ATLAS OF MERCER COUNTY OHIO

ATLAS

OF

MERCER COUNTY, OHIO,

..CONTAINING..

Maps of the Townships, Villages and Towns
of the County,

FROM SURVEYS BY MARTIN LUTZ.

MAPS OF THE STATE, UNITED STATES, AND THE WORLD.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEM OF UNITED STATES LAND SURVEYS

AND

PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES

OF THE LEADING CITIZENS.

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ST. JOSEPH	8.8	16.6	16.5	9.7	13.7	9.6	7.1	24.3	27.0	13.9	4.4	4.2	9.7	22.6	2.7	22.4				
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MILES OF PIKE, BY TOWNSHIPS

BLACK CREEK TOWNSHIP	19	Miles	
BUTLER TOWNSHIP	27.1	"	
CENTER TOWNSHIP	11.9	"	
DUBLIN TOWNSHIP	21.1	"	
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP	22.6	"	
GIBSON TOWNSHIP	14	"	
GRANVILLE TOWNSHIP	21.2	"	
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP	10	Miles	
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP	35.7	"	
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP	17.6	"	
MARION TOWNSHIP	17.8	"	
RECOVERY TOWNSHIP	22.8	"	
UNION TOWNSHIP	11	"	
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OUTLINE MAP OF

MERCER COUNTY

OHIO

PIKES
ROADS
RAILROADS

WILLSHIRE
VAN WERT
LIBERTY
JEFFERSON
ORK
WILLSHIRE
BLACK CREEK
POND P.O.
ROCKFORD
St. Mary's
River
DUBLIN
UNION
MENDON
BYRDS STA.
VAN WERT
AUGLAIZE
CHICAGO ELGIN & ERIE R.R.
C. H. & D. R.R.
MERCER
AUGLAIZE
MERCER
CHATTANOOGA
TAMAH
C. H. & D. R.R.
CENTER
HINTON P.O.
OREGON STA.
EARLEY P.O.
NEPTUNE
LIBERTY
HOPEWELL
STEDKE P.O.
SKEELS X ROADS P.O.
SCUDDER P.O.
JEFFERSON
DURBIN P.O.
CELINA
L. E. & W. R.R.
WABASH
Beaver Creek
GRAND RESERVOIR
WASHINGTON
PADUA
ERASTUS
C. H. & D. R.R.
BUTLER
MONTEZUMA
River
MACEDON
COLDWATER
FRANKLIN
Wabash
L. E. & W. S. R.R.
PHILOTHEA
MONTEREY
FERNER P.O.
SEBASTIANI
CARTHAGENIA
CHICKASAW
RECOVERY
ST. JOSEPH
ST. HENRY
FT. RECOVERY
MARYSVILLE
CASSELLA P.O.
ROSE GARDEN
ST. ROSA P.O.
MARIA STEIN
ST. JOHNS
GRANVILLE
MARION
WENDELIN P.O.
CRANBERRY PRAIRIE P.O.
GIBSON
VIOLET P.O.
STEINEMAN STA.
BURKETTSVILLE
MISSISSINAWA
ALLEN
WABASH
PATTERSON
DARKE
NEW WESTON
OSGOOD
INDIANA
FIRST PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN
STATE LINE
NOBLE
ST MARY'S
AUGLAIZE
GERMAN
JACKSON

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MAP OF BLACK CREEK

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 4 SOUTH — RANGE 1 EAST

POND P.O.

PETER LABADIE RESERVE

CHARLEY RES.

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MAP OF DUBLIN

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 4 SOUTH — RANGE 2 EAST

SHAFFER STA.

ROCKFORD

MERCER

CHARLEY RES

CRESENT RESERVE

BLACK LOON RESERVE

ANTHONY SHANE O'NEIL RESERVE

LOUIS GODFROY RESERVE

SAINT MARY'S RIVER

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ROCKFORD

DUBLIN TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

O.L. 19 J. R. Hedges

ROAD TO WILLSHIRE and Ft. WAYNE

O.L. 20 M. J. Henkle 3a.

