wayne, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., October 13, 1834, eldest son of Egbert and Phœbe (Halloway) Hammond, he a native of New York, born in 1809, son of Mathew Hammond, she a daughter of Justice Holloway and Hannah Parks, daughter of Jacob Parks, all of Dutchess County, N. Y. Jacob was one of the first settlers of that county, and a Revolutionary soldier. The Holloways were of Scotch descent, the Hammonds from England. Jacob Parks died aged eighty-eight. The Hammonds came West in 1850. The family consisted of parents and five children—M. J., Perry H., Jacob C., Sarah and Emma. Perry H. died in the army, a member of the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company F.; Jacob died at home, aged twenty-two; Sarah and Emma are at home. When Mr. Hammond came to this township, he bought in company with A. H. Leake; stayed here one year, but settled finally on Section 16, and lived there from 1861 to 1868. M. J. remained with family till he was twenty-one. In 1855, he bought land. In 1861, he enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company K, and served until September, 1862; was Second Lieutenant, and resigned; he re-entered the service as private, but was promoted to Fifth Sergeant, and finally was commissioned as Second Lieutenant; he was at Pea Ridge and the siege of Corinth. After his return home, he resumed farming, and has since lived here. He owns 250 acres here and 120 acres on Section 16; has farmed and run

a dairy. Mr. Hammond has served as Justice of the Peace two terms; also for several years as Assessor and Collector. He was married, in February, 1863, to Miss Margaret Simpson, born in Ontario County, N. Y., daughter of John and Alice (Palmer) Simpson. Mr. Simpson came to Cook County in 1835. Six children have been born: Charles M., Florence A., Frank J. and Edward.

JOSIAH HARRIS, Bartlett, Cook County. Among the early settlers in this township was the Harris family. Josiah was born April 26, 1836, in London, England, the second son of Benjamin and Amy (Cook) Harris. The family emigrated to this State in 1845, and bought eighty acres in this township, Section 2. The father remained here until his death, in 1860, aged fifty-seven years; he was a member of the Protestant M. E. Church; he raised four children, three of whom came here—Josiah, Amy and Hannah. Benjamin remained in England. The mother is still living. Amy resides in Minnesota, wife of John H. Mason; Hannah resides in Grinnell, Iowa. Josiah has since remained in this county. He was married, in May, 1867, to Jane Denham, born in this county, daughter of Robert and Jane Denham, natives of the Isle of Wight, and seven children have been born to them—Hannah E., Robert B., Amy J., Melvin J., William, Irvin and Nathaniel. Mr. Harris has 125 acres of excellent land, and is a Baptist and a Republican.

ABRAHAM KERSHAW is a descendant of one of the early settlers, and is one of the leading breeders of Short-Horn cattle of this county, born in Rhode Island July 10, 1822. His father, for whom he is named, was a native of Manchester, England, and was a weaver by trade; he married Rachel Butterworth, who bore her husband thirteen children, of whom our subject is the third son

and fourth child; three of the oldest were born in England. Subject's father came to this country in 1818; he was a thorough silk and cotton weaver, and ran great risks in coming to America when he did, as at that time England had forbidden her mechanics to come to this country. He first operated a factory in Rhode Island, then went to New York State, and, in 1838, came West, locating in what is now Wayne Township, Du Page County, Ill.; here he died in June, 1850; his wife died in 1840. Mr. Kershaw, our subject, now owns the homestead, situated in Section 7. Of the thirteen children, seven grew to maturity, viz., John, Abraham, William, Mary, Marsden, Minerva and Charles; of these, three are now living—John, in Johnson County, Neb.; Marsden, in San Francisco, Cal., and Charles, in Canada, Abraham being the only one of the children in this State. When our subject was a lad of seven years, he worked in the factory at Fall River, printing calico, at \$1 per week, and boarded himself; he then worked mainly for his father until the latter's death. Mr. Kershaw was married, in September, 1850, to Mrs. Althea J. Whipple, relict of Dr. Thomas Whipple, a native of New York, who came West in an early day. Mrs. (Whipple) Kershaw died July 4, 1873. Mr. Kershaw married his second wife, Mrs. Emily Lee, January 24, 1880; she was born in Kane County, Ill., daughter of George Muir. Mr. Kershaw has, by his second wife, two children—Althea and Abraham, Jr. Our subject located on his present farm in 1852; he traded a suit of clothes and a gun for his first claim; he now owns 320 acres. Since 1855, he has been engaged in the breeding and raising of Short-Horn cattle; he has bred some of the finest cattle in the county, having raised twin steers that weighed respectively 3,350 and 3,400 pounds; they were sold in

Chicago, and were on exhibition at Dexter Park; he raised a three-year-old heifer that weighed 2,200 pounds; he also raises some Berkshire hogs. His farm is finely located, and he has the best of farm implements. Politically, he is a Democrat.

JOHN KLINE, Winfield, was born in the city of New York December 27, 1828, son of Casper M. and Louisa (Krebell) Kline. Casper Kline was born in Germany August 28, 1801, and came to America when very young; his wife, whose parents were from Germany, was born in Philadelphia, Penn., and died in January, 1876; they had the following children, all living: Matthias, in Michigan; John and Francis, on the home farm in Winfield Township; Mary L., wife of Thomas Watson, of Winfield Township; Joseph, in Benton County, Iowa; Louisa, wife of Nathan Benjamin, of Wayne Township. Mr. Kline remained on the home farm till he had reached the age of twenty-four years, and, November 23, 1852, married Clarissa M. Champion, born in Canada, daughter of Elias and Susan (Ayres) Champion; she died January 25, 1858, leaving two children—Eliza A., wife of Byron Reid, of Kane County, Ill., and Francis T., in Black Hawk County, Iowa. September 21, 1859, Mr. Kline married Caroline E. Benjamin, born August 23, 1836, eldest daughter of R. T. Benjamin, one of the earliest settlers of this township. Since his marriage, Mr. Kline has resided in this township, at the Junction for some time, and at Wheaton six years, locating in the latter place December 5, 1870. He has held the office of Sheriff three terms, being elected in the fall of 1870, and since re-elected twice; he has also been Road Commissioner one term. He moved to his farm in 1855, and has since resided there, with the exception of the time he resided at the Junction and at Wheaton while acting as Sher-

iff; his farm consists of 102½ acres of land. By his last marriage, he has four children—Ade-laide C., Cooper M., John R. and Nathan J.

GEORGE KLINE, farmer, P. O. Winfield. Among the prominent farmers of Wayne Township is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He is a native of Prussia, born December 1, 1822, son of Michael Kline. The family came to this State, bought eighty acres the same year and settled upon it, where they lived and where the father died in 1866, the mother surviving until 1876. They had two sons and two daughters, the daughters being dead—Jacob, in Kansas, and our subject being the survivors. Mr. Kline learned the shoemaker's trade in his native country, and worked several years at the same in Naperville. He bought the farm he now owns in 1853, and has made all the improvements on it. June 22, 1850, he was married to Theresa Hentes, born in 1832, daughter of Mathew Hentes, and six children have been born to them—Peter, Jacob, Nicholas, George M., Theresa and Maggie. He has 194 acres at the Junction and 170 acres here. Mr. Kline is a member of the Catholic Church and a Democrat.

ROBERT H. LAKE was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., October 27, 1819, and is the eldest son of Thomas and Elise Lake, both natives of New York and parents of seven children, six of whom grew to maturity. Mr. Lake remained with his father on the farm till he was twenty-seven years of age, and, in June, 1849, came West, to Illinois, and bought 152 acres of land in this township at \$12 an acre; afterward increased his farm to 222 acres, and carried on farming and dairying; in 1876, he removed to St. Charles. He married Mary Ann Gorham, also a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and daughter of William Gorham; they have two children—Thomas and Imogène. He is a

supporter of the Democratic party. Thomas W. Lake, only son of the subject of this sketch, is one of the enterprising farmers of this township. He was born on the farm on which he now lives, September 25, 1851. He married, December 15, 1875, Almira Gorham, born May 11, 1855, eldest daughter of Jacob R. Gorham; they have one child—Jacob Ransom Bertie, born July 15, 1882. Mr. Lake has had control of the farm since his marriage.

THOMAS MUIR, farmer, Wayne Tp., was born April 2, 1810, in Scotland, youngest of eleven children born to Alexander Muir, a shepherd and small farmer, who died in Scotland. Our subject was a shepherd boy under his father until coming to Canada, landing at Quebec in June, 1832, after a voyage of eight weeks. After working by the month in Canada for three years, he came (just previous to the Patriot war in Canada) to Buffalo, N. Y. He worked in a saw-mill in Buffalo for a short time then on a railroad running from Buffalo to Niagara Falls (this was one of the first railroads); subsequently, he was engaged in a saw-mill and at the carpenter's trade on the Illinois River; then, after recovering from a severe illness, he worked in Chicago for two winters, then bought and worked up thirteen acres of timber on North Branch. Mr. Muir next came to Bloomingdale, Du Page County, and bought 120 acres for \$800; he also paid \$25 for a claim, and entered the same. After making some improvements on his land, he returned to Chicago and engaged in the commission business for two winters, then, after a return to his farm, he sold goods on commission for James F. Durant, and subsequently, handled the same line of goods on his own account. Mr. Muir next located on his farm, built a house and remained there until April, 1867, when he bought 178½ acres in Wayne Town-

ship, where he still resides. October 7, 1857, Mr. Muir married Esther J. Owen, born June 9, 1826, in Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., daughter of Shubel and Hannah (Cook) Owen, natives of New York. Mrs. Muir's paternal grandfather served during the entire war of the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Muir have buried three infants, and now have four children—Alexander J., Albert O., Helen J. and Thomas E. Mr. Muir was raised in the faith of the church of Scotland, or Old School Presbyterians; he is now a member of the Baptist Church. In politics, he is a Republican, but cast his first vote for Harrison.

W. H. MOFFATT, farmer, Wayne Tp., who was born February 24, 1810, in Orange County, N. Y., came to this county in 1845, and purchased a part of a claim from the Government, upon which he settled and where he has since remained. He was the eldest son of Thomas and Deborah (Helm) Moffatt, natives of New York State. Thomas was a farmer, and raised a family of eight children—W. H., Mary A., Phebe, William, Sylvanus, Catharine, Anselm and Ruth, all of whom are living except William; Mary A., wife of Elmer Gregory, lives in Elgin; Phebe resides in Bartlett, Cook County, relict of Henry V. Sayer; William died a young man; Sylvanus resides in Wheaton, and Catharine in the same place, relict of Frank Bordeen; Anselm resides in Kansas near Clyde, Cloud County; Ruth, wife of Daniel L. Wheelock, resides in Iowa. Mr. Moffatt's father, Thomas, died in September, 1827; his wife died in May, 1879. Our subject remained on the home farm until he became twenty-three years old, when he began for himself. He was married, December 31, 1833, to Dolly A. Watkins, born February 3, 1809, in Orange County, N. Y.; she is the youngest child of Joshua and Ann (Tuthill) Watkins, both of Orange County, N. Y.; Joshua was a son of

Hezekiah and Dolly (Brown) Watkins. Ann was a daughter of Benjamin and Susan Tuthill. After leaving home, Mr. Moffatt worked land on shares until he came West and settled on his present farm of 203 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt have had three children—Mary, Thomas and Albert. Thomas enlisted in September, 1861, in Company K, Thirty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and, after serving one year, was killed in the battle of Perryville; Mary, wife of Jonas G. Blank, resides in this township; Albert resides on the homestead, and is married to Alice Walcott; they have two children—Charles and Fannie. Mr. Moffatt and his family are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Moffatt was a Whig, and has been a Republican since the organization of that party.

ERNST MEYER, farmer, P. O. Ontarioville. Among the settlers of Bloomingdale was Mr. Meyer, who was born September 1, 1819, in the Kingdom of Hanover. He was the eldest son of Christian and Margaret (Essmann) Meyer. Ernst remained with his father till he was fourteen years of age, when he went to clerking for some time, when he went into the army, where, in consequence of merit, he was appointed to a position as servitor at court, where he remained till twenty-eight years of age. In 1848, he came to America, and, coming to this county, bought eighty acres of land in Addison Township, where he lived some time, and then went to Brush Hill and lived. In the fall of 1850, he married Louisa Krausa, born in Prussia, daughter of John Krausa; she died August 26, 1855, leaving one child—Matilda. February 29, 1856, he married Wilhelmina Hinamann, a native of Hanover, born May 22, 1826, daughter of George and Margarita (Rohrer) Hinamann. Six children were born, five of whom are living—Louisa, George, Augusta, Julius, Mary (dead) and Emma. Louisa

lives in Chicago, wife of Charles Schramm. Matilda, first wife's child, married John Redeker, of Elgin. Mr. Meyer has lived here since 1856, and has put all the improvements on his farm. He sells very little grain, feeding the same to his stock. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and a Republican.

PATRICK O'BRIEN, farmer, P. O. Bartlett. Among the self-made men of this township is Patrick O'Brien, who was born in June, 1826, on the Emerald Isle, County Wexford, of a family of twelve children born to Thomas O'Brien and Bridget Grant. Patrick obtained a good common-school education, and was raised to farming pursuits and was early in life thrown upon his own resources, and, at the age of sixteen, he emigrated to this country, and soon made his way to Chicago, where he worked for several years, turning his attention to any honest labor that would promise the best and surest returns. Having, by diligence and economy, saved some means, he entered 160 acres of land in Bloomingdale Township, located in the northwestern part; this he obtained at Government price. He soon settled on the same and improved it and remained on it until about 1866, when he sold out and purchased 200 acres in this township of Daniel Wheelock and has since been a constant resident of this township and been engaged in farming pursuits, and, from a poor and friendless boy, has come to be one of the county's substantial farmers. He has been twice married—first, to Mary Ackermann, a native of Germany, who died in 1866. Of ten children born of her, five are living—John, Mike, Henry, Mary and Carrie. Mary married James Shields, and resides in the township; other children at home. His last wife was Mary Calloway, a native of Ireland. Mr. O'Brien is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church.

CHARLES PLANE, farmer, P. O. Turner Junction. Most of the young people of the present generation are not aware of the difficulties and discouraging circumstances that attended the early settlers upon their making a start in life. The history of many of these men should be a valuable incentive to the young men of the present age. The success that has crowned their efforts is within the reach of all those that will heed the lesson taught by the experience of these men. Among the self-made men of Du Page County who has succeeded under adverse and discouraging circumstances is Charles Plane. He was born March 6, 1820, in Norfolk, England, and emigrated with his father, Pelan Plane, to Livingston County, N. Y., when about ten years of age. His father hired him out to a hard master, with whom he remained until about fourteen years of age, when his treatment and the requirements made of him became almost past endurance, and he left him and turned his back upon the Empire State, and came West, to this State, and hired out among the farmers on Rock River, in Ogle County. By diligence and economy, he succeeded at length in a few years in obtaining the nucleus of a home. About this time his father came West, and, as he was yet under age, Charles had to give up his hard earnings, and he struck out to make another beginning. Went first to Cook County, where he worked some time in a livery stable, after which he went to Boone County, remaining here one year. After this, he came to Maywood and kept tavern two years; then went to Algonquin, McHenry County, and carried on the same business one year. Subsequently, came to this county and purchased 160 acres, where he now resides; the land cost him \$9 per acre. Since that time, he has been a constant resident of the township, and is to-day one of the wealthy

farmers of the county, having here 300 acres, besides 330 in Kane County. His improvements are among the best in the township. He lost his former residence by fire, which has since been replaced by a large and commodious residence of modern style. Few, if any, men have worked harder than Mr. Plane, yet, notwithstanding all the obstacles thrown in his way, he has surmounted them all and is now independent, having a competence laid by for his declining years. He has been twice married; his first wife was Lucy Clark, daughter of Daniel Clark, one of the early settlers of the county; his wife died, leaving two sons—Albert and George, now of Kane County. His present wife was Sophia, born in Allegany County, N. Y., daughter of Levi H. Appleby and Rebecca Stoddard, who came West in 1842; he died in 1852; she, June, 1881. By last wife he has three children—Edwin, Carrie and Minnie. Carrie resides in Kane County, wife of Joseph Higgins. Mr. Plane used to haul wheat from Rock River to Chicago, when the trip would take eleven days, wheat 45 to 50 cents per bushel, often getting stuck in the road, and would have to convey the wheat on his back to dry ground; this would have to be repeated several times during the same trip. Mr. Plane had eight brothers and sisters, who are severally located as follows: John resides in Belvidere; Robert in Independence, Buchanan Co., Iowa; Sarah resides in Belvidere, also, is the wife of Benjamin Gill; Esther settled in Ogle County, wife of Matthew Riseborough; Charlotte lives near Fort Dodge, wife of Thomas Gill. Mr. Plane is a Republican.