O.L. 21 D. Henkle 2a.

O.L. 22 ½a. L. Fenton | O.L. 23 1a. M. Fenton

O.L. 24 Mahala Ralston 6a.

O.L. 27

O.L. 25 J. P. Dysert 5a.

O.L. 19½

St. Mary's River

S. STAVE MILL

O.L. 29 T. C. Adams 3a.

CEMETERY

O.L. 3 C. D. Work ¾a.

O.L. 15 Wm Kamp 2a.

O.L. 16 1a.

O.L. 17 Jos. Henkle 1a.

O.L. 18 S. Kiser 1a.

BRIDGE ST.

NORTH ST.

O.L. 43

O.L. 14 J. P. Dysert 4a. BRICKYARD

O.L. 26 H. Vantilburg 13a.

O.L. STAVE SHED

O.L. 132 Pump Station

O.L. 35 J. E. Pennell 7.50 a. S.S. MILL

CRANT

FRONT ST.

WISTERMAN'S SDV.

O.L. 2

ORIGINAL PLAT

VANTILBURG'S 2ND ADD.

COLUMBIA ST.

O.L. 13

VANHORN'S SDV.

PRES. CH.

GRIST MILL

O.L. 31

O.L. 33

O.L. 34

O.L. 36 C. Smith 6a.

SHANE'S

RACE ST.

VANTILBURG'S ADD.

OAK ST.

FORDYCE & WESTERMAN'S SDV.

MARKET ST.

HEDGES ADD.

HRS. NUTTS SDV.

JAY ST.

WEST ST.

VINE ST.

PEARL ST.

O.L. 4

O.L. 5

O.L. 6

DAVIS ADD.

BAKER'S ADD.

SOUTH ST.

M.E. CH.

TANK

DEPOT

CEMETERY

O.L. 37 G.F. Borchers' 1a.

O.L. 38 T. R. Chivington

ALEXANDER'S ELEVATOR

STRET'S ADD.

S.S. MILL

O.L. 11 S. E. Davis

O.L. 28

H. Vantilburg 76a

GRANT

McKIM'S ADD.

SCHOOL

FIRST ST.

FRANKLIN

TOLAN & GUY'S ADD.

MAIN

EHRET'S ADD.

ROAD TO ST. MARYS

SECOND ST.

STAND PIPE

CISTERN

PUMPING STA.

O.L. 7

FRISINGER'S SDV.

WALNUT ST.

CLAY ST.

O.L. 10 Oliver Hedges

O.L. 9 C. Hedges

O.L. 8 Peter Frisinger

O.L. 42 A. Frisinger 180 a.

O.L. 41 Peter Frisinger

O.L. 40

CINCINNATI NORTHERN R.R.

WEST LINE OF SHANE'S

EAST LINE OF

CORPORATION LINE

CORPORATION LINE

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MAP OF UNION

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 4 SOUTH RANGE 3 EAST

MENDON

St. Mary's River

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MENDON

UNION TWP

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

River

St. Mary's

MILL ST.

HIGH ST.

WASHINGTON ST.

MARKET ST.

PUBLIC SQUARE

JEFFERSON ST.

WALNUT ST.

D. A. ORIGINAL PLAT

D. A. ADD.

SOUTH MAIN ST.

WAYNE ST.

GREEN ST.

Susan Maurer 80

T. E. Nelson 106

Lura Rider

W. W. Parrott

J. G. Bedell

J. M. Prorsman

J. W. Dutton

J. W. Maurer 117.50

Wm Diegel 76

CORPORATION LINE

S. G. Mill

H. Coil

M. O. Krug

Depot

Elevator B. D. Shanley

National Supply Co.

Caboose

Lida Upton

J. Allen

E. Manning

Advent Ch.