PETER PRATT, farmer, Wayne; was born in Erie County, N. Y., March 1, 1823, eldest son of Luther and Ruby (Shippy) Pratt, he born in Massachusetts, son of Peter and Olive (Short) Pratt, natives of Massachusetts, she born in Vermont, daughter of Jacob

Shippy. The Pratt family are of Scotch descent. When twelve years of age, our subject removed with his parents to Cattaraugus County, N. Y., where they remained seven years, and then all started in a wagon for Illinois. They located in Kane County, Ill., in the fall of 1842, and, two years later, the father bought a small piece of land in Wayne Township, where Wayne Station is now situated, on the Chicago & North-Western Railroad. Subject's father died in 1846, and his mother in 1864; they raised eight children—Olive, now Mrs. T. Evans, of Bellevue, Ill.; Peter, our subject; Mary, now Mrs. Albert Compton, of Kendall County, Ill.; Philogus, deceased about 1850; Eleanor, now Mrs. Charles Wheeler, of Linn County, Kan.; Christopher, a resident of Jackson County, Ore.; Rebecca, now Mrs. John Norton, of Coffey County, Kan.; Annetta, now Mrs. George Furnell, of Pecatonica, this State. Our subject remained at home, working on the farm, till he was twenty-one years old, when he began for himself; worked as a farm hand, at \$12 a month; also chopped wood and split rails, boarding himself. September 26, 1847, Mr. Pratt married Cordelia Dunham, born March 11, 1825, in Erie County, N. Y.; she is the third daughter of Solomon Dunham, one of the early settlers of this county. After his marriage, Mr. Pratt located on his present farm, on Section 17; this place of 131 acres he purchased in 1846; he owns some timber land in Kane County; he raises some horses. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have had five children—Mark D., who died May 20, 1860, at the age of eleven; George, now in Washington Territory, in the railroad business; Jessie, wife of Thomas Julian, residents of Plate Centre, Kane Co., Ill., Emma and Frank, at home. Mr. Pratt, although not a member, is a supporter of the Congregational Church, of which his wife

and family are members. Mr. Pratt, formerly a Whig, is now a Republican.

JAMES T. PIERCE, farmer, P. O. Bartlett, Cook County, is a native and one of the early settlers of the county, born in the town of Lisle February 2, 1822, second son of Martin and Esther Pierce, natives of Massachusetts. Martin Pierce came to this county in the fall of 1835, and settled near Naperville and died in 1865; his wife survived him several years. The subject of this sketch remained at home till 1845, and, in 1851, located permanently on his present place, consisting of 212 acres of land, on which he has put all the improvements necessary to a well-regulated farm. He married Sarah, daughter of Mr. J. Blank, and from this union eight children have been born—Austin, Eva, Spencer, Carrie, Mate M., Eugene, Frank and Etta. Austin is in Genoa, Ill.; Eva is the wife of Rev. John Bidwell, and Carrie resides in Marengo, Ill., wife of Marsh Underwood. Mr. Pierce is a Republican; is Road Commissioner, and has held several other local offices; his wife is a member of the Congregational Church.

GEORGE W. REED, farmer, P. O. Turner, one of the early settlers of this township, was born February 26, 1806, in Cambridge (then Franklin) County, Vt. He is the youngest son of Nathaniel and Anna (Keys) Reed, natives of Warren, Mass. Mr. Reed remained upon the home farm until seventeen years of age, when he began clerking in a store in St. Albans, Vt.; there he remained till he was twenty-four years old, when he engaged in the mercantile business in Cambridge, Vt., in company with his brother Rensselaer; they continued this business until about 1834. January 1, of that year, Mr. Reed married Julia A. Ellenwood, born in Johnson, Vt., December 28, 1816, eldest child of Thomas and Alice Lathrop, she born in Connecticut,

daughter of Veranus Lathrop, he born in Vermont, son of Ralph Ellenwood. After Mr. Reed's marriage, he removed to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and remained there about two years. In the fall of 1837, came to this place and took a claim where the cheese factory now stands; he remained upon that claim till 1842, when he sold out and bought the claim where he now lives, paying \$100 for 180 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have had eight children—Rodney B., born in Ohio, died June 4, 1880; George B., living in Kane County; William L., a merchant at Junction; Emily A., wife of Robert Benjamin, living in this township; David E., deceased; Julia A., at home; Charles F., also at home, and Ida M., wife of Charles P. Stark, located at Junction; the last seven children were born in Illinois. George B. was in the late war, serving in Company F, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Twentieth Corps; was with Sherman in about all of his battles. William Thomas was out in the 100-days' service. Mr. Reed has been a member of the M. E. Church for about thirty years; in politics, he is a Republican.

HENRY VENDUSER SAYER (deceased) was born in March 15, 1815, in Orange County, N. Y., eldest son of William and Mary (Venduser) Sayer. William was a native of Orange County, N. Y., son of Jonathan Sayer. The Vendusers were from Holland. Mary was a daughter of Henry Venduser. To William and Mary Sayer were born six children, five of whom lived to maturity—Fannie, Henry, Catharine, Harriet and Joseph, none of whom are now living. Henry V. was raised a farmer and was married, April 10, 1838, to Phebe E. Moffatt, born December 13, 1813, in Orange County, N. Y., third child and second daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Helm) Moffatt, both natives of Orange County, N. Y. Thomas was a son of

William Moffatt. In 1837, Mr. Sayer came West to see the country, and, in the spring of 1838, took up a claim near Aurora, but finally traded for a claim in Wayne and located there in 1841, where he remained until his death, December 5, 1874; he was a Whig in the early times, but became a Republican. Since the spring of 1876, Mrs. Sayer has resided in Bartlett. To Mr. Sayer were born eight children—William, Warren, Alvira, Harriet, Theodore, Charles, Emily and Mary. Alvira is the wife of Alex Thompson, of Wheaton; Harriet is Mrs. William Howard, Maryville, Mo.; Theodore is on the homestead; Charles is in Bartlett, in the cabinet business; Emily is the wife of Ed Phillips, of Maitland, Mo.; Mary is Mrs. Will Richardson. Mrs. Sayer is a member of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM SAYER, farmer, P. O. Bartlett, Cook County, is one of the enterprising farmers of this county, and was born in Kane County, Ill.; January 16, 1839; he came to this county with his parents, and has since resided here; he received his early education in the common schools of this county, afterward attending Elgin Academy for some time. April 8, 1869, he married Emma F. Martin, a native of Addison Township, this county, and daughter of Charles W. and Nancy (Pierce) Martin. Charles W. Martin, Mrs. Sayer's father, was born in Potsdam, N. Y., January 11, 1816, and, September 6, 1838, he married Nancy Pierce, born in Oswego County, N. Y., April 6, 1816, daughter of John Pierce; from this union they had eight children—George D., killed in the late war, member of the Fifty-first Illinois Infantry, Company B; Smith D. served in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, now a farmer of Wright County, Iowa; Emma F. (Mrs. Sayer); Milton E., in Elgin, Ill.; Orel L., wife of Malcomb McNeil, of Chicago; Alva D., in

Elgin, Ill., and two others who died when young. Mr. Martin and family were early settlers of Addison Township, this county; they moved to this township in 1867. After his marriage, Mr. Sayer moved to his present farm, where he has since remained. Mr. and Mrs. Sayer have been blessed with four children, two of whom are deceased—George Martin, Dyer O., Clara A. (died, aged one year and eleven months), and a babe deceased, unnamed. Mr. Sayer has a good farm and keeps twenty-five cows. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church; his parents were members of the M. E. Church. In politics, he is a Republican.

WARREN M. SAYER, Wayne, was born near Aurora, Ill., January 5, 1841, and is a son of H. B. Sayer. When less than a year old, his parents moved to this county, and Warren M. remained at home till he attained his majority, when, July 31, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war, participating in the battle of Nashville, Tenn., and other engagements. After his return from the war, he remained at home one year, and, in December, 1866, married Harriet M. Brown, a native of Madison County, N. Y., and daughter of James and Harriet (Smith) Brown. By this union, they have been blessed with three sons—James H., Eugene D. and Louis A. In the spring of 1867, Mr. Sayer located on the farm which he now owns, consisting of 106 acres of land, where he has since resided, with the exception of four years, which he spent on the homestead farm. Mr. Sayer was elected Township Clerk in 1867, and has since served in that office, and is now serving his third term as Township Treasurer. He is a Republican.

THEODORE F. SAYER, farmer and dairyman, P. O. Bartlett, was born on the

homestead farm, where he now resides, May 1, 1848, son of Henry V. and Phebe (Moffatt) Sayer. Our subject was raised on the farm and remained under the parental roof till his marriage, which occurred February 18, 1875, to Martha Smith, born June 30, 1851, in Steuben County, N. Y., and daughter of William and Jane (Jones) Smith, both natives of New York, he born January 18, 1818, son of David Smith, a native of Scotland, and was one of the early settlers in that county, as early as 1810. Jane Jones was born December 18, 1825, daughter of Harley and Lucy (Sidney) Jones. Our subject took charge of the farm since his marriage, and has 120 acres from the old homestead. He has two children—William Smith and Phebe Emily. Mr. Sayer runs a dairy and fifty cows.

JOHN SMITH, P. O. Wayne, was born in Orange County, Vt., January 29, 1808, and is the second son of Asa and Lucinda (Morey) Smith, natives of Massachusetts. Asa Smith, subject's father, who was a farmer by occupation, was a prominent man in his locality, and represented his county in the Legislature, as did also subject's grandfather Morey. Mr. Smith's mother, Lucinda Morey, was a daughter of Simeon Morey, who was born in 1739, and who served in the French and Revolutionary wars; he had five children—Sabra, Lucinda, David, Ephraim, and Bertha, all of whom grew to maturity. Mr. Smith's grandfather, Asa Smith, was of English descent, and served in the Revolutionary war; he had eight children, all of whom grew up—Stephen, Polly, Asa, Manasseh, William, Abigail, Lydia and Silas. Mr. Smith remained on the home farm until he attained his majority; then staid with his brother Manasseh in Orange County, N. Y., four years, worked out two years, then bought a one-fourth interest in a blast furnace in St.

Lawrence County, N. Y., but after two years, sold out his interest and returned to Vermont. He came to this county October 15, 1837, and bought a claim of land of Mark Fletcher for \$200. On this claim there were no buildings of any kind, and but ten acres of land broken. After living there five years, he moved to his present place, where he has ever since resided, and where he now has 252 acres. Mr. Smith was married September 10, 1837, to Elizabeth H. Banfill, born in Corinth, Orange Co., Vt., March 6, 1816, youngest daughter of John and Hannah (Dearborn) Banfill, both of Massachusetts, he a son of John Banfill, she a daughter of Samuel Dearborn, who served in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Smith's parents had twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity—Sally, Samuel, Mary, Abigail, Hannah, Clymenia, Prenella, John, Elizabeth and David. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been blessed with the following children: George Asa, born in May, 1839; Mary L., February, 1842; Henry A., November, 1843; Ellen E., August, 1845; Albert E., August, 1847; Newton A., August, 1849; Sarah L., October, 1852, and Florence E., September, 1856; and of these three are deceased—Sarah L., November 19, 1856; George A., August 15, 1863, and Albert E., November 10, 1865. George A., when within a month of his graduation from college, enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and his death afterwards occurred from disease contracted while in the service. Albert E. also died from the same cause; he first enlisted for the three months' service, and afterward re-enlisted. Mary L. resides in this township, wife of William Gorham; Elizabeth E., wife of William Lewis, resides in Webster County, Neb.; Henry A. is on the home farm; Newton A. lives in this township, and Florence, wife of John D. Colvin, in Wheaton, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Congregational Church, as was also their son George A.

THEODORE SCHRAMER, farmer, P. O. Turner, is a native of Prussia, born March 5, 1839, son of John and Mary (Stiel) Schramer. John Schramer, subject's father, emigrated to the United States in 1857, leaving Prussia in April, and arriving in Wheaton, this county, May 27, that year. He purchased 100 acres of land in Winfield Township, this county, paying \$20 per acre for his farm, on which he died in 1860; he had ten children—John, Peter, Helen, Lizzie, Nicholas, Kate, Theodore (subject), Martin, Nick, Jr., and John. Theodore remained with his father until the death of the latter, devoting his attention to farming. He married, October 26, 1863, Mary Leas, also a native of Prussia, born May 19, 1843, daughter of John and Margaret (Schomer) Leas, she a daughter of Jacob Leas. The Leas family came to the United States and located in this county in 1851. Since his marriage Mr. Schramer has resided in this county, principally in this township. He began life with but little means, but by the energy and industry of himself and wife they have accumulated 386½ acres of land; they settled on their present farm in 1871, having previously, however, made several purchases and changes of location. Mr. and Mrs. Schramer have been blessed with six children—Mary, Peter, John, Nicholas, Lizzie and Susan. They are members of the Catholic Church.

DANIEL STEARNS, farmer, P. O. Wayne; one of the old settlers of this township, was born October 26, 1816, in Bennington County, Vt. He was third son and fourth child born to Simeon and Irene (Newcomb) Stearns; he, born in Massachusetts in 1788, was a son of Capt. William and Joanna (Duncan) Stearns. Capt. William Stearns

was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and died in 1834 at the age of eighty. Subject's father was a farmer and inn keeper, and died at the age of sixty-one. Mr. Stearns, our subject, was one of a family of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity. When he was twenty-four years old, he came West to this State and purchased land; he now has 135 acres, and carries on farming and dairying. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns have four children—William, who resides in Franklin County, Iowa; Franklin, in De Kalb County, Ill.; Jennie, wife of Newton Smith, and Zenas, at home. Mr. Stearns is a strong Republican.

D. LOUIS WHEELER, farmer, P. O. Wayne, came to Illinois in September, 1845; remained in Quincy till the following spring, then went to Toulon, Stark Co., Ill., and after staying there six months, came to this county in the fall of 1846. His father, Daniel Wheeler, came to this county soon after our subject came here, and bought 240 acres of land; then returned East, and in the fall of 1847, returned to this county and settled permanently. Daniel Wheeler was born in Guilford, Vt., in October, 1797; his wife, Sadie D. Stewart, born May 1, 1802, died August 12, 1870; they had ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity—D. Louis (our subject), Eleanora J., William S., Sylvanus M., Almira A., Franklin S., Lucinda and Pamela. Eleanora married Myron Smith, of Elgin, Ill.; Lucinda married George D. Sutton, of New York City; and Almira married L. Benedict, of Chicago. March 27, 1851, Mr. Wheeler married Julia A. Pierce, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., born March 3, 1830, eldest daughter of Luther and Clarissa (Wells) Pierce, he born in January, 1800, she born in 1807. After his marriage, Mr. Wheeler remained in this township four years; then moved to Bremer County, Iowa,

and after remaining there ten years, returned to this township in the spring of 1865, and has since remained here on his farm, consisting of 104 acres of good land. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have had three children, two of whom are living—Walter P., Warren

Daniel. Mr. Wheeler is a member of the Congregational Church; his wife has been a member of the Free Methodist Episcopal Church for fourteen years; his father, Daniel Wheeler, was a supporter of the Democratic party.

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM BATTEN, farmer, P. O. Meacham. Among the old settlers and substantial farmers in this township is Mr. Batten, who, for thirty-five years, has been closely identified with the interests of the county, and one of its staunch and valuable citizens. He was born December 12, 1812, in Devonshire, England, son of John and Mary (Moore) Batten, who were the parents of three children—William, John and Elizabeth Jane. John resides in Canada, and Elizabeth remains in England. Our subject came to America in 1847, arriving in Chicago June 8 of the same year. From Chicago he came to this county, and went to work among the farmers, digging wells, ditches, etc., and, in fact, working at anything he could get that would bring him money, continuing in this way about four years. He then had saved some money, and purchased eighty acres of land. He afterward added forty acres, and has resided here since. He was married, when twenty-five years of age, to Mary Ann Baker, born about 1816, in Cornwall, England, daughter of James and Mariam (Neal) Baker. Mrs. Batten died about 1872, having borne eleven children, eight of whom are living—Mary, Mariam, John, James B., Eliza Ann, Jane, Charles G. and Sarah. Mary is the wife of James Pierce; Mariam is the wife of Charles Landon; James B. lives in Iowa; Eliza A. is the wife of James Lake; John, Charles and Sarah are at home. He has been

a member of the Methodist Church since 1852, and Superintendent of the Sunday school for thirty years, having not missed five Sundays during that time. He had no school advantages; was bound out when eight years of age; but has been a School Director for fifteen years, and owes no man a penny. Is a staunch Republican.

JOSEPH BUTLER, farmer, P. O. Bloomingdale, was born in Erie County, N. Y., August 25, 1818, second son of John and Pattie (Wilson) Butler. John Butler was a native of Vermont, born in 1788, and died in New York at the age of eighty-four years. He was a Baptist, and in politics a Republican. He had seven children—John, Joseph, Seth, Harvey, Sarah (deceased), Charles (deceased) and Ozias. Joseph came West in the spring of 1843; bought eighty acres of land, which he afterward sold and bought eighty acres more; sold it, and, in 1850, came to his present place, and now owns 313 acres, on which he has put all the substantial improvements. He gives his attention to stock-raising, in addition to general farming. In 1843, he married Abigail West, born near Sardinia, Erie Co., N. Y., in November, 1812, daughter of Ashbel West. They have had nine children, six of whom are living—Sewall, farmer in De Kalb County, Ill.; Ira, at home; Ashbel, farmer in De Kalb County, Ill.; Elbert, at home; Judson and Delia. Those deceased were Elijah, died aged twen

ty-six; Gilbert, aged twenty-five; and James, who died July 6, 1882. Mr. Butler owes his success to his own thrift and energy. He is a Republican.

GEORGE W. BARNES, farmer, P. O. Bloomingdale, is a native of Clinton County, N. Y., born June 4, 1831, and is the third son born to Jonathan and Mary (Gorham) Barnes. Jonathan Barnes, the youngest son of Jeremiah Barnes, was born in Massachusetts March 24, 1793, and was a carpenter and joiner by trade; came West in the fall of 1838; bought a claim of about three hundred and twenty acres of land, where he died March 25, 1874. He was a Congregationalist; in politics, a Whig. His wife is still living. They had the following children: Eliza, wife of John M. Howe, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Phœbe, wife of Philip Farnsworth, never came West; Noah, in Chicago; Thomas H., died in California; Mary, deceased, wife of Franklin Talmadge, Wayne Township; George; Marie, wife of M. Pendleton, of Wayne Township. Our subject has always remained on the homestead farm, which consists of 240 acres, and devotes his attention to general farming and stork-raising. December 22, 1858, he married Susan S. Dudley, born in Oswego County, N. Y., in 1833, daughter of Asa and (Miss Alcott) Dudley. From this union nine children have been born—Jesse, Millie, Harry, Mabel, Newton, Maude, Robert, Ella and Alson. The Dudley family came to this county in the fall of 1839. Mr. Barnes is a Republican.

JACOB E. BENDEL, farmer, P. O. Bloomingdale, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, April 2, 1843, fifth son and sixth child of Michael and Elizabeth (Neuhardt) Bender. Michael, who was the son of Philip Bender, was born July 21, 1802; was a farmer by occupation; emigrated with his family to America in May, 1858; came to

Bloomingdale Township and bought 165 acres of land at \$30 an acre, and has since resided here. His wife, daughter of Michael Neuhardt, was born in 1802. They had the following children: John, Philip, Henry, Conrad, Mary, Jacob E. and Emma. Our subject took charge of the homestead farm in 1870, and has since managed it. The farm comprises 120 acres of land. Mr. Bender was married, December 26, 1870, to Wilhelmina Iser, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, born in April, 1837, daughter of John and Helen (Bender) Iser. She came to this county in 1868. By this union they have been blessed with six children—Emma, Sophia, Mina, John, Lucy and Katie. Mr. Bender assessed the township in 1882; has been Collector and School Director; is a member of the Evangelical Church; in politics, a Democrat.

JACOB CLAPSADDLE, Wheaton, was born on the German Flats, Herkimer Co., N. Y., May 20, 1808, eldest son of George A. and Nancy (Bellinger) Clapsaddle. George A. Clapsaddle was born in Herkimer County, N. Y.; was a farmer by occupation, and died in December, 1862, aged seventy-eight years. His wife was a daughter of Peter F. Bellinger, a Revolutionary soldier, who was wounded in the shoulder in an engagement in that war. They had eight children—Elizabeth, Jacob, Mary, Peter G., George H., Andrew, Frederick and Nancy. The Clapsaddles are of German descent. Our subject's grandfather, Andrew Clapsaddle, served all through the Revolutionary war. The subject of this sketch left home at the age of twenty-four years. He was married, July 14, 1831, to Sally E. Terbening, a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., born October 3, 1814, daughter of Peter I. and Elizabeth (Brown) Terbening, he a son of Lucas Terbening, she a daughter of Valentine Brown. After his

marriage, Mr. Clapsaddle moved to Herkimer County, N. Y., and worked on land there for one season. The following year, he went to Onondaga County, N. Y., where he bought fifty acres of land, of which he cleared forty acres during the five years he lived on it. In May, 1844, he came to this county, bought 240 acres of Government land, on which he has since resided, his farm now consisting of 190 acres. By their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Clapsaddle have been blessed with eight children—Kelburn and Jerome, in Kankakee County, Ill.; Harriet, wife of Hiram Kelsey, of Iowa; Sophia, in Travis County, Texas; Jacob P., at home; George A., in Ida County, Iowa; Mary E., wife of Horace Richardson, of Wheaton, Ill.; and Elvie, wife of James Steven, Kossuth County, Iowa. On the fiftieth anniversary of the same, Mr. Clapsaddle celebrated his golden wedding. He has eight children, twenty-nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Congregational Church. In politics, a staunch Republican.

GEORGE F. DEIBERT, retired, Bloomingdale. Among the self-made men of this township is Mr. Deibert, who began in life with nothing except his hands and a resolution to make for himself a home and a competence for his old age. His father died when he was but about three years of age, and from that time forward he was upon his own individual resources. He was born January 4, 1821, in Schuylkill County, Penn., son of George Deibert and Maria Faust, both of whom were natives of Schuylkill County. In September, 1844, Mr. Deibert came West, and made his location at Naperville, where he immediately began work, turning his attention to any honorable employment that promised a reasonable compensation. He made it a rule, if he could not get his own price for his labor, he accepted the best terms

offered, and never ate the bread of idleness. In one year, \$2.50 was all the money he spent. He was elected Constable while here at Naperville, and served until April, 1850, when he took a trip across the plains to California, where he engaged in mining, remaining here until the spring of 1854, when he returned to the county and came to Bloomingdale and engaged in business with his brother, D. F., under the firm name of Deibert & Brother, and carried on a general store. This association lasted until 1861, when he sold out to his brother, and, for one year, was out of active business. He then associated with J. R. Dunning in the mercantile business; firm name was Dunning & Deibert, which copartnership lasted until August 9, 1879, when he sold out to his partner, and since has been retired, and resides in the town in the peaceful enjoyment of life's savings, having secured what he set out to accomplish when he came to the State. He has been twice married—first time, in August, 1844, to Susan Dewald, a native of Schuylkill County, Penn., daughter of John Dewald. She died in 1849, leaving no children. In October, 1853, he married Sarah, the sister of his first wife. By her he had four children, three living—Milton G., Ida M. and Mary. Ida M. resides in Greene County, Iowa, wife of Sherman E. Kinney. Stanch Republican.

J. R. DUNNING, merchant, Bloomingdale, born March 14, 1822, in Hamilton County, N. Y., son of Justice Dunning and Lorinda Rich, both natives of New York State. The paternal grandfather of Jonathan Rich Dunning was Amos, who served in the war of the Revolution. Our subject was raised in the county where he was born, and, upon coming to maturity, he engaged in mercantile pursuits, starting a store in Rome, where he continued in business until he came to this place, arriving in the town of Bloomingdale,

July, 1860, where he subsequently purchased the interest of Dr. Sedgewick, and has since been engaged in merchandising, and been Postmaster since 1869. January 18, 1844, he married Harriet Pendleton, who was born December 25, 1825, daughter of Benjamin C. Pendleton, who was born November 11, 1794, in Westerly, R. I., and was present at the bombardment of Stonington. October 29, 1818, he married Asenath, who was born July 28, 1798, in Hopkinton, R. I. She was the youngest daughter of Saunders Langworthy, to whom thirteen children were born. The Pendleton family came to this county and settled in Bloomingdale Township in 1847. His death occurred March 12, 1877; his wife died May 13, 1871. They raised six children—Benjamin F., Mercy L., Etherlinda D., Harriet E., Mason M. and Mary J. Mr. Dunning has four children—Calvin L., Albert D., Francis H. and Estelle; Calvin L., in Chicago; Estelle, of South Park, wife of George H. Berger; Francis H. and Albert D., at home. A. D. has one of the best selected libraries in the county.

JOSIAH FRENCH, Ontarioville, Cook County, was born March 1, 1813, in East Salisbury, Mass., son of Josiah and Hannah (French) French, she having same name, but being of a different family. They had nine children, seven of whom are living. Our subject left Boston April 21, 1831, and arrived at Carrollton May 25, coming by canal, steamboat and wagon. In the fall of 1833, he moved to Jersey County, and lived there until 1856, when he came here. He lived also eighteen months in Galena. He came from his native State with a man with whom he learned the trade of carpenter. He first bought 160 acres of land in Jersey County, and then 620 acres unimproved. He now owns over three hundred acres of good land. April 20, 1838, he married Dollie Adams, born January 26,

1818, in Ohio, daughter of N. B. and Sallie (Bliss) Adams, both natives of Vermont. The Adams family came West in the spring of 1833, to the southern part of the State, and were among the first settlers of Jersey County. Mr. French, by this marriage, has four children—Joseph G., Josiah N., Hannah M. and Orville A. Joseph G. is in Nuckolls County, Neb.; Josiah is in Iowa, a farmer in Delaware County; Hannah M., wife of G. W. Moss, Chicago; and Orville A., in Iowa, near Iowa Falls. Mr. French was raised a Congregationalist, and is a Republican. He began a poor man, and has built up his own fortune.

R. W. GATES, mechanic, Bloomingdale, ex-soldier and one of the inventors of Du Page, was born October 15, 1835, in Tompkins County, N. Y., son of Levi Gates, a native of Worcester County, Mass., where he was born in 1806, and subsequently removed to Tompkins County and married Nancy Gould, a native of North Adams. She bore him seven children, all of whom are now living. The eldest is Elmira, wife of Henry Haddock, of Elgin. Skillman, the eldest son, resides in St. Louis, Mo. Next in order comes Robert W. Sarah resides in Chicago, wife of John Morrison. Helen resides in Madison County, Neb., wife of M. J. Davis. Charles resides in Elgin. Charlotte, the youngest, resides in Batavia, this State, wife of John Hugitt. Robert W. is the only member of the family residing in Du Page, and was nineteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents. His father was a carpenter, with whom he worked, and learned the trade under his instruction. After attaining his majority, he began business on his own account. In September, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and served until after the close of the war, receiving his discharge July,

1865. Six months after his enlistment, he was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant of the regiment, and, in the winter of 1863, he was promoted to First Lieutenant, and had charge of the Quartermaster's Department of his regiment. His term of service was filled in the Army of the Potomac, where he was assigned. After his return from the service, he built and ran a cheese factory for three years at Itasca. Since that time, he has been a resident of Bloomingdale, and engaged in wagon-making and blacksmithing combination shops, and has since conducted the same. In 1869, he invented the potato-digger, which has had an extensive sale, it being the most successful machine of the kind ever invented. In 1874, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and has since been re-elected. In August, 1865, he married Laura Landon, who was born in this township, daughter of Lewis E. Landon and Maria Farnum. He has four children—Nellie, Allen, Harry and Eugene. Mr. Gates has, since his majority, been affiliated with the Republican party, and a strong advocate of the temperance cause.

HENRY HOLSTEIN, miller, Bloomingdale, was born in Hanover, Germany, December 22, 1821, eldest son of John H. and Maria (Boss) Holstein. John H. was a farmer, and died in his native land in 1862, aged sixty-five years. He had two sons and five daughters—Louisa, Fred and our subject. Louisa is the wife of Louis Homeir, of Addison Township, and Fred resides with her. Henry was raised a farmer, and remained with his parents until fourteen years of age, when he went to learn the miller's trade. In the spring of 1849, he came to America, arriving in Baltimore in the latter part of May. The next month, he came to Addison Township, where he worked at farming, and afterward went to Cook County. The next year, returned to Addison and rented land from

Deitrich Stuckmann, where he continued thirteen years. He then came to Bloomingdale and bought 114 acres of land, costing \$2,600; lived there about twelve years, and then came to where he now is, one-fourth mile south of the village of Bloomingdale, where he bought the old mill owned by Colbury, and ran the same until 1872, when he built a new mill, and has since run the same. In 1879, he built the steam mill at Roselle, and has three run of buhrs. He is also (1882) putting in machinery to manufacture the "patent process" flour. April 15, 1845, he was married to Louisa Foltmer, born May 4, 1821, and who died May 16, 1880, having borne nine children, only three of whom are living—Frank, Matilda and Caroline. Matilda is the wife of Fred Boner, and Frank runs the mill at Roselle. Mr. Holstein is a self-made man. He began poor, and has acquired all he has by his own industry.

H. O. HILLS, Bloomingdale, was born June 26, 1818, in Vernon, Oneida Co., N. Y., son of Allen and Almada (Collins) Hills. Allen Hills was born in Connecticut April 26, 1791, and died in April, 1862. His wife was born December 28, 1794, died February 28, 1863. They had five children—Erasmus O., in Hyde Park, Ill.; H. O., our subject; Nubria C., at Hyde Park; Almada P., married R. Stevens, of Wheaton, Ill., always lived in this county; and Huet B., lived in this county until his death, in August, 1881. Allen Hills was a son of Huet Hills, who had twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Our subject lived on the home farm till he was twenty-four years of age, and, in June, 1842, came West to Illinois; worked that summer on a farm his father had bought in Bloomingdale Township, and, in the fall of the same year, began driving a stage from Chicago to Peru, which occupation he followed for two years. He has since given his atten-

tion to farming, and has a farm of 180 acres. He clerked six years for Deibert & Bros. December 7, 1842, he married Lorena Maynard, born in Potsdam, N. Y., December 31, 1818, daughter of Elias and Lorena Maynard. Elias Maynard and family came to Illinois about the year 1837, and settled in this township. He had five children—Ruth, wife of Orin Lilley; Lorena, Mrs. H. O. Hills; George, deceased; Hiram, residing in Austin, Ill.; and Esther, wife of H. Brunson Hills, of Wheaton. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hills are the parents of nine children—Sabrina E., wife of O. A. Verbeck; Helen J., wife of Harrison Muzzy; Allen E., Huet B., Charles H., Dewitt C.; Lorena M., wife of Thomas Lake; Edwin O. and Fannie B., all living in this county. Mr. Hills was formerly a Whig, now a Republican. His parents were members of the Congregational Church. His father was formerly a Democrat, afterward a Republican, and served as Justice of the Peace several terms.

MOSES K. HOYT, Bloomingdale, was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., April 12, 1817, fifth son and sixth child of Moses and Sallie (Piper) Hoyt, natives of New Hampshire. Moses Hoyt was a lumberman, and shipped lumber to Quebec. He came with his family to this county in the fall of 1837, located on 160 acres of land, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1860. He was a Whig. His wife died several years previous. They had seven children—George W., who settled at Dundee; Hiram and Charles H., who located in Addison Township; Sallie, who married Thomas H. Thompson, of Dundee; Louis L., who resided in Plattsburg, N. Y.; Moses K.; and Fannie M., wife of Alfred Rich, of Dakota. All are deceased save Moses K. and Fannie M. Our subject has followed farming since he came to this county. His farm consists of 200

acres of land. In the fall of 1843, he married Sarah Butler, born in Erie County, N. Y., daughter of John and Pattie (Wilson) Butler. Mrs. Hoyt died in 1856. The children by this marriage were Martha, wife of Jerome Lester, of Cook County, Ill.; Ellen, wife of George Wilson, died in Iowa leaving one son, Charles; and Walter, died aged seventeen. Mr. Hoyt married, June 29, 1857, Nancy Hopkins, a native of Windham, Vt., born in 1820, daughter of David and Hannah (Cobb) Hopkins, natives of New Hampshire, who moved to New York State when Mrs. Hoyt was seven years of age. By this union they have been blessed with three children—Llewellyn, married and settled in Franklin County, Iowa; C. G. and Moses K.; one deceased. Mr. Hoyt is a Republican.