J. J. Price 4½

PUBLIC SCHOOL

M. Rosencrans

C. A. Worley

Martha E. Hussey

Rue Robinson

C. B. Collins 85/100

Jos. Clover ¾

L. T. & C. E. Lemunyon

W. A. Bedell

Ed Coil

A. H. Barber ½

W. H. Rice 30/100

Ch. of God

Parsonage

C. A. & Clay 20/100

M. E. Ch.

Ch. of God

C. H. and D. R. R.

QUARTER POST 21 28

SECTION 21 22 28 27 CORNER

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MAP OF LIBERTY

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 5 SOUTH — RANGE 1 EAST

CHATTANOOGA P.O.

HINTON P.O.

SCUDDER P.O.

SKEEL'S X ROADS P.O.

DURBIN P.O.

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MAP OF HOPEWELL

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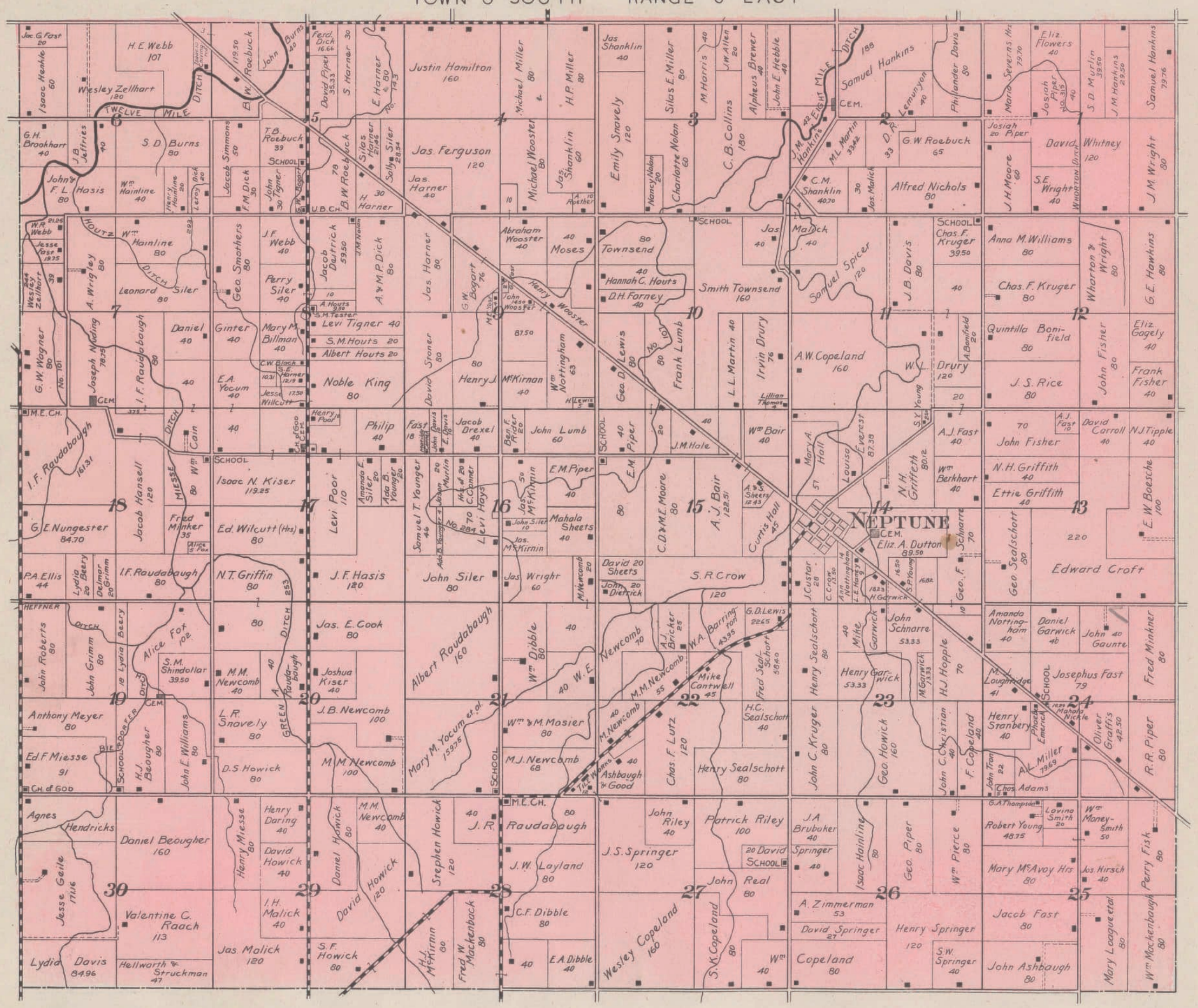
TOWN 5 SOUTH — RANGE 2 EAST