JOHN H. HARMENING, Bloomingdale, was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, December 31, 1826, son of John Henry and Sophia (Pfungsten) Harmening. John Henry Harmening, son of Fred Harmening, came with his family to America in the spring of 1865, and came West to Chicago. He died in September, 1871. His wife, who was a daughter of John Pfungsten, died in Germany. They had five children—Christian, who died in 1859; Mena and Charlotte, in Germany; Hannah, who died in Germany; and John H. Our subject, after coming to this country, worked in a brickyard, drove a team, farmed, and kept a hotel at 112 West Lake street, Chicago, for some time. He then came to this township and bought 310 acres of land, on which he has put all the improvements, set out trees, hedges, etc. He married, April 2, 1859, Dorothea Thies, a native of Hanover, Germany, born February 11, 1841, daughter of John and Charlotte (Prinne) Thies. By this marriage they have been blessed with four children—Henry, Sophia, Matilda and William.

IRVING EDWARD INGRAHAM, farmer, P. O. Bloomingdale, was born in Essex, Chittenden Co., Vt., November 22, 1850, eldest son of Artemus A. and Lucinda (Goodhue) Ingraham. Artemus A. Ingraham came with his family to this county in the spring of 1869, bought 380 acres of land, on which he lived till the fall of 1881, when he moved to Wheaton. Our subject received a good common-school education, and afterward attended Wheaton College for two years. January 1, 1873, he married Francelia Deibert, a native of this county, and adopted daughter of Daniel F. Deibert, one of the prominent men of this township. Mr. Ingraham has taken charge of the farm since the fall of 1881. He runs the largest dairy in the township. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Temperance Union.

CHAS. B. KELLEY, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Wheaton, was born in Milton Township March 6, 1853, on the homestead farm, second son living of Daniel Kelley. He was reared on the farm, and received good school advantages. April 14, 1879, he formed a matrimonial alliance with Maggie Pottage. In 1877, he purchased the farm he now owns, consisting of 160 acres, which lies in the southern part of the township, and since his marriage he has been a resident of the township, and been identified with its interests as a farmer and breeder of thoroughbred Merino sheep. Is a member of the Baptist Church, and a Republican. No children.

FREDERICK LANGHORST, Roselle. Among the principal business men of Roselle is Mr. Langhorst. He was born February 7, 1840, in Germany, the third son and fourth child born to Christopher and Dorothea (Turner) Langhorst, he born in 1801, she born in the kingdom of Hanover, daugh-

ter of Henry Turner. Our subject was reared on a farm, and came to this country in 1858, when eighteen years of age, and to Cook County shortly afterward, where he worked among the farmers for about three years. In 1863, he went to Chicago and learned the baker's trade, but subsequently returned to Cook County and purchased a thrashing machine, and for eight years engaged in the business of thrashing grain. About 1866, he purchased 300 acres of land in Palatine Township, and engaged in farming, also doing business in Chicago for a seed firm. In 1873, he removed to Chicago, and remained there about one year, in the grocery, flour and feed business, at the same time carrying on his farm. In 1875, he located at Roselle and engaged in the grain business. He has built several houses, and done much toward improvement. Since he came here, he has been engaged in the grain, flour, coal and feed business, and in buying and selling stock. He has also an elevator at Harper. November 6, 1864, he married Hannah Meyers, born on the ocean October 22, 1847, daughter of Charles and Corlene (Hartmann) Meyers, both natives of Hanover, and six children have been born to them—Mary, March 28, 1867; William, May 22, 1869; Freddie, October 3, 1871; Sophia, August 17, 1873; Henry, December 3, 1875; and Annie, October 24, 1878; the last two being born in Roselle. In 1872, Mr. Langhorst made a trip to the old country and brought over his parents, but the father died August 21, 1875, and the mother November 26, 1876. He is a member of the Evangelical Church.

CHARLES LAWRENCE, retired farmer, Meacham, was born November 11, 1804, in Cornwall, England, son of John and Mary (Shaplin) Lawrence. He emigrated to America in 1844, and located in Schaumberg, Cook County, and purchased land and engaged in

farming, where he continued for many years, when he finally located in this township, and has since been retired. He married Grace Tinnemore, who was born in 1806, in England, daughter of Hugh Tinnemore. She died in 1868, having borne him five children—Charles, who resides in Iowa; Ann, married Joseph Baker, deceased; Mary, Henry F., and James, who is farming in this township. He was born in Schaumberg, Cook County, April 15, 1850, where he remained on the farm until he came to this county. He engaged in business for himself after he became of age. In 1881, he purchased the Col. Meacham farm, consisting of 250 acres, and is engaged in farming and dairying.

JAMES PIERCE, Postmaster, merchant and depot agent, Meacham, is a native of England, born February 24, 1841, eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Sandercock) Pierce. Thomas Pierce was one of the early settlers of this township; came here in the summer of 1842; bought 200 acres of Government land, on which he lived till the time of his death, having increased the farm to 400 acres, which he divided among his children. He had five children—James, Maria J., Henry, John T. and Charles. James S. remained on the homestead farm until he attained his majority, then worked out for some time. February 1, 1863, he married Mary, daughter of William Batten. They have two children—Horace Elmer and Ella Maria. After his marriage, Mr. Pierce rented the homestead farm for five years, then bought a farm on Section 11, where he lived for ten years. In the winter of 1878, he came to Meacham Station, opened up a store, and has since been Postmaster and depot agent there. He owns 170 acres of land in Sections 10 and 11, and 100 acres on Section 2. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; in politics, a Republican.

HENRY PIERCE, farmer, P. O. Meacham, was born in this township October 14, 1845, the second son and third child born to Thomas and Elizabeth Pierce, who came to Du Page about the year 1840. Thomas Pierce first lived about one year south of Bloomingdale; afterward bought land in the northeast part of the township, now owned by Charles Pierce. Here he died July 11, 1880. His wife is still living. They raised five children—James, Maria, Henry, Thomas and Charles. Maria died in 1875, wife of Charles W. Geary. All the others are young. Henry, the second son, was raised on the farm, and was married, January 6, 1869, to Emma Rathburn, born in this township, the second daughter of Rowland and Eliza (Moseley) Rathburn. After marriage, he remained on the homestead two years, and then built where he now lives, the land having belonged to his father. He has 100 acres, and has put all the improvements on the farm. He has four sons and one daughter—Arthur R., Albert T., Nellie M., Henry Clyde and Chester G. Mrs. Pierce is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is identified with the temperance movement. Is now serving his sixth year as Commissioner of Highways, and is a Republican.

FRANK W. PIERCE, farmer, P. O. Meacham, was born in Addison Township, this county, July 27, 1846, on the land first settled by his father. He is the eldest child of Charles and Margaret Pierce. Charles Pierce was born in Cornwall, England, in 1810; emigrated to America and came to this county in 1843; bought eighty acres of land, on which he remained some time, then bought 100 acres of land where Itasca now stands, and, in 1869, came to this township, and lived here till the spring of 1882, when he removed to Elgin, Ill. He had two children, Charles W. and Susan, Mrs. Samuel

Samuels, of Elgin. Frank W. was married, December 1, 1867, to Mary Ericson, born in Wisconsin July 6, 1849, who has borne him two children—Jennie and Nelson. Since his marriage, Mr. Pierce has had charge of the farm, which contains 130 acres of land. He is a Republican, and a supporter of the temperance cause.

JOHN T. PIERCE, farmer, P. O. Meacham, was born May 8, 1850, third son and fourth child of Thomas Pierce. He was raised on the farm, and, on attaining his majority, rented land of his father in this township. He married, January 22, 1874, Hattie A. Baxter, born in Winfield Township, this county, March 1, 1854, second daughter of John and Sarah (Sharp) Baxter, residents of this county, who came here from England about the year 1848. After his marriage, he located on his father's farm, known as the Daniel McGraw place, where he remained until March 25, 1881, locating on the George Meacham farm, containing now 193 acres, 160 acres of the Meacham farm, the remaining thirty-three acres of the Trewin farm, on which he has good improvements. He carries on a dairy in addition to farming. By their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have been blessed with two children—Eddie Tilton, born June 30, 1876; and Clarence Raymond, born April 11, 1880. Mr. Pierce is a Republican.

CHARLES PIERCE, farmer, P. O. Meacham, was born in this township February 24, 1857, and has always resided here. He is the youngest child and son of Thomas Pierce. Thomas Pierce was born in 1807; came with his family to this county in July, 1841, and bought land of the Government. He died July 11, 1880. His wife, a native of Cornwall, England, was born February 20, 1818, daughter of John Sandercocck. The subject of this sketch, when he attained his

majority, rented the homestead for one year, and his father gave him eighty acres of land. In April, 1881, Mr. Pierce married Jennie Batten, a native of Devonshire, England, born October 10, 1862, daughter of John and Tamzer (Rundle). From this union they have one son, born August 17, 1882. Mr. Pierce has a farm of 170 acres of land.

W. KIRK PATRICK, deceased, was born February 16, 1824, in Truxton, Cortland Co., N. Y., son of Nathaniel and Penelope (Potter). Patrick, he born February 10, 1785, in Stillwater, Saratoga Co., N. Y.; she born in 1793, daughter of Nathaniel Potter. To Nathaniel and Penelope Patrick were born fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity—Stephen, Elias, Fannie E., H. B., Albert, Charles, William K., Lydia, Mary, Rachel, Alfred, Elizabeth. Stephen resides in Cortland County, N. Y., and has represented his county in the Legislature of his State; Lydia married Alanson P. Benson, of Onondaga County, N. Y. Those who settled in this county were William K., H. B., Fannie (Mrs. J. B. Hull); Elizabeth, wife of Robert Patrick; Charles, Richard, Alfred and Eliza settled in McHenry County; Alfred is a farmer; Mary married Charles Angle, and removed to Topeka, Kan. W. K. Patrick came West in 1850. He was raised on a farm, and his father died in 1844. Our subject, being the eldest son at home, took charge of the farm until he came West in 1850. The paternal ancestors of Mr. Patrick emigrated from Scotland to the North of Ireland during the reign of James I, and the Patricks landed in New York in 1763. Our subject married, February 16, 1847, Mary L. Knowles, born in Chenango County, N. Y., June 17, 1827, daughter of Daniel and Lovina (Reynolds) Knowles, he born in 1785, in Rhode Island, she born in 1797, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Briggs) Reynolds, who

removed to Chenango County about 1802. To Benjamin and wife were born nine children, who grew up. Daniel Reynolds and wife removed to Cortland County in 1837, and died there. To Daniel and wife were born three children—Mary, Darius D. and Sarah, the last two deceased. Prior to Mr. Patrick's coming West, he bought 160 acres of land, and afterward added more, and made several changes, but finally settled where he lived until his death, May 8, 1882. He was a Republican; served as Assessor and Supervisor several terms. About 1858, he engaged in sheep-raising, and, later, was a large breeder of the same. He was a liberal supporter of the Gospel, although not a member of any church, and always a helper of the poor and needy. To Mr. Patrick and wife were born nine children. Those who grew to maturity were Delia, wife of C. B. Field, of Freeport, Ill.; Ellen, wife of A. E. Hills, of Lombard; Florence, Wilbur K., Jr., Frances, Charles, Abraham L. and Jesse. Mrs. Patrick is a member of the Congregational Church.

ALFRED S. PATRICK, farmer, P. O. Wheaton, was born on the homestead farm, where he now lives, September 8, 1841, and is the third and youngest child of H. B. and Clarissa (Frisby) Patrick. Mr. Patrick was raised on the farm, and has always followed farming. He also devotes his attention to feeding cattle. January 1, 1875, he married Ida W. McClester, born in Long Meadow, Mass., February 13, 1849, youngest daughter of Robert and Mary (Field) McClester, he a native of Massachusetts, of Irish descent, she a relative of Cyrus W. Field. The McClester family came West to Plainfield, Will Co., Ill., in 1853. Robert McClester, who was a master mechanic in Government employ, died in Chattanooga, Tenn., in the second year of the late war. His widow is still living.

Mrs. Patrick has one brother and one sister, George and Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles Hoag, of Plainfield). Her parents were members of the Congregational Church.

ROWLAND RATHBURN, Prospect Park, was born near Rome, Oneida Co., N. Y., August 18, 1817, and is a son of Acors and Sarah (Peckham) Rathburn, natives of Rhode Island. Acors Rathburn was one of a family of six, born to Burden Rathburn, of Rhode Island. Acors Rathburn learned the hatter's trade, and, after his marriage to Sarah Peckham, daughter of Judge W. Peckham, he removed to Oneida County, N. Y., where he was one of the early settlers. He followed farming there till his death. He had a family of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity—William, Solomon; Sarah, residing at Oak Park, Ill., wife of Daniel Mory; Wells, Joshua, Peckham and Mercy, all three in New York; Dorcas, wife of Henry Thomas, of Lone Rock, Wis.; Perry, in Atlantic, Iowa; Benjamin, also in Iowa; May A., Rowland and James. The latter went to California, and has not been heard from for several years. The subject of this sketch remained with his parents on the farm till he was twenty-two years of age. In the spring of 1844, he came to Illinois, and in September of that year, purchased, at \$1.50 an acre, a claim of eighty acres of unimproved land, where he still resides, having now, however, 160 acres of well-improved land. He has been thrice married. In January, 1840, he married Elisa Mosely, a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., daughter of Charles Mosely. She died leaving four children—Joshua, Cornelia, Emma and George. His second wife, Harriet Mosely, sister of his first wife, died leaving one child, Eliza. His third wife was Josephine Smith, a native of Vermont, and daughter of Alvin Smith, one of the early settlers in this county. By this last marriage

he has six children—Acors, Sarah, Carrie, John, Richard and Warren. He is a member of the Society of Friends. Of his children, Joshua served four years during the late war, in the Thirty-sixth Illinois Cavalry, and died after leaving the service; Cornelia resides in Chicago, wife of George Meacham, lumber merchant; Emma is the wife of Henry Pierce, of this township; George is a farmer in Ellsworth County, Kan.; and the remainder of the family are at home.

WILLIAM RATHJE, farmer, P. O. Bloomingdale, has been a resident of this county since October 23, 1846, and of this township since the spring of 1847. He was born October 13, 1833, in Rodenwald, Amt Nuestadt, in province of Hanover. His parents were Frederick Rathje and Sophia Frollich. His father was born December 26, 1799, and had eight children born to him, whose names, in order of their birth, are Louisa, Frederick, Henry, Mary, William, Louis, Henry and Sophia. Henry died in the old country; Mary resides in Addison Township, wife of Henry Buchholz; Louisa married Fred Wakenhauer, of same township; Frederick resides in Peotone, Will County, this State; Sophia resides in Corvallis, Benton Co., Ore., wife of Fred H. Fisher. William, when he came to this county, resided the first year with his sister, Mrs. Wakenhauer, in Addison Township. The following year, he came to this township. He hired out for six months to Horace Benjamin, at \$3 per month. The year following (in 1848), his father came, and bought 120 acres of land, which William now owns, which was obtained of Cyrus Kellogg, at a cost of \$10 per acre, there being but little improvements on the place at the time. Since that time, Mr. Rathje has been a constant resident at the place. His mother died in 1843. His father resides with him on the farm. William

has given his attention to farming pursuits. In 1856, he had the misfortune to lose his right arm while working with a threshing machine. He has always been a staunch and reliable Republican; has served as Justice of the Peace for twelve years; and, since 1873, has been Supervisor of the township, except 1877, and in all his official relations he has maintained the dignity and uprightness which characterize the true man. He has 258 acres of land in the township, and 480 acres in Kossuth County, Iowa. March 20, 1863, he married Louisa Ehlers, who was born in the same place as himself, February, 1841, daughter of Fred Ehlers and Maria Meyer; has eight children—three sons and five daughters—Emma, Mena, Bertha, Annie, Sophia, Fred, Louis and Willie. Member of the Evangelical Church.

JOSIAH STEVENS, Bloomingdale, is now the oldest living male resident of Bloomingdale Township, having come here with his parents in the spring of 1835. He was born July 10, 1832, in Lenox, Madison Co., N. Y., third son and seventh child of Noah and Lois (Walker) Stevens. The Stevens family came originally from England, four brothers of the family coming out in the Mayflower. Noah Stevens, a farmer by occupation, son of Thomas Stevens, was born in Sangerfield, Oneida Co., N. Y., November 16, 1797; was married, November 9, 1818, to Lois Walker, a native of Hinesburg, Vt., born Jan. 21, 1801, daughter of Asa Walker. By this union were born the following children: Sibylla, born February, 11, 1820, wife of D. D. Noble, of Nebraska; Thomas R., born March 25, 1822, a farmer, died at Wheaton, Ill., in March, 1882; Leonora, born April 3, 1824, married C. W. Kellogg, of this township, and died September 24, 1875; Lois, born May 19, 1826, wife of Henry Hatch, of Iowa; Lavina, born June 20, 1828, wife of

E. A. Herrick, of Winnebago, Ill.; Ethel H., born March 25, 1831; Josiah; Alvira L., born December 31, 1835, lives with Josiah; Adeline D., born June 28, 1838, wife of Edward Herrick, of Iowa; and Mary A., born November 25, 1840, wife of Asa W. Farr, of Iowa. All grew to maturity save Ethel H. Noah Stevens came West with his family and settled on a claim of 175 acres, on which Josiah now resides, and remained there till his death, which occurred September 5, 1862. He was a Deacon in the Baptist Church, and one of the organizers of that church here, their meetings being held in his house, which was the home of the ministers. In politics, he was a Whig, and later a Republican. His wife died February 4, 1863. Our subject married, March 5, 1855, Caroline E. Barber, born in Castleton, Rutland Co., Vt., October 5, 1829, daughter of Simeon and Lorain H. (King) Barber, natives of Benson, Vt., he a

son of Levi and Rebecca (Hinman) Barber. The Barber family came West in 1853 and settled in Bloomingdale Township, this county. Simeon Barber now lives with his son Henry; his wife died in July, 1875. They had three children—Caroline E., Mrs. Stevens; Henry F., residing in Wayne Township, this county; and Mary L., wife of I. B. Kinney, of Henry County, Mo. Mr. Stevens has had charge of the farm since 1853. He now rents the place. Since 1867, he has kept a public house, the Farmers' Home, and, since the spring of 1875, he has been engaged in the construction of tubular wells, keeping four teams constantly on the road. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have been blessed with three children—Hattie L., Addie L. (wife of E. W. Lester, of Addison Township) and Myrta A. Mr. Stevens has been Constable since 1865, and has served for nine or ten years as Township Trustee.

ADDISON TOWNSHIP.

WILLIAM ASCHE, farmer, P. O. Elmhurst, is one of the young settlers of Addison Township; his father, William Asche, was a native of Hanover, where he was born February 26, 1809, and emigrated to America shortly after the Fischer family came. He worked on the canal in Chicago for some time, finally locating in Addison Township, where his son William now resides, making his purchase July 10, 1844. May 12, 1842, he married Mena Fischer, a native of Hanover, born October 7, 1823, daughter of H. F. Fischer, who for several years operated the wind-mill in the southeast part of the township. William Asche, Sr., died March 18, 1876; his wife in November, 1858; six children were born to them, five coming to the years of maturity, Dora, Fred, Emma and William are now liv-

ing. Dora resides in Chicago, wife of Fred Wassaman; Fred resides at Lemont, this State; Emma is the wife of Henry Kay, and resides at Blue Island near Chicago. William, our subject, who now resides on the homestead farm, was born January 7, 1854, and, being the youngest, he has always been on the home farm. April 16, 1874, he married Louisa, eldest daughter of August Graue; He has five children—August, Edward, Matilda, Albert and Ada.

WILLIAM HENRY BOSKE, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, resides at Kaler's Grove, which took its name from Barney Kaler, who married Mrs. Boske, the mother of William Henry; her maiden name was Mary Ulhorn, whose first husband was Henry Boske, and by him had two children—Sophia and Will-

iam Henry, who was born January 4, 1823, in Ehrenburg, in the Kingdom of Hanover; his father died in 1827. William Henry emigrated to this State with his mother and stepfather in 1834. William Henry left home after his stepfather's settlement here, and went to Chicago, remaining there until he was about eighteen years of age, when he returned to this township, where he has since remained. June 2, 1848, he married Mary Charlotte Schmidt, who was born February 19, 1829, in Londesbergen, in the Kingdom of Hanover, daughter of Henry Schmidt. Nine children have been born to him, eight of whom are living. Sophia was born August 16, 1849, and resides in Bloomingdale Township, wife of Marquardt; Louisa W., born November 20, 1851, and resides in this township, wife of Fred Bucholz; Anne L. E., born January 12, 1854, wife of William Stuenkel, of Lombard; Maria D. R., born January 19, 1859, wife of George C. Johnson, of Chicago; Henrietta L. E., born May 24, 1861, wife of August Webber, of this township; Elsie L. M., Fred H. and William W., at home. Mr. Boske has over 300 acres with excellent improvements thereon. Is a member of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM BARUTH, general store, Itasca; located in this town in the spring of 1882. He purchased the interests and store of L. F. Magers, and keeps a general store, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware and notions; he also keeps a saloon and sample room adjoining. He was born August 3, 1839, in Amt Otterndorf, in the Province of Hanover, son of William and Rebecca Baruth. Mr. Baruth came to America in 1856, and lived in New York about two years, working for what he could get. In March, 1858, he came to Long Grove, in Cook County, Ill., where he hired out among the farmers. In June, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, One

Hundred and Thirteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, and was never absent from his command except when home on furlough one month, by reason of a wound received at Guntown. At the close of the war, he went to Chicago and engaged as clerk in the grocery store of J. H. Haake, remaining in his employ until May, 1868, when he purchased his employer's interest and run the store until the great fire, in 1871. Two weeks later, he set up in business on Milwaukee avenue, near Noble, where he remained about ten months; then sold out and opened a flour and feed store, and continued in that business until 1880. In May, 1868, he married Mary Huell, born in Cook County, Ill., daughter of John Huell; they have three children—William, Carrie and Emma. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

FREDERICK H. BATES, M. D., Bensenville, was born in the village of Elmhurst, Ill., October 8, 1856; he was the son of Gerry and Georgia Bates (a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work). After receiving a liberal education, he commenced the study of medicine, in 1875, and on the 26th day of February, 1878, he graduated with honors at the Rush Medical College of Chicago. After the death of his father, Gerry Bates, which occurred July 29, 1878, he was appointed Postmaster at Elmhurst, an office which his father had held for thirty years previous to his death. He continued to act as Postmaster and in the practice of medicine at Elmhurst until 1881, when he resigned both and entered into a partnership in the practice of medicine with Dr. John Zahn, at Elgin, Ill. In January, 1882, this partnership was dissolved, and Dr. Bates has since been practicing his profession at Bensenville, in this county, where, owing to his proficiency as a physician and his extended knowl-

edge of the German language, he has a large practice. The Doctor has for some time been a member in good standing of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, Harlem Lodge, No. 540.

WILLIAM BUCHHOLZ, farmer, P. O. Addison; is a native of Hanover, Germany, born February 8, 1826, son of Henry and Mary (Knage) Buchholz. Henry Buchholz came with his family to Illinois, in November, 1844, and located in this township, where he lived until his death, which occurred July 12, 1853; his wife died two years later; they had five children — Mary, Louisa, Henry, William and Fred. Our subject was about eighteen years of age when he came to this county; when a little over twenty-three years of age, he began the business of life on his own account. He married, May 4, 1859, Sophia Fiene, also a native of Hanover, born in September, 1829, daughter of David Fiene. By this union, they have been blessed with eleven children, six of whom are living—August, Fred, Sophia, Louis, Anna, Louisa, William (died May 6, 1877, aged seventeen); Emma, wife of Henry Deirson, died August 9, 1877; Bertie died March 11, 1877, aged five years; Henry died March 19, 1877, aged two years; Matilda, the eldest child, died November 11, 1861. After his marriage, Mr. Buchholz located on his present place, where he has since resided; his son August lives on the adjoining farm; he has 253 acres of good land and a good farm-house, erected in 1874. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

CHRISTIAN BAUCKE, mechanic, Bensenville, is the leading mechanic in his line in Addison Township; he is a native of the "Fatherland," Province of Hanover, where he was born April 3, 1847; his father was Christian Baucke, a farmer, who died when his son was eighteen years of age. His mother's maiden name was Dorathy Fogt.

Christian came to America in the spring of 1867; he spent one year in Chicago, and came here the following year, and has since been engaged at his trade, being both stone and brick mason and plasterer, and an excellent workman withal. He was married, March 3, 1872, to Lesetta, daughter of John Brettmann, one of the old settlers in the township; he has three children—Herman, Julius and Malinda. He has, by honest labor and attention to his business, obtained a home here in Bensenville and valuable property.

GEORGE COGSWELL, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, was born December 15, 1847, in Bensenville, eldest son living of William F. Cogswell, a native of Concord, N. H., who came to this township in 1842, and purchased a claim on Section 13, of M. L. Dunlap, and here the family have since lived. August 26, 1843, he married Annie A. Franzen, who was born August 30, 1826, in Prussia; her parents were Garrett Franzen and Anna Krimpleman, who came here in 1843. The father died June 23, 1869, having been for twenty years a member of the Evangelical Church. Ten children were born to him. Of this number, William, George, Caroline, Henry, Louis and Clara grew up. George has now the possession of the homestead, where he grew up. In November, 1870, he married Maggie Brust, who was born in Ohio, near Chillicothe, daughter of Adam and Barbara Brust. He located after his marriage in Cook County, where he lived seven years. Since that time, he has been an occupant of the homestead. He has four children, viz., William F., Arthur, Nellie and Alice. Is a member of the Evangelical Church.

HENRY A. COGSWELL, retired, Bensenville, was born on the homestead farm in this township March 21, 1852; was the fourth son and fifth child of William F. and Anna (Franzen) Cogswell, who came to Du Page County

soon after its organization. Henry A. was educated at the common schools; afterward, attended the commercial school of Bryant & Stratton, at Chicago, completing his studies at Plainfield College. At the age of seventeen, he engaged in selling farm machinery, and canvassed the greater part of the county and was a very successful salesman; he subsequently built a large storeroom and engaged in the hardware trade, but continued in the machine business. He was the first one who carried on the business in the town; he continued in the trade for thirteen years. He sold out, in the fall of 1881, to H. H. Kortbauer, who has since succeeded him. December 2, 1874, he married Matilda Graue, who was born in this township, and who has borne him two children—Ada M., living, and Walter F., who died at the age of two years.

A. G. CHESSMAN, farmer and general business, Itasca, one of the leading business men of Itasca, was born March 4, 1832, in Cumberland County, N. J., son of William W. and Lydia (Griffith) Chessman, a daughter of Abel Griffith, a Revolutionary soldier and participated in the war of 1812. At the age of seventeen, Abel G. began learning the carpenter's trade, and came to Chicago when twenty years of age. About the year 1858, he purchased land in this township, and located on the same, and from that time he has been closely allied to the interests of the township and Du Page County. He has in the meantime been engaged in building and contracting to some extent, and, since the existence of Itasca; has been prominently associated with it as a business man. He was the first Postmaster in Itasca, receiving his appointment under Abraham Lincoln, in 1863. He was for some time engaged in buying and shipping grain. After abandoning the grain trade, he put up a mill, and is now doing effective work for the farmers. In

1878, he built an addition to his mill, and has since been engaged in manufacturing cheese boxes, wooden ware, fruit crates, etc., which gives employment to several men. In December, 1857, he married Eliza Brooklyn, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., by whom he has eleven children — Carrie, William, Annie, Grant, Leonard, Philo, Joseph, Walter, Eliza, Abel and Robert. His farm of 114 acres is situated about one mile and a half from Itasca, where he resides, and carries on his business in Itasca at the same time.

DANIEL CLARK (deceased) was born in Connecticut August 15, 1820, and came West with his father, Daniel Clark, when Chicago was a mere town. Daniel, Sr., was for many years engaged in the hotel business, in Cook County, Ill., just outside of what is now the limits of the city, and he was widely known by the people at that time, far and near, as "Uncle Dan." He subsequently located in Bloomingdale Township, and there carried on the same business up to the time of his death. His son who bore his name located in this township, on Section 8, in the year 1851, purchasing his land at \$10 per acre. March 23, 1852, he married Mary Jane Foster, a native of Upper Canada, born April 1, 1832, daughter of Asher and Hannah (Rose) Foster, who came here prior to 1840. Mr. Clark engaged actively in farming, and, for several years in his early life, ran a threshing machine, working excessively hard several months each year for many years, and while in this business doubtless sowed the seeds of consumption, which caused his death, January 5, 1877. He was a generous-hearted man, a kind husband and indulgent father, and, withal, an excellent neighbor. His wife and three sons—James, Burlon and Allen—survive him and reside on the homestead. James, who was born December 18, 1856, has charge of the farm, assisted by his brothers. July 14,

1878, he married Maggie Hamilton, born in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of David and Jane (Morrison) Hamilton, to whom were born three daughters and one son. James Clark has two children—Adelbert and daughter (unnamed).

LOUIS DIERKS, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, was born July 30, 1835, in Neustadt Amt Rodewald, in the Province of Hanover, only son of John Henry and Dorathy (Preussner) Dierks. In 1841, Louis came to America with his parents, and, in November of the same year, his father located on Section 13. There was a log house and but little improvements. His father is now well up to ninety years of age; he resides with his daughter Caroline, wife of Henry Miller, in Cook County. Louis, being raised on the farm, became attached to that life, and decided to make it his business. July 4, 1855, he was married, in Chicago, to Margaretha Lauing, born September 16, 1833, in Amt Hoya, Province of Hanover; her parents were Detrick and Rebecca Breuning, he born in 1803, his wife in 1815, and he came to America in 1861. She died in the old country in 1855; he in 1865, in this county. Since Mr. Dierks' marriage, he has been located on the homestead, consisting of 155 acres; he has one of the best houses in the township, built of brick and furnished in first class style; his farm adjoins the town of Bensenville. Twelve children have been born to Mr. Dierks, nine of whom are living—Sophia, born April 29, 1856; Ernst, February 11, 1859; Louis, June 26, 1861; Martha, October 20, 1863; William, October 19, 1865; Emma, February 10, 1868; Albert, July 26, 1870; Henry, August 3, 1872; Ida, April 1, 1874. Mr. Dierks is a member of the Lutheran Church.

EDWARD EHLERS, farmer and miller, P. O. Elmhurst, is the owner and proprietor of the wind-mill in the east part of Addison

Township; he was born in this township March 8, 1856, second son of Frederick Ehlers, a native of Hanover, who came to this State in 1850; he married Maria Meyers and subsequently located in Cook County, where he died in 1869; his widow yet lives on the homestead. Edward remained at home until his marriage, which occurred May 23, 1877, with Caroline Korthauer, daughter of Esquire Korthauer, of this township. Since his marriage, he located where he now resides, and has been engaged in farming and running the Addison Mill. Having a steam engine of twenty-five horse-power, he is never compelled to cease running his mill, when the wind is not sufficient to propel the machinery. He has two children—Mary Christina and Bertie E.

FREDERICK FISCHER, farmer, P. O. Elmhurst. Henry D., the eldest brother of Frederick, emigrated to this country in 1833; came first to Chicago, and shortly after, took a claim on Section 27, in Addison Township. The remainder of the family came in the fall of 1836, and have since been identified with the interests of Du Page County. Frederick was born March 17, 1823, in Hanover. His father was Conrad Fischer, who married Louisa Reinking, and the fruits of this marriage were three sons and three daughters—Henry D., Louisa, Frederick, Augustus, Caroline and Wilhelmenia; the latter was accidentally drowned while coming to this country. Louisa married Henry Bielfeld, now of Milwaukee; Caroline, wife of Louis Rathje. Conrad Fischer and his family settled where George Fisher now lives, in this township, where he remained until his death, having attained to the age of over fourscore years; he was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was a man of substantial character and highly respected. Frederick has been a constant resident of this township, and

has been successful as a farmer, having 630 acres of choice land. He has been twice married—first, in 1847, to Henrietta Mesenbrink, who died in 1880, leaving three children—Louisa, Caroline and Albert. Louisa is the wife of Fred Koch, United States Gauger; Caroline married Fred Buchold, and Albert lives in Chicago. His present wife was Mrs. Dorothe Poehlsen, daughter of Ludwig and Charlotte (Bube) Kluto. Mr. Fisher moved to his present location in 1845.

AUGUST FISCHER, farmer and stock-raiser, P. O. Elmhurst, was born February 26, 1826 at Estorf, in the Kingdom of Hanover, and is the third son born to Conrad and Louisa (Reinking) Fischer. August was but ten years of age when his parents located in this township. He married, May 27, 1849, Eliza Hackrott, who was born December 25, 1828, near the city of Hanover. Her parents were August and Mary (Krueger) Hackrott, who emigrated from the old country and settled in this township in 1842, on land adjacent to the Fischer estate. August Hackrott was born in the summer of 1800; his wife Mary on February 27, the same year. To them eleven children were born, seven of whom lived to be grown, Mrs. Fischer being the only one of the family remaining in Du Page County. Her father died in 1852, her mother in 1849; they were members of the Evangelical Church. After Mr. Fischer's marriage, he located on the farm he now occupies, where he had then but 200 acres of land; he has now over 1,500 acres in all, 400 in Iowa, the remainder in this and the adjoining county. Farming has been his business since he began life for himself; he keeps a dairy of over fifty cows and is a very successful farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer are parents of five children, four living—Otto, Amelia, Gustave and Charles. Amelia resides in Elmhurst, wife of Adam S. Glos;

Otto, a farmer in this township; Gustave and Charles, at home.