TAMAH
STEDKE P.O.
OREGON STA.
EARLEY P.O.
LITTLE BLACK CREEK
FRIENDS CH.
SCHOOL
CH. of GOD
EVANG. CH. & PARSONAGE
Parsonage
CEM.
Joseph Larwell 333
Florence Eicher 120
Chas. Pearstorff Jr. 120
Mattie C. Brown 159.50
Geo. Nuding 157.27
Nathan Hainline 180
David E. Beam 160
Ben Hellwarth 159
John Hellwarth 80
G.F. Hellwarth 160
Adam Brown 100
Henry Knapke 160
Ed. T. Riese 120
Wallace
Joseph Pearstorff 79.25
John Pearstorff 160
Tobias Eichenhauer 70
Daniel Fetters 160
Joseph Nuding 80
Henry Smith 120
Geo. J. Smith 80
Anton Hacher 70
Daniel 160
Fred 40
Aug. Frahm 80
John Willrath 70
Joseph Pearstorff 80
Hiram W. Crouch 79.50
John Hoenie 80
Chris Geiseke 80
Wm Geiseke 80
Chas: A Hoenie 40
Elmer Cook 40
Valentine K. Hoenie 60
Sarah Lohrentz 60
Julius C. Hoeper 70
Geo. Ricketts 78
Mary Morrow 50
Daniel Weaver 79
Lehman & Howick
Jonas Wiest 160
Maria Cook 79.68
Samuel Brookhart 80
Nathan Hainline 79
Joseph Nuding 80
Henry Krugman 80
J.H. Morrow 80
Wm Carpenter 80
G.H. Reynolds 100
S.E. Stiverson 60
John Hoenie 156
Henry Knapke 80
L.M. Kraner 77
B.F. Klinger 77
Robert Howick 80
J. & P. Beirsdorfer 80
Alwiere Millikan 98
Henry Hoenie 160
Chas. J. Heckler 80
Wm Tighe 80
S.A. Bowman 160
G.W. Wagner 80
O.D. Wagner 80
Michael Doran 40
Thos. F. Doran 40
G.H. Heffner 80
Jac. Weaver 36.67
Frank Langel 50
Maggie Findley 26.66
Reuben Wagner 60
Wm Hoenie 118
Geo. W. Hoenie 136
Geo. 35.67
Daniel Fetters 80
Tobias Eichenhauer 70
Fred Smith Sr. 80
Wm Fielman 80
Jos. De Hays 65
Mary De Hays 40
A.W. Meister 26.66
U.D. Humbert 66
Reuben Kanorr 100
Geo. Smith 100
Jacob Meyer 70
Elizabeth Lampe 80
Henry C. Kalkhoff 80
John Miller Sr. 80
Daniel Fetters 80
John Now 52
Philip Smith 35
Chas. Smith 55
A.E. Snavely 74.50
Daniel Fetters 80
Jos. Miller 80
F.P. Miller 70
Geo. W. Miller 40
W.H. Pond 30
Phoebe 20
Stephen Garman 40
Geo. Smith 40
Wm Smith 40
Joseph Smith 40
Stephen Zimmerman 80
Gotlieb Now 80
Jas. Hellwarth 80
Wm Wier
Jos. Heckler 40
J.A. Brown 40
C.F. & J.A. Brown 40
A. Rockwood 40
W.M. Stephenson 60
J.W. Stephenson 38.80
Priscilla & J.F. Rice 62
Mary Armstrong 40