GEORGE A. FISCHER, farmer, P. O. Addison, was born on the farm he now owns, January 30, 1851, the seventh son born to Henry Dietrich Fischer, born in 1815 in the village of Esdorf, in the Kingdom of Hanover; he learned the harness-maker's trade, and, in 1834, embarked for America. In 1836, his parents, two brothers and two sisters came to this section from the old country, and determined to engage in farming. In 1837, Henry D. married Ann Maria Franzen, daughter of Bernhard, one of the early settlers of this township. Mr. Fischer was a representative man of his time; he held the office of Justice of the Peace from 1854 up to the time of his death, July 1, 1868. In 1855, he was elected Supervisor, and was re-elected annually until 1859, and again in 1866. He was a staunch Republican. His children were as follows: Henry D., born May 21, 1838; Charles C., March 1, 1840, died 1855; Frederick I., July 30, 1842; Augustus H., October 1, 1844, was killed at Atlanta, Ga., August 13, 1864; Herman A., September 6, 1846; William H., December 18, 1848, died June 9, 1865; George A., June 30, 1851; Eliza C., June 25, 1853; William H., August 17, 1855; A. Henriette, November 27, 1857, died in 1859. George A. has succeeded his father on the homestead; he received good common-school advantages; also attended several terms at Wheaton College. He took charge of the farm in 1876. January 30, the same year, he married Mary C., daughter of B. H. Franzen and Charlotte Buchholz. Mary C. was born May 29, 1856, in Prussia; she has one brother, Augustus H., and two sisters—Louisa and Caroline. Mr. Fischer has 237 acres and the best of farm improvements. He has two children living—Edgar B. H. and Henry F. A.; Flora

died November 15, 1878, born December 27, 1876.

OTTO A. FISCHER, farmer, P. O. Elmhurst, is the oldest son of August Fisher, one of the prominent farmers and early settlers of the township. He was born March 16, 1850, and has been a resident of the township since. His school advantages were such as were obtained in the neighborhood at the common district school, which he completed by attending Dyrenfurth Commercial College, at Chicago; returning home, he continued work on the farm. July 16, 1874, he wedded Mary Weinrebe, daughter of August and Christina (Marges) Weinrebe. After his marriage, he located where he now resides, and engaged in farming and stock-raising. He has 195 acres in this, and 78 in Cook County. Has three children—Alfonso A., Eleanor E. and Alonzo G.

J. H. FRANZEN, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, was born in October, 1813, in Prussia, the eldest son and second child born to Barney H. Franzen and Fenne Adelherd Elfring; he was born October 4, 1782, and married in 1808; his wife Fenne was born March 18, 1781. To them were born Anna Catharine, John Henry, Annie Gesina, John Barney and Gerhard Henry. The family emigrated to the United States in 1834; the father died January 5, 1844; the mother April 3, 1835. July 1, 1838, he married Anne E. Dieckhoff, who was born in Hanover September 13, 1816, and died July 25, 1844, leaving four children, but two of whom are living—Mary and Sophia. Mary is the wife of Henry Kirchof; Sophia married Henry Fruchli. Herman was struck by lightning July 13, 1859. He was married in October, 1844, to Anna Catharine Deters, who was born September 14, 1824, and by her ten children were born, seven living—Barney, born October 2, 1845; Caroline, born August 11, 1847;

Emma C., born April 6, 1849; Carl August, born September 28, 1852; John Henry, born February 27, 1855, died March 7, 1880; Dorothy, born January 25, 1857; Fred W., born March 18, 1861; Herman H., born September 3, 1868. Mr. Franzen has thirty-eight grandchildren. For several years after his coming here he was engaged in running an oil-mill; aside from this, he has given attention to farming. He has about 250 acres here and 600 in Minnesota. He has now retired from active life and is enjoying the fruits of his labor in quiet and contentment.

HENRY FRANZEN, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, is a son of John Franzen, a native of Prussia, who came to Du Page County in 1837, and was identified with the county until his death. He first settled on the farm now owned by George Eiterman, and followed farming. Henry was born June 20, 1836, and has given his time and attention to farming. July 16, 1858, he was married to Louisa Eiterman, born in August, 1842, daughter of John George Eiterman, who came here in 1842. Since his marriage, Mr. Franzen has been located on the farm he now owns. He has had nine children, seven of whom are living—Sophia, the eldest, residing in Elk Grove Township, Cook County, wife of Fred Everding; Elvena, Matilda, Julius, Emil, Lizzie and Hulda; Henry, who died in his sixth year, and a babe who died young. Mr. Franzen has 106 acres here, upon which are nice farm buildings and a residence large and commodious. He has also 120 acres located in Cook County. He is a member of the Evangelical Church.

C. A. FRANZEN, lumber and warehouse Bensenville, was born in this township September 28, 1852, second son of John H. Franzen; he received a good common-school education, and afterward graduated at Bryant

& Stratton's Commercial College at Chicago, after which he returned home, where he remained one summer; then went to Bensenville and took charge of the warehouse and managed the business for his father. Since that time, the business has been turned over to him, and he has been conducting the same upon his own account. He has the control of the lumber, grain, coal and feed trade at this place, and has a good patronage. March 14, 1875, he married Mary, daughter of Fred Heuer, of this township; three children have blessed this union—George, Ida and Rosa.

DR. JOHN G. FRANKE, physician, Addison, was born in Fuerstenthum, Schwartzburg, Rudoestadt, Germany, son of Christian Franke and Augusta Regen. Christian came to Jefferson County, Penn., in 1854, and engaged in farming and in the lumber trade. The Doctor remained in Germany until 1858, attending school; he went to Pennsylvania, and there began the study of medicine, under a German physician; in 1861, he went to Ann Arbor, Mich.; afterward attended the best schools in Cincinnati and received the benefits of Rush Medical College and began practice in 1865, at Brush Hill, in this county, where he continued until the fall of 1876, when he removed to Addison and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, and is doing well; his thorough knowledge of his profession is being recognized. In the fall of 1866, he married Olive, daughter of David Thurston, one of the early settlers in York Township. He has four children—Ada, Amelia, Freddie and Ella L. Member of the Lutheran Church.

FRED FEDDERCKE, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, was born in Neustadt, in Hanover, August 5, 1838, only son of Diedrich and Sophia Feddercke. The family came to Du Page County in the year 1840, where his father purchased seventy-four acres on

Section 2, at \$2.50 per acre, there being no improvements on the same. There were but two children born to Diedrich and Sophia Feddercke—Fred and Sophia; the latter resides in Cook County, wife of Henry Heuer. Fred came to this county four years after his father, and has always remained on the farm. In his twenty-second year, October 15, he married Sophia Oelerking, born in Hanover, daughter of John Oelerking. Mr. Feddercke has 132 acres of land. Is a member of the Lutheran Church. He has seven children—Beteni, Sophia, Regina, Martha, Clara, Bertha and August.

JOHN GODFREY, farmer, P. O. Itasca, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, about the year 1817, eldest son of William and Elizabeth (McCarty) Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey shipped from Liverpool in April, 1851, and landed at New York May 20 following; he first went down to Cape May, where he worked a short time; afterward worked at Altoona, Penn., and finally came to Illinois, in November, the same year, having nothing but his hands to assist him, but he was willing and ready to work, and hired out, getting at first but \$8 per month; afterward, he hired out at the rate of \$100 per year, and he continued on in this way about three years. In 1854, he purchased sixty-seven and a half acres on Section 5, which cost him \$10 per acre, borrowing the money to pay for it, and in due time paid off every dollar. In 1868, he added another portion of about sixty-seven acres, which cost him \$66 per acre, and has since been a resident of Addison Township; he has also 240 acres in Iowa. In 1853, he married Hannah Griffin, a native of County Kerry, Ireland, daughter of Thomas Griffin, and by her has four children—William, John, Mary and Eliza, all at home.

FRED HEUER, farmer, P. O. Salt Creek, was born October 21, 1831, near the city of

Hanover, Germany, second son of a family of three children. His father's name was Henry Heuer, who married a Miss Kulman, who bore him three children—Henry, Frederick and Lena. The family left the old country in 1844, and came to this State and located in Cook County; here Henry Heuer, the father, died; his son Henry resides there still; Lena resides in Chicago, wife of Henry Oehlerking; Frederick came here in 1854, having purchased land the year previous; since his location here has been a constant resident. He has 240 acres of land. Since 1865, he has been County Commissioner, and filled some minor positions in the township, as Trustee and School Director. He was first married, in January, 1852, to Christina Oehlerking, who died in 1858, leaving two children—Emma and Mary. Emma is the wife of Herman H. Korthauer, of Bensenville. Mary married August Franzen, also in Bensenville. His second wife was Mena Reker, who died in 1860, leaving one child—Edie, who resides on the farm adjoining. His present wife was Amelia, sister to his last wife; by her he has three children—Mena, wife of William Kussack, of Franklin County, Iowa; George and Amanda, at home.

HENRY HEIDORN, farmer, P. O. Salt Creek, born February 10, 1849, in Amt Neustadt, Province of Hanover; his father, Henry Heidorn, born June, 1800, in the same province, married Mary Biermann, who bore him seven children, two of whom came to the years of maturity. Subject's parents died in the old country, and none of the family ever came to America but Henry. He was raised on the farm at home, and, in the spring of 1867, emigrated to this country, arriving at New York on February 15, and soon after came to this State. He spent about three years in Cook County at work on a farm,

where, in the fall of 1869, he purchased sixty acres of land and kept it until 1870, when he came to this county, locating where he now resides. His farm is situated on Section 3, in this township, and is known as the Luehers farm; he has 160 acres, eighty in this township and the remainder in Cook County, adjoining. November 4, 1870, he married Adelheid Luehers, daughter of one of the old settlers in this township, now deceased. He has four children—Herman, Fred, Ernest and Henry. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of this township.

HENRY KORTHAUER, farmer, P. O. Bensenville. The great-grandfather of our subject was John Henry Korthauer; he married Anne Sophia Stuken, who bore him two sons and two daughters—Daniel, Henry, Maria and Anna Catharine. In direct line comes Daniel, who, in 1785, married Catharine Margarita Doebbeken, of Engebostel; she bore him three children, but one of the number lived to be grown, viz., John Henry Korthauer, who was born July 17, 1789. December 11, 1812, he married Catharine Dotendorf, whose parents were George Ernest Dotendorf and Doratha Gravemeier. To John Henry and Doratha were born nine children, six of whom grew up; five of the number are yet living, of whom Henry, the subject of these lines, is one; he was born October 27, 1822, in the town of Bisendorf, in the Kingdom of Hanover; he emigrated to America with his parents in the fall of 1840, arriving at New York; navigation being closed, they were detained there until the spring of the following year, when they came to this county, locating on the section of land where Henry now resides. He had loaned money to the man owning the land, who failed to return it as agreed, and Mr. Korthauer took the land in lieu of the money, and improved it and remained on the same until he died, 1876; his wife in 1865.

Of the five children living, they are located as follows: Louisa resides in Peabody, Marion Co., Kan., wife of Frederick Seybold; Henrietta is the wife of Fred Graue, of York Township, this county; Caroline resides in Elmhurst, relict of Diedrich Struckman; George resides in Oregon; Henry has always been a resident of the township since he came. His father, being of mechanical turn of mind, taught his son Henry the carpenter's trade, at which he worked while young; soon after coming to his majority, he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has been twice married—first, November 18, 1852, to Mary Kirchoff, who was born in Hanover, daughter of Henry and Christina (Ofingsten) Kerchhoff; she died May 1, 1874, having borne him three children, viz., Herman, Caroline and William. May 28, 1876, he married Mrs. Mary Stueve, who was born in Hanover October 10, 1827; she was a daughter of Henry Hoppensteat and Doratha Biermann, who came to this country in 1842. Mr. Korthauer has 195 acres of land; he for several years was giving some attention to the nursery business, but farming has been his principal interest. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1870, and has since been re-elected; was six years Supervisor, and has always been a staunch Republican and a member of the Evangelical Church.

F. L. KRAGE, retired farmer, P. O. Addison. Of the old-time settlers living who came here in 1837, Mr. Krage is one of the few remaining. Frederick Louis Krage was born April 28, 1827, near the village of Laderholz, in the Kingdom of Hanover. He was the only son and eldest child of Frederick William Krage, who was born March 17, 1800, in Rodenwaldt, a farmer and carpenter by trade; his wife was Anna Mary Doratha Stuenkel, born January 4, 1802, daughter of Louis Stuenkel. The family came here in

1837, purchasing a claim on Section 34, of Richard Kingston; upon this the father settled with his family, and remained here until his death, August 18, 1872; his wife died the year after their arrival here, July 18, 1838. The children born to them were Fred L., Louisa, who married Henry Graue; Mary, wife of Peter Meville, of Chicago, and Caroline, who was the wife of August Graue, now deceased. Fred L. has always remained on the homestead, being the only son. He has been thrice married—first, July 24, 1851, to Wilhelmina Graue, daughter of Fred Graue; she died November 20, 1862; but one child now living by her—Augusta, wife of Fred Stuenkel, now of Arlington Heights. His second marriage was, April 24, 1863, to Mary Weber, daughter of Henry Weber; she died November 10, 1866; by her two children were born—Caroline and Mary. Caroline is the wife of Otto Feine. April 5, 1867, he married Caroline Graue, daughter of Fred Graue, of York Township; by her five children were born, viz., Louis, Emily, Fred, Paulina and August. Mr. Krage has over 500 acres of land; is a successful farmer and a Lutheran.

HENRY F. KOLZE, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, was born in Cook County, Ill., in the Kolze settlement June 6, 1856. He is the eldest son and child of Henry and Mary (Resto) Kolze, both natives of Hanover, who, upon their arrival in this country, located in Cook County, where they raised a family—two sons and four daughters. Next in order of birth to Henry is Louisa, who is the wife of Fred Arbecker, residing in Cook County. Elvena resides in Addison Township, wife of George Basenburg. Lillie is also a resident of this township; she is the wife of William Franzen. Amelia resides with her parents in Cook County. Henry Fred remained on his father's farm in Cook County until his marriage, which occurred May 12, 1876,

when he married Minnie Steve, who was born September 18, 1858, on the farm where she now lives, upon which Mr. Kolze settled after his marriage. The homestead consists of 100 acres; he also owns 136 acres in Cook County, Ill.; he has four children—Lizzie, Lillie, Clara and Tillie.

FRED E. LESTER, merchant, Postmaster, farmer and proprietor of the cheese factory, P. O. Salt Creek, was born in Clinton, N. Y., July 3, 1828, and is the youngest child of Edward and Hannah (Newton) Lester. Edward Lester, subject's father, was of English descent and was born on Long Island; he was a farmer of mechanical turn of mind, and served during the war of 1812; he came to Illinois in the fall of 1835; lived for a short time on Section 16, in this township, then located permanently on Section 9, where he died at the age of seventy-four years; his wife died in August, 1846; they had seven children, five of whom are living—Lewis, died August 7, 1879; Marshall; John, died in Minnesota; Julia, residing in Racine, Wis., wife of Edgar Waite; Daniel, in Wayne Township, this county; Acentha, residing in Elgin, Ill., wife of F. W. Wright, and Fred E. Mr. Lester was married, May 31, 1854, to Julia A. Duncklee, the first child born in this township, born in Section 10 January 8, 1835, daughter of Ebenezer and Amy (Higley) Duncklee. Ebenezer Duncklee was born in Hillsboro, N. H., March 22, 1797; he was a member of the Congregational Church, a Whig and the first Abolitionist in this township; he died July 22, 1863, aged sixty-six years; his wife, born in Shoreham, Vt., November 22, 1799, was killed by a cyclone blowing down the house, in which there were nineteen persons at the time, March 13, 1852. They had seven children—Elizabeth A., wife of James A. Hawks, of Nebraska; Abbey T., wife of Lorenzo D. Newton, of

Whiteside County, Ill.; Alonzo, residing near Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Julia A. (Mrs. Lester); Emily, married H. P. Goodrich, of Chicago, and died in that city; Ellen, married Hiram Amick, of Chicago, and Alma M., married Reuben Bunnell, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Lester have been blessed with eight children, four of whom are living—Edward W., living on the Lester homestead, married, in 1880, to Addie L. Stevens, and has one child—Carrie C.; Newton M., Lottie M., Mabel J.; Hattie, died aged eight years; Charles, six years; Alma, eight months, and Birdie, eighteen months. Mr. Lester located on his present place, which consists of 212 acres, May 31, 1854, and lived for some time in a log cabin on the farm; the place was at that time \$2,500 in debt. Mr. Lester, when eighteen years old, lost a limb in an accident while working on a threshing machine. He was elected Postmaster in 1874, and has since held that office; opened up his cheese factory in 1873, and, in February, 1878, engaged in mercantile business. He is a Republican; his father was a staunch Democrat.

WILLIAM LEESEBERG, farmer, P. O. Addison, was born November 13, 1818, in Amt Neustadt, Province of Hanover, eldest son and third child of the family. His father, George F., was born in the same locality; his wife's maiden name was Mary Scheele. William landed in New Orleans in 1838, and, in March the following year, came to St. Louis and thence to this county, in August the same year, but soon returned to St. Louis, where he worked two years. He purchased eighty acres where he now resides, paying for it with his own earnings. He has, since his location here, been engaged in farming. He has served as Justice of the Peace several terms, and is now the incumbent of that office; he has also held other offices in the township and important positions in the

college here as an official, and in the church he has borne a prominent part. August 23, 1844, he married Rebecca A. Brettmann, born February 1, 1819, in Hanover, daughter of John Henry and Anna (Alfken) Brettmann; her father was one of the early settlers of the township, coming in 1842; he had six children—Mrs. L. being the youngest of the number. Mr. Leeseberg has eight children; the eldest was Frederick, who died in March, 1863, in Gallatin, Tenn., and was a soldier in Company I, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Louisa married and resides in Elgin, this State; Sophia resides at Oak Park, wife of John W. Senne; Mary died January 27, 1881, in Chicago, wife of August Ganske; Emma lives in Fond du Lac, Wis., wife of Rudolph Fretzke; Adolph died, aged eight years; Louis and William, the latter a teacher in St. Louis.

BARNEY H. LANDMEIER, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, born April 21, 1838, in Prussia, eldest son and second child of Barney and Elsebine (Oesterfink) Landmeier, who emigrated to this country in 1848, and located on Section 2, the land costing \$4 per acre, without improvements. This land Barney H. now owns, on which he has built a handsome brick residence; has rebuilt the barn and has the farm in good shape. His father is yet living; his mother died in November, 1881; members of the new church (Lutheran); they raised a family of three children—Ellen, the eldest, resides at Elk Grove, in Cook County, wife of Henry Scheringhausen; Barney H. and Henry, the latter residing in Cook County. Barney has been twice married—first, October 4, 1861, to Ellen Schoppe, who was born in this county, daughter of Barney Schoppe, she died October 22, 1864; no children living. May 25, 1865, he married Mary Schoppe, sister of his first wife, and by her has had eight

children, six living—Henry, Alvena, Bertie, Clara, Leda and Barney.

HENRY LANDMEIER, farmer, P. O. Bensenville. Henry Landmeier is the eldest and only living son of George Landmeier and Mary Hilka, both natives of Prussia, where Henry was born June 11, 1834, and emigrated to this State with his parents, who settled in Addison Township, in 1838, his father purchasing a claim consisting of eighty acres. The family have since lived here and been engaged in agricultural pursuits. There were four children born to his parents, but only two came to maturity—Henry, our subject, and Louisa, who now resides in the State of Alabama, wife of Christopher Wolf. Henry has always remained upon the farm and assisted his father, and since his retirement has been in possession of the homestead, his parents residing with him. In July, 1856, he married Henrietta Everding, born in Germany, daughter of Henry Everling; he has six children living—Herman, Frederick, Alvena, Louis, Martha and Eddie; two died in infancy. He has about 180 acres of land, with good buildings thereon, and is a successful farmer. His parents and his family are members of the Evangelical Church.

HENRY B. MARSHALL, farmer, P. O. Salt Creek, was born in Leyden, Cook County, September 11, 1855; his father was Barney Marshall, who was born in Prussia. His mother's maiden name was Annie Law. The family emigrated to this country in the early part of 1853, coming first to Cook County, where subject's father rented land several years; afterward, came to this township, and, for seven years, rented land on Section 2, where Barney Franzen now lives; subsequently, he purchased the farm now occupied by Henry B., which consists of 125 acres. The house is new and situated on a pleasing eminence, with a grove surrounding it, mak-

ing it a desirable and pretty place. There were nine children born to Barney and Annie Marshall; those living are Barney, Annie, wife of Henry Melhap, in Cook County; Emily, living in Chicago, wife of August Schack; Mary, wife of Henry Magers, of Cook County; Henry B., Louisa and Herman; the latter is in Chicago. Henry B. was married, October 18, 1880, to Mary Khle, who was born in Cook County, daughter of Henry and Louisa (Hoffman) Khle, both of the Province of Hanover. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have one child—Malinda. Since his marriage, Mr. Marshall has had charge of the farm.

LOUIS J. MARCKMANN, saloon, Bensenville, was born September 16, 1833, in Ehlanfeldt Mecklenburg Strelitz, son of Christian Marckmann and Augusta Radckee; he was born April 30, 1794, a shoemaker by trade. Louis was left fatherless at the age of seven, his father being killed by accident August 26, 1841, and, at the age of fourteen, he went to learn the tailor's trade, at which he worked until twenty-two years of age, when he entered the army. In September, 1859, he came to Chicago and engaged at his trade; then in the grocery business for five years, after which he run an orchestrian hall; he then returned to his trade again, which he carried on until he came to Bensenville, June, 1877. He has been thrice married—first time, in October, 1859, to Joanna Henrich; she died, leaving one daughter—Augusta now living; his second wife was Wilhemina Foss, a daughter of J. Henry Foss; she died, leaving no issue. His present wife was Mrs. Caroline Hafer, daughter of Henry Kline.

L. F. MAGERS, lumber and grain, Itasca. The grain, lumber and coal interests of Itasca are ably represented by L. F. Magers, who has recently established himself in this line; he has erected an elevator, with side-track and

switch, coal shed, etc., and is ready for business. He is a native of this State, born April 28, 1855, in Elk Grove, Cook County. He is a son of Conrad and Mary (Wischsteadt) Magers, both natives of Germany, who came to this State about the year 1850 and settled in Cook County. The subject of these lines left home when ten years of age, and early in life learned to care for himself; he had but limited education, having to provide for his own maintenance while other boys of his age were attending school. At the age of seventeen, he began learning the carpenter's trade; he subsequently engaged as clerk in a wholesale establishment in Chicago, two years, and afterward, carried on a saloon one year. In the fall of 1876, he came to Itasca, and started a general store, which he run successfully nearly six years; then sold out to William Baruth, the present proprietor. In the spring of 1882, he set about building an elevator, and built a switch and side-track, which he has completed. From his acquaintance with the people, and his known business qualifications, he will be a valuable component to the town and an assistance to the farmers. November, 1876, he married Emma, daughter of William Scharringhausen and Mary Klunder.

CHARLES MARTIN, blacksmith, Bensenville, is a native of this township, born July 5, 1859, the eldest son of Charles Martin, a native of Mecklenburg; his mother's maiden name was Doratha Colso. The family emigrated to this country about the year 1857; his father was a blacksmith by trade, at which he worked in this township, where he lived until his demise, in September, 1866; his widow is yet living. The subject of these lines left home at the age of seventeen, and began learning the trade of his father's choice. He worked with Louis Schroeder for four years, and, in the fall of 1880, came to Bensenville and purchased the shop

and good will of William Oelrich, and set up in business for himself, and has since been doing a thriving business. October 10, 1880, he married Emily Eickhoff, a native of this township, daughter of Fred and Charlotte (Krage) Eickhoff. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

FRANK ORT, harness-maker, Bensenville, came here and set up in business in October, 1878, and has since carried on harness-making. He was born October 17, 1857, in Proviso, Cook Co., Ill., and is the youngest of four children, two sons and two daughters. His father, Paul Ort, was a native of Hesse Darmstadt, and a farmer by occupation; when he came to Chicago, he had but 25 cents in money; he, however, finally purchased land of his own. He met with a tragic death, in February, 1877; his wife survives him. The children born them are Eva, wife of George Glock; Sebastian, and Agnes, wife of James Pollock, all of Chicago, and Frank. Frank remained at home until fourteen years of age, when he hired out as clerk and worked in stores until he was nineteen, when he went to Chicago to learn the harness-maker's trade, remaining there until he completed the same. When he came to Bensenville, he purchased Mr. Snyder's interest, and began in business one door north of his present place of business. When he got his building finished, all he had left was \$75, with which to buy stock. However, he made a commencement, and, by diligence and attention to business, he has built up a fair trade, which he hopes to yet enlarge. He has a new building in which he lives and has a commodious place. December 19, 1880, he married Dorathy Franzen, born January 25, 1857, in this township, daughter of John H. Franzen, a well-known resident of the township. They have one child—Rosa, born January 28, 1882.

HENRY PLAGGE, farmer, P. O. Addison; is now living on the farm where he was born, which event took place January 22, 1848; his father, William Plagge, was born March 7, 1800, in the Kingdom of Hanover, and came to this county about the year 1838, and purchased a claim of 160 acres, upon which there were only limited improvements—a log cabin, etc.—for which he paid \$100. Here he settled on Section 36, and spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring July 2, 1870; he was a good man and a member of the Lutheran Church; his widow yet survives him and yet resides on the homestead with her son Henry. There were three children—Frederick, Henry and Charles. Henry has always remained on the farm. June, 1871, he married Louisa, daughter of William Heuer, of this township; by her he has had four children, three of whom are living—Herman, Charles and Anne. William died in his fifth year. Mr. Plagge has a snug farm, with good improvements thereon. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON, farmer, P. O. Itasca, is a native of the Green Mountains, born May 9, 1821, in Topshaw, Orange Co., Vt., fifth son and eighth child of Thomas Richardson, a native of Connecticut of Scotch descent, who married Dorathy Templeton, who bore him the following children: Thomas, Sarah, Matthew, Dorathy, Moses, Polly, Mark, William, Robert, who grew to man and womanhood. Subject's parents died in Vermont. William, on attaining his majority, hired out by the month, working for \$10 and \$12 per month, and continued on in this way until the year 1847. About this time he married, on May 2, Susan Martin, who was born in Bradford, Vt., June 27, 1827, daughter of Nathaniel and Betsey (Sawyer) Bradford, he a native of Vermont, she of Canada. After Mr. Richardson's mar-

riage, he and wife came West, locating here in Addison Township, and, with the exception of eight years spent in Wheaton, to educate their children, they have been constant residents of the township. He purchased 240 acres, at \$4.50 per acre. He has five children living—Mark, Horace, Jeannette, William and Maria. Jeannette resides in Wayne Township, wife of Allen J. Spitzer; William is traveling for a drug house; Maria resides in Stanton, Neb., wife of Charles Howard; Horace resides in Milton Township, and Mark is at home on the farm. Mr. Richardson's farm now consists of 193 acres, which is situated near Itasca, and is well adapted to farming and dairying purposes. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church.

FREDERICK ROTERMUND, Bensenville, is one of the substantial citizens and among the early arrivals of this township. He was born June 18, 1812, in the Kingdom of Hanover, and emigrated to this country with the Brettmann family in 1842. He located near the place he now owns, on the border of Cook County; the land he since sold to Esquire Korthauer. After his arrival here, he married Wilhemena Schmidt, daughter of Henry Schmidt. Ten children were the fruits of this marriage—Henry B. and Frederick, reside in Cook County; William M., in Bloomingdale; August G.; Bertha, resides at Half Day, wife of Henry Struckman; Louis M., in Lombard; Herman, at home; August G., resides on the home farm; he was born July 18, 1851, and raised to farming pursuits. In September, 1874, he married Louisa, born in Cook County, daughter of Deitrich Meyer and Dora Dierking. August removed to Bloomingdale Township after his marriage, where he purchased land, and lived two years, and, on account of his father's advanced age and consequent retire-

ment, he returned to the homestead farm, where he now resides and carries on the homestead, giving his attention to farming and dairying. Has three children—Emania, Edie and Laura.

ELIJAH SMITH, retired physician, Itasca, the founder of the town, was born May 8, 1815, in Morristown, N. J.; his father was Abner Smith, son of Elijah, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war. Abner Smith was born June 5, 1786, and, March 9, 1809, he married Sarah Sutton, who was born August 7, 1784. To Abner and Sarah Smith were born seven children. Elijah died in Chicago, in September, 1847. The Doctor had two sons by his second wife—Allen and Frank Amasa; Allen was born in 1852 and died in 1863; Frank A. is at home with his father. November 16, 1875, he was married to Mrs. Jeanette Allen-Smith, relict of Samuel Smith; she was a sister of his second wife. Mrs. Smith's husband died in Austin, Texas, January 29, 1873. Our subject at the age of nineteen began reading medicine with his brother, Dr. John Smith, and afterward attended lectures in New York City, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and subsequently received his diploma, June 25, 1838. He came to this State in May, 1841, and settled where he now lives, in June, same year; he first bought eighty acres of land and began the practice of his profession; he added to his first purchase at different times until he owned over 400 acres. He has been farming and practicing medicine until within a few years past; he has sold off the greater portion of his land, having now 140 acres. He still attends to some calls from his friends, but only in urgent cases. In 1873, he laid off eighty acres of land and platted the town of Itasca, gave the right of way to the Chicago & Pacific Railroad, and has done much to encourage the building of

the town. He cast his first vote for Henry Clay. He has been thrice married—first, February 10, 1841, to Jane C., daughter of Richard Smith, of Herkimer County, N. Y.; she died May 31, 1846, leaving no issue. May 23, 1850, he married Mary, daughter of Deacon Elijah and Anna (Hotchkins) Allen, of Stockbridge, Vt.

D. SCHMIDT, farmer, P. O. Bensenville. Of the substantial families of Addison Township, the Schmidt family stand among the first. Deitrich Schmidt was born April 9, 1826, near Stulznau, in Landesbergen, in the Kingdom of Hanover, and is the youngest of a family of twelve children born to John Henry Schmidt, who moved here with his family in 1835, arriving in June and purchasing a claim; he located on it, and about him afterward settled his sons. Deitrich was first married to Sophia Steager, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt; she was killed by lightning in 1852; his second wife, Louisa, daughter of Yost Turner, who was an early settler in the county. Mr. Schmidt has seven children, six sons and one daughter—August, George, Alexander Deitrich, Edwin, Herman; his daughter Sophia married Barney Franzen. He has several hundred acres here and 305 in Iowa. He is a successful farmer and substantial citizen of the community.

LOUIS SCHMIDT, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, was born January 15, 1840, on the farm he now owns, which his father located in 1839; his father was Louis, born in the Kingdom of Hanover in 1808, who came to this county in 1835, with his brothers and father, all of whom settled in this immediate neighborhood, the land being yet in the possession of the family. The mother of our subject was Louisa Fischer, who bore her husband three children—Louis, Louisa and Caroline; both of the sisters are now de-

ceased. The father died in 1876, the mother in 1854. August 15, 1862, he volunteered in Company I, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, retiring from the service with the rank of Sergeant. He participated in all the battles of the war in which his company was engaged. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and it may be said of Louis Schmidt that as a soldier and comrade he knew his duty and performed the same with fidelity and zeal. In the fall of 1867, he was first married, his wife being Hannah Ahrbecker, who died, leaving him four children—Ida C., Herman A., Emma and Louisa. August 29, 1880, he married his present wife, Mrs. Frederica Schutte, by whom he has had four children, three living—Ida, Emma and Annie. Mrs. Schmidt's maiden name was Franzen, daughter of Gerhart and Catharina (Hartbeck) Franzen. Mr. Schmidt has an excellent farm of 213 acres, with stone house and the best of barns and farm implements. In politics, Mr. Schmidt has always been a staunch Republican, and is generally selected by his party to represent them in caucuses and conventions.