Stephen Hellwarth 57.50
John Fetters 120
A. Rockwood 40
Jos. Wenski 90
Jos. Wingler 70
J. Kraudelt
Jos. Wenski 90
Henry Krugman 80
E. Carpenter 79.50
Wm Carpenter 80
J.H. Morrow 80
Julia A. Sealschott 80
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Griffin 40
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J.G. Fast 40
Fannie R. Burns 60
Rebecca Burns 20
Hester I. Clark 40
J.H. Ricketts 40
E.H. Fast 40
Ethan Fast 19.50
S.T. Fast 60
A.G. Fast 77
Brookhart 80
P.F. Hitchner 39.75
R.B. Albin 40
A.A. Chapman 80
1365' CREEK
5265
H. Donovan 12.18
Geo. W. Wagner 65.38
D. Jeffries 65
Joseph Nuding 80
C.W. Copp 15
Maria Cook 79.68
E. Crider
P.O. Sherrick 40
E.C. Weaver 40
E.C. Weaver 97
J.F. Hight
W.A. Hansel 40
W.S. Hansel 120
John Hansel 40
Adeline Highly 70
Julius C. Hoeper 70
Reuben Sealschort 90
Siebert 80
J.H. 80
Florence Eicher 120
Chas. Pearstorff Jr. 120
J.L. Lemke 65
John H. Siebert 160
D.F. Dicke 80
John H. Siebert 80
Mathias Wright
Sarah E. Ferguson 59.48
C.S. Behymer 50.72
C. Wright 40
J.V. Rutledge 40
D. Bowersock 40
Yankee Run
B.F. Buck 40
C.S. Behymer 40
Wm Buck 80
S.S. Mill
Jas. H. Dysert 80
John Lehman 60
B.A. Lohrentz 20
Fred Lohrentz 80
Mary E. Rogers 80
J.M. Weisenborn 79.50
A. Stone 40
Stedke 40
J.H. Stedke 20
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Ferdinand Smith 20
Frank Smith 20
Chas. Smith 20
W.H. Smith 20
J.H. Krugman 80
John Pearstorff 160
W.C. Foncke 40
Sarah C. Fetters 10
A.E. Snavely 74.50
Daniel Fetters 80
Justus Eichenauer 40
A. Smith 80
J.E. Lehman 40
John Now 80
Wm P. Now 40
John Fetters 79
Chas. Smith et al 10
W.H. Smith 10
Frank Smith 10
Ferdinand Smith 10
Wilhelmina Smith 40
John Regedanz 93.28
Ch. of God
Ed. T. Riese 120
Wallace
John Tilton 40
Wm 40
Hair 40
Sarah C. Fetters 26
Sarah C. Fetters 10
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Jos. De Hays 65
Daniel Fetters 80
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Philip Smith 35
L.A. McGilvery 20
Chas. Smith 55
Sarah C. Fetters 10
Daniel Fetters 80
Tobias Eichenhauer 70
Fred Smith Sr. 80
Wm Fielman 80
Daniel Fetters

MAP OF CENTER

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 5 SOUTH RANGE 3 EAST



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MAP OF WASHINGTON

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 6 SOUTH RANGE 1 EAST

WABASH

PADUA

ERASTUS

MACEDON

TOTTI CREEK

BEAVER CREEK

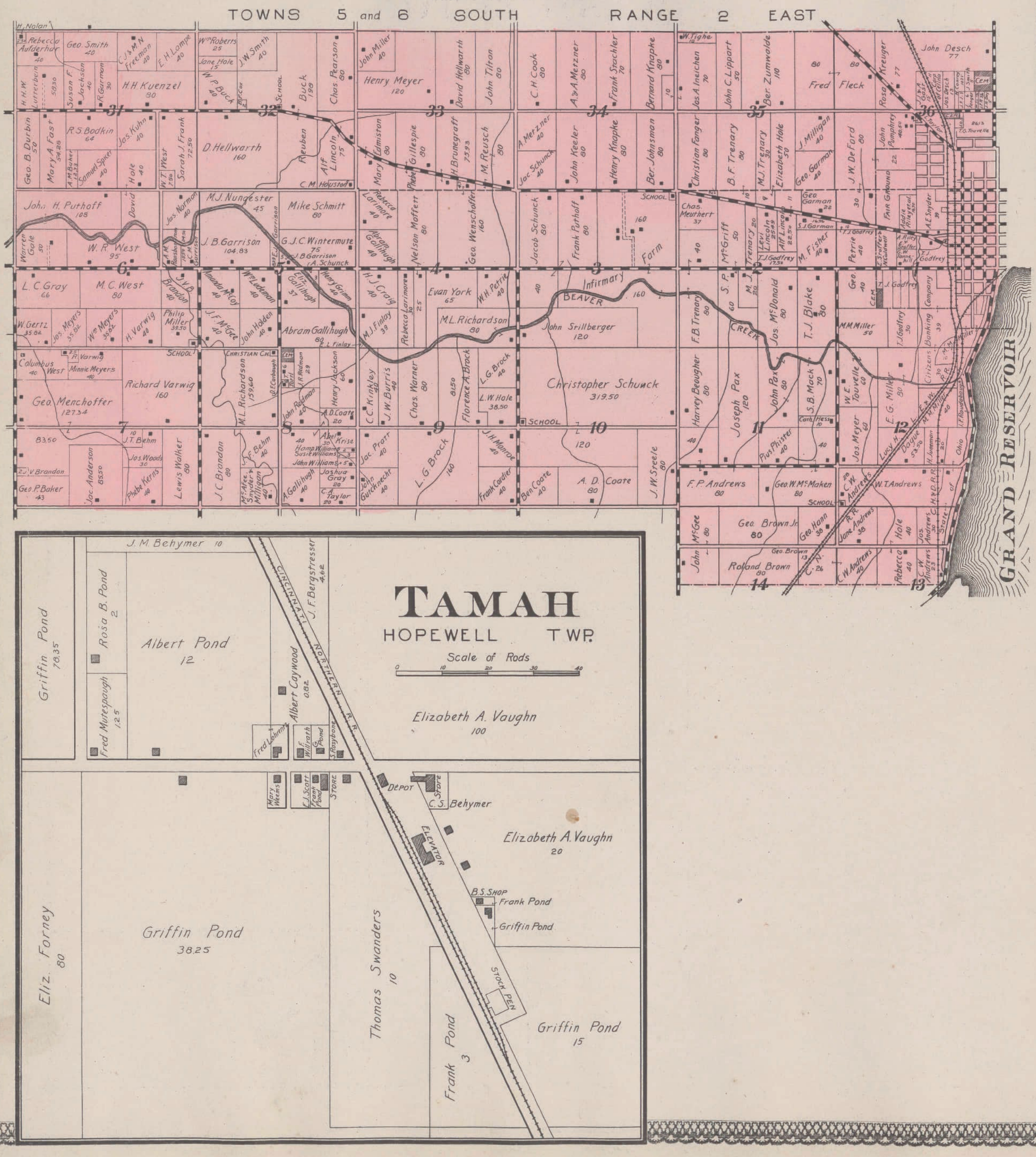
WABASH RIVER

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MAP OF WEST JEFFERSON

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWNS 5 and 6 SOUTH RANGE 2 EAST



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MAP OF EAST JEFFERSON

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWNS 5 & 6 SOUTH RANGE 3 EAST

CELINA

GRAND RESERVOIR

RESERVOIR STA.

ST JOHN'S

MARIA STEIN P.O. MARION TWP.

Scale of Rods

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CELINA

FOURTH WARD

JEFFERSON TWP.