ERNST C. SCHROEDER, blacksmith, Itasca; is one of the oldest smiths in Addison Township, having been here since 1856; he learned his trade with his father in Germany, where he was born in April, 1833, and came to America in 1854, making Chicago his home for two years prior to his coming here. His father, Charles Frederick Schroeder, was born in Mechlenburg October 24, 1801, and, April 25, he married Hannah Maria Steuve. Ernest worked at his trade while in Chicago the first year for Peter Schutler; the remainder of the time for Pierce, Tucker & Hicks. After he came to this township, he worked first for Fred Seibold. Afterward, he and

his father started a shop of their own, and worked together until 1860; he also carried on business at Sagone until 1873, and since then has been a resident of Itasca. He has valuable property in Itasca, besides about 130 acres of land in the township. He does a thriving business at his trade, and has given much time and spent a deal of money in inventing and perfecting mechanical appliances; one of them he has brought to completion, called the revolving coupling for bobsleds, which is a success, and he has a patent therefor. His second machine is a combination machine, potato-planter and cultivator. January 27, 1863, he married Christina Beck, born in January, 1845, near Detroit, Mich., daughter of Barney and Margaret (Leser) Beck, she a native of France, he of Baden Baden, and came to this country about the year 1833. Mr. Schroeder has four children—Josephine, William, Cecelia and Victor. Caroline and Joanna died young.

LOUIS SCHROEDER, blacksmith, Bensenville, was born June 28, 1839, in Giewitz, Mecklenberg, second son and sixth child born to Charles Frederick and Maria (Stueve) Schroeder. Louis came to America with his parents in 1854, landing in New York September 6, and coming to Chicago, where they remained about one year and a half. In the spring of 1856, he came to Du Page County. His father was a blacksmith, of whom he learned his trade, and worked with him until thirty years of age. In 1877, Louis came to Bensenville and built the shop he now owns; he carries on wagon-making also. July 2, 1869, he married Doris Biermann, born in August, 1852, in Province of Hanover; her parents were Rudolph and Margareta (Goelner) Biermann, who came to Cook County in 1862; her father died in 1867; mother living. They had five children, three now living—Mrs. Schroeder, Henry and Lizzie, wife of

Henry Dresster, of Leyden. Her father was a cabinet-maker in the old country, but followed the carpenter's trade after coming here. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have three children—Louis, Alexander and Annie. Is a member of the Evangelical Church.

LOUIS STUENKEL, cheese factory, Addison, was born October 6, 1838, in this township, youngest son of Frederick and Doratha Stuenkel. Frederick Stuenkel was a native of the Kingdom of Hanover; emigrated to this locality in the fall of 1836, and purchased a claim of 240 acres for \$300. He died August 7, 1850; his wife also died in August, four years later; to them were born six children, four of whom lived to be grown—Henry, Fred, William and Louis. Their father was a Lutheran and a Democrat. Louis at an early age worked industriously at whatever promised the quickest and surest returns. In 1861, he began merchandising at Addison, and continued in business there about eleven years, when he sold out to his brother Fred and engaged in the manufacture of butter and cheese at this place. He has been twice married—first, at the age of twenty-four, to Lena Blacke, a native of this township, daughter of Lewis B. and Mena (Flagge) Blacke, who came to this township in 1843; she died in August, 1871, leaving three children—Julius, Ella and Emma. His last wife was Mary Rotermund, also a native of this township, daughter of Henry and Doratha (Fiene) Rotermund, who came here in 1841. By his last marriage, seven children were born, six living—Adolph, Leopold, Caroline, Doratha, Lucy and Melinda. Mr. Stuenkel is a Lutheran.

HENRY FRED STUENKEL, Addison, only son of Henry Stuenkel, of this township; he was born on the farm he now owns June 28, 1847, and has since been a resident of the township. He took charge of the farm in

1877. June 12, 1875, he married Louisa Turner, who was born in Elk Township, in Cook County, daughter of Fred and Louisa Turner. Has one child—Louisa, born October 4, 1880; one child deceased, named Henry, aged two years and four months. Has 150 acres; is a Lutheran.

JOHN H. SCHOPPE, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, who was born June 28, 1850, on the northeast quarter of Section 1, in Addison Township. His father, Barney Schoppe, located there about 1847; he was born October 15, 1819, in Schale Chreis Techlenberg, Prussia, a son of John Schoppe, whose wife's family name was Stueve, both of whom are yet living, though very old, having outlived their son Barney, who came with them from the old country; he died January 20, 1880, his wife January 30, 1878. They had six children, three living—Mary, John H. and Barney. Mary resides in this township, wife of Barney Landmeier; Barney resides on farm adjoining the homestead, which is located in Cook County. Barney, the father of John H., was a member of the Evangelical Church, and soon after coming here identified himself with the Republican party, and remained a supporter of that party until his death. John H. now owns the homestead, consisting of 160 acres, which cost at the time of purchase \$10 per acre, and of which he took charge in 1876. He was married, March 22, 1877, to Amelia Kruger, born March 22, 1857, in Cook County, daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Beisner) Kruger, who settled in Du Page County in 1854, he a native of Prussia, she of Hesse Darmstadt. Mr. Schoppe has three children—Clara, John and Lillie.

BARNEY SCHOPPE, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, resides in Leyden Township, Cook County, on the line adjoining Du Page County. He was born February 28, 1854, on

the homestead farm, in Addison Township, this county, which place is located just across the road and adjoining his premises, where he was raised to maturity. He is the second son of Barney Schoppe. On December 23, 1878, he married Mary Wiemerslage, who was born March 15, 1861, in Cook County, eldest daughter of Fred and Mary (Middendish) Wiemerslage, who had but two children—Mrs. Schoppe and one son, August. After Mr. Schoppe married, he located on the farm he now owns, which his father gave him; he has 160 acres; he has two children—Rosa and Laura.

AUGUST SCHWERDTFEGER, farmer, P. O. Bensenville, was born on the farm he now owns, August 15, 1845. Charles Schwerdtfeger, August's father, was born in the Province of Hanover February 13, 1813, and came to America with his parents in 1833, settling first in Dearborn County, Ind., where they remained until about 1840, then removed to this county and settled in Addison Township, on the farm now owned by August; he (Charles) was married, in 1835, to Catharine Franzen, a native of Prussia, born August 10, 1810, daughter of Barnard Franzen, and from this union seven children were born; he died August 7, 1878. August has always lived on the farm, which his father settled and improved. He was married, April 14, 1872, to Alvena Krueger, born in Cook County, Ill., in 1854, who has borne him two children—Emil, born January 13, 1873, and Martha, born August 4, 1874. Mrs. Schwerdtfeger is a daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Beisner) Krueger. Mr. Schwerdtfeger owns 125 acres of prairie and sixteen of timber land.

WILLIAM STRUCKMEYER, Bensenville, is the founder of the cheese and butter factory of this place; he was born September 16, 1856, son of Louis Struckmeyer, who was

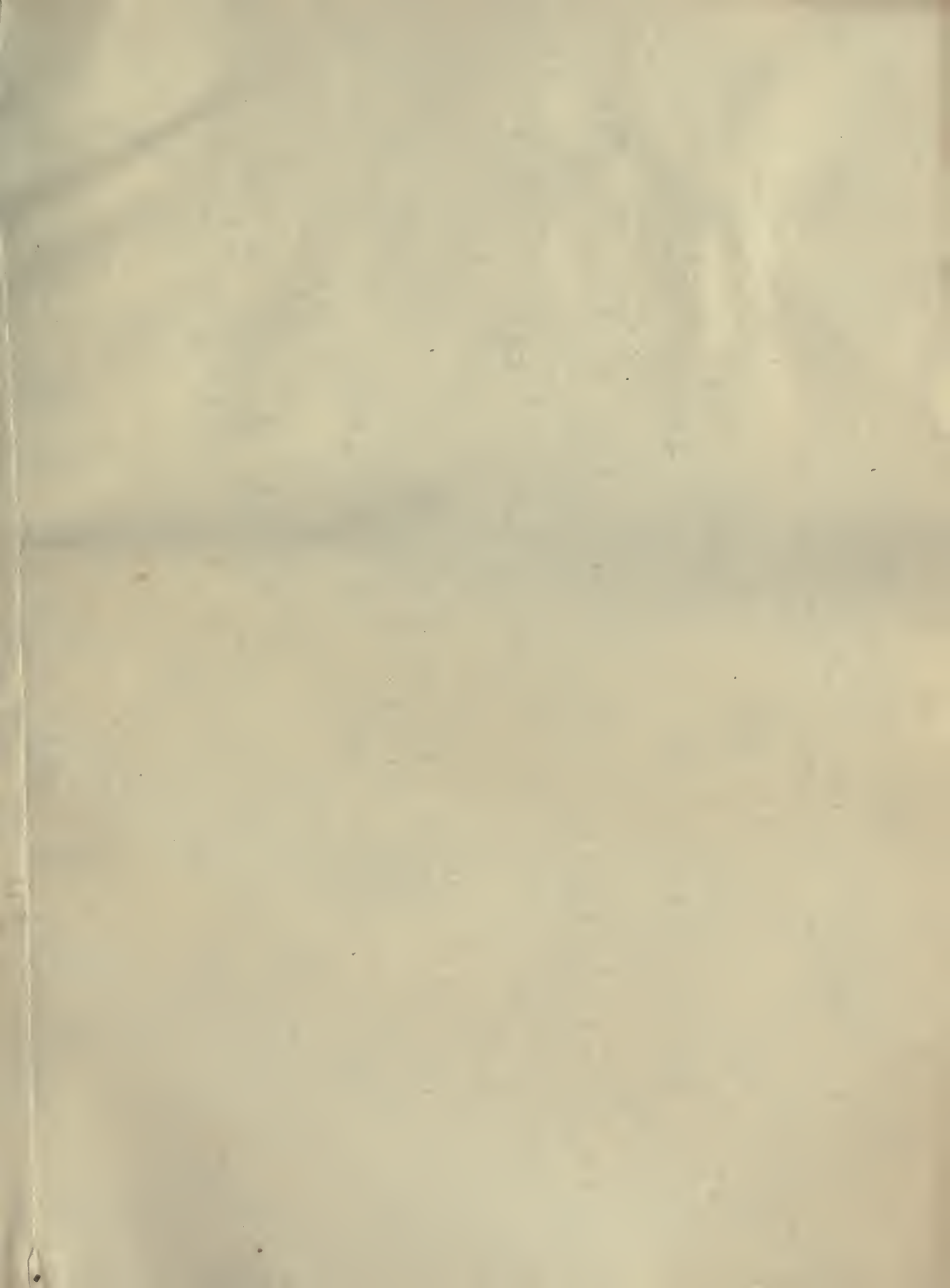
a stone-cutter by trade and died in the land of his birth in 1860. William emigrated to this State with his mother in 1867, landing at Chicago, where they remained a short time prior to their coming to this county. He worked until nineteen years of age among the farmers, and made the best of his time and opportunities. He then commenced learning butter and cheese making in Bloomingdale Township, with Fred Stuenkel, remaining there until July, 1878, when he came to Bensenville and established the factory he now runs, and has since been a valuable and necessary component to the town, as well as to the farmers in this portion of the county. July, 1878, he married Carrie, daughter of Fred Stuenkel, and by her has two children—Jennie and William.

P. T. TIEDEMANN, merchant, Bensenville, is one of the thriving and prosperous business men of this township; he was born on the Island of Fehmarn, District of Schleswig, now a part of Prussia, October 26, 1832, and is the fourth son and sixth child of Jacob and Anna D. (Haltermann) Tiedemann; he a sea captain, who had been a sailor all his life, died in New Orleans, La.; she died in her native country. M. Tiedemann emigrated to America, landed in New Orleans, and thence came to Chicago, in 1854, having but \$2.50 in his pocket when he arrived in the latter place. He secured a situation as clerk in the store of A. Bigelow, of Chicago, with whom he remained nine years, and, in 1864, having saved considerable money, began business on

his own account on Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, where he remained until the fall of 1877; he then moved to Bensenville, where he has since conducted a general store, doing a good trade. October 25, 1860, he married Anna M. Fortmann, a native of Oldenberg District, now part of Prussia, daughter of John and Mary (Wielage) Fortmann. Mrs. Tiedemann's parents, who came to Chicago in 1844, are both deceased, her father dying in 1857, her mother in 1855; they had three children—Mena, Mrs. Tiedemann and George, the former and the latter both of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Tiedemann are the parents of the following children: Jacob T., Thomas H., Dora Anna, Emma, Ananda, Frederick, William, Louisa, Minnie. Mr. Tiedemann has a brother Thomas in Chicago; William in Utah; Christian, Anna and Frederica in New Orleans, La.

WILLIAM WINKELMAN (deceased) was born in Hanover, Germany, in September, 1824; emigrated to America, bought land in this county and settled on it about the year 1855. He married Mary Bargman, a native of Germany, born in 1827, who bore him the following children: Henry, residing in Cook County, Ill.; William, on the homestead; Sophia, wife of Lewis Heina, Elgin, Ill.; Fred, farmer, in Cook County, Ill.; Barry, Herman, Emma, Edie and Martha. Mr. Winkelman moved on to his farm in 1860, where he resided until his death, which occurred November 19, 1877. The farm consists of 160 acres of good land.





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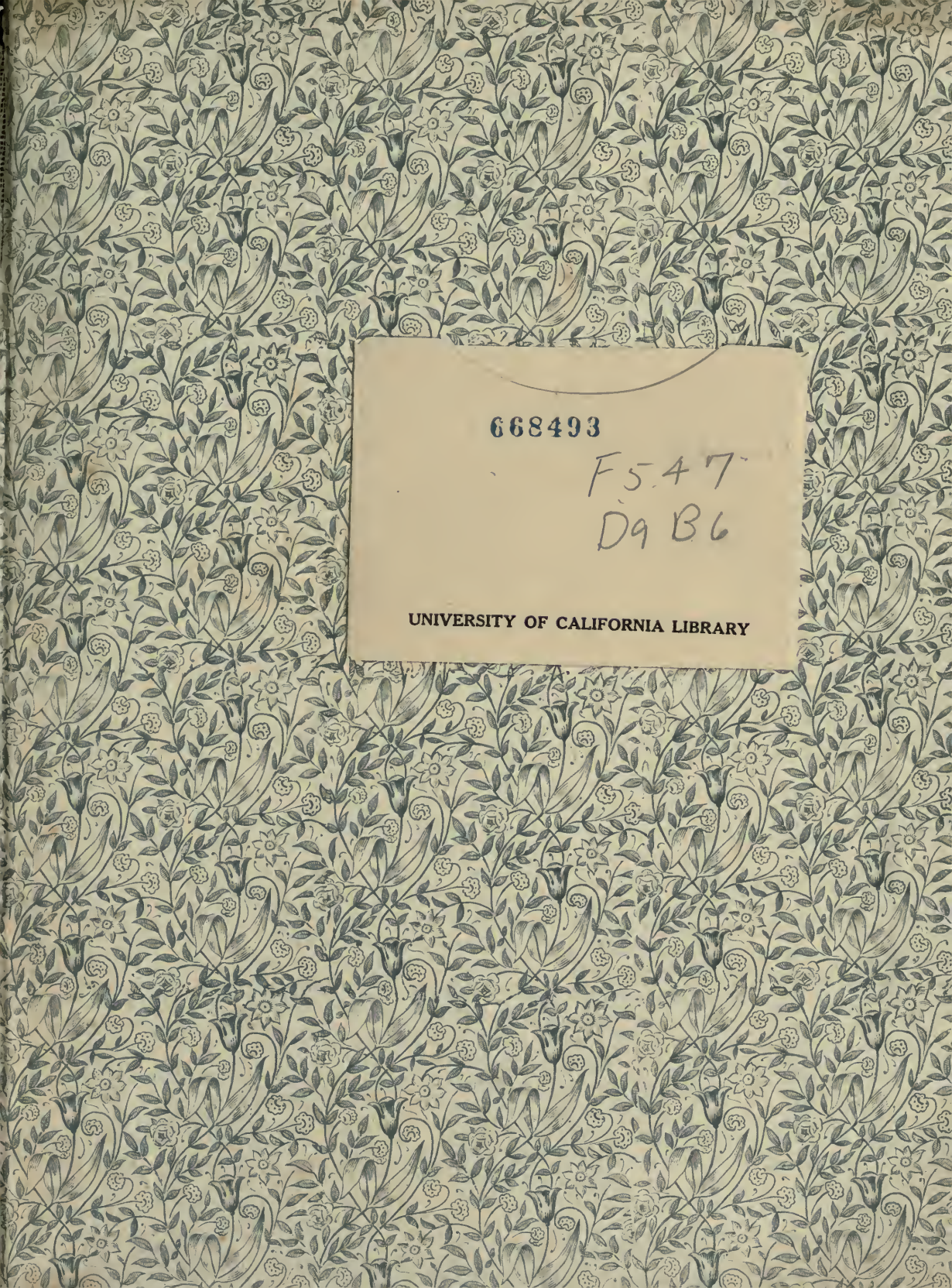
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