SCALE 330 FT. PER INCH

Rosa Kreuger
80 Ac.

FRAHM

J.J. & A. Gast
15 Ac.

Josep Desch
13 Ac.

Nettie Conroy
10¼ Ac.

J.F. Juneman
2½ Ac.

Julia Fanger
6 Ac.

M.J. Loughridge 1¼ Ac.

I.F. Raudabaugh
3¼ Ac.

James H. Day
5 Ac.

PIKE

CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Lena Taylor

Lena Taylor

J.O. Schuyler
1.87

T.G. Touvelle
26 13

J.A. Lowes
1 Ac.

NORTH ST.

GROVE ST.

HIERHOLZER ST.

CRON ST.

HOYNG ST.

LISLE ST.

WEST WAYNE ST.

AVE.

NICKERSON

S.S. MILL

CITIZENS ADD.

LEONA ST.

STAND PIPE

CISTERN

PUMPING STATION

TOUVELLE'S ADD.

TOUVELLE CONKLIN'S ADD.

J.W. De Ford

RACE TRACK

TANK

BARN

GRAND STAND

ENTRANCE

FAIR GROUNDS

ART HALL

Addie Riley et al.
16 22 Ac.

Anne E. Snyder
39 Ac.

MUD

PIKE

ENRANCE

Furniture Factory

Canning Factory

CINCINNATI NORTHERN R.R.

S.S. MILL
O.L. 1
S.S. Mill

O.L. 2

Stephenson & Estry

O.L. 7

O.L. 6

T. R. Clen Denning
O.L. 8

John Smith's Heirs

V.N. Estry

D. Overley
O.L. 4

FRAHM'S ADD.

T.G. TOUVELLE

RILEY CONKLIN'S ADD.

SCHMITT'S ADD.

SCHUNCK'S ADD. OF 1 & 2

SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

SCHOOL

CATH. CH.

CONDITIONS

EXTENSION

WAYNE ST.

ANTHONY ST.

FULTON ST.

LIVINGSTON ST.

MILL

SUGAR

WALNUT

MAIN

Steam Laundry

PIPES

C. HOUSE

HIGH SCH.

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CELINA
FIRST WARD
SCALE 330 FT. PER. INCH

PIKE

MERCER

B. M. 1 Ac. Clen Deming

J. P. Le Blond 8 Ac.

CORPORATION LINE

1 Ac. Milligan Heirs

John Milligan O. L. 9

Mary Mc Daniel O. L. 10

Christian Fanger 71 Ac.

Wm Miller 40 Ac.

T. J. Godfrey 5 Ac.

Catherine Guy 5 Ac.

I. F. Raudabaugh 10 Ac.

Elizabeth Krenning 10 Ac.

Wm Cron 10 Ac.

Seymour PIKE Craig 40 Ac.

NEPTUNE

SECTION LINE

Elizabeth Anthony

OAK ST.

M° DANIEL'S

GUY'S

SDV.

Emma L. Kloeb

LE BLOND'S

SDV.

WAYNE ST.

ST.

SCHOOL

NUNGESTER'S

ANTHONY ST.

CHRISTIAN CH.

FIRST EXTENSION

CHERRY ST.

SDV.

JUNEMAN'S

FULTON ST.

M.E. CH.

BUCKEYE ST.

SDV.

MAIN ST.

ASH ST.

CITY HALL

LIVINGSTON ST.

John Milligan 1¼ Ac.

George Ayers 1 Ac.

John Milligan

S. A. Bowman 1½ Ac.

O. L. 2

S. A. Armstrong

Margaret Kable

O. L. 3

W. H. Thoms

A. J. Lininger

O. L. 4

Caroline Pohlman

STATE LINE and

O. L. 5

Lydia Hellworth

O. L. 6

B. L. Tavener

J. P. Younger

Lydia Davis

O. L. 7

LAKE ERIE AND WESTERN R.R.

LAKE ST.

LAKE VIEW ADD.

LE BLOND ST.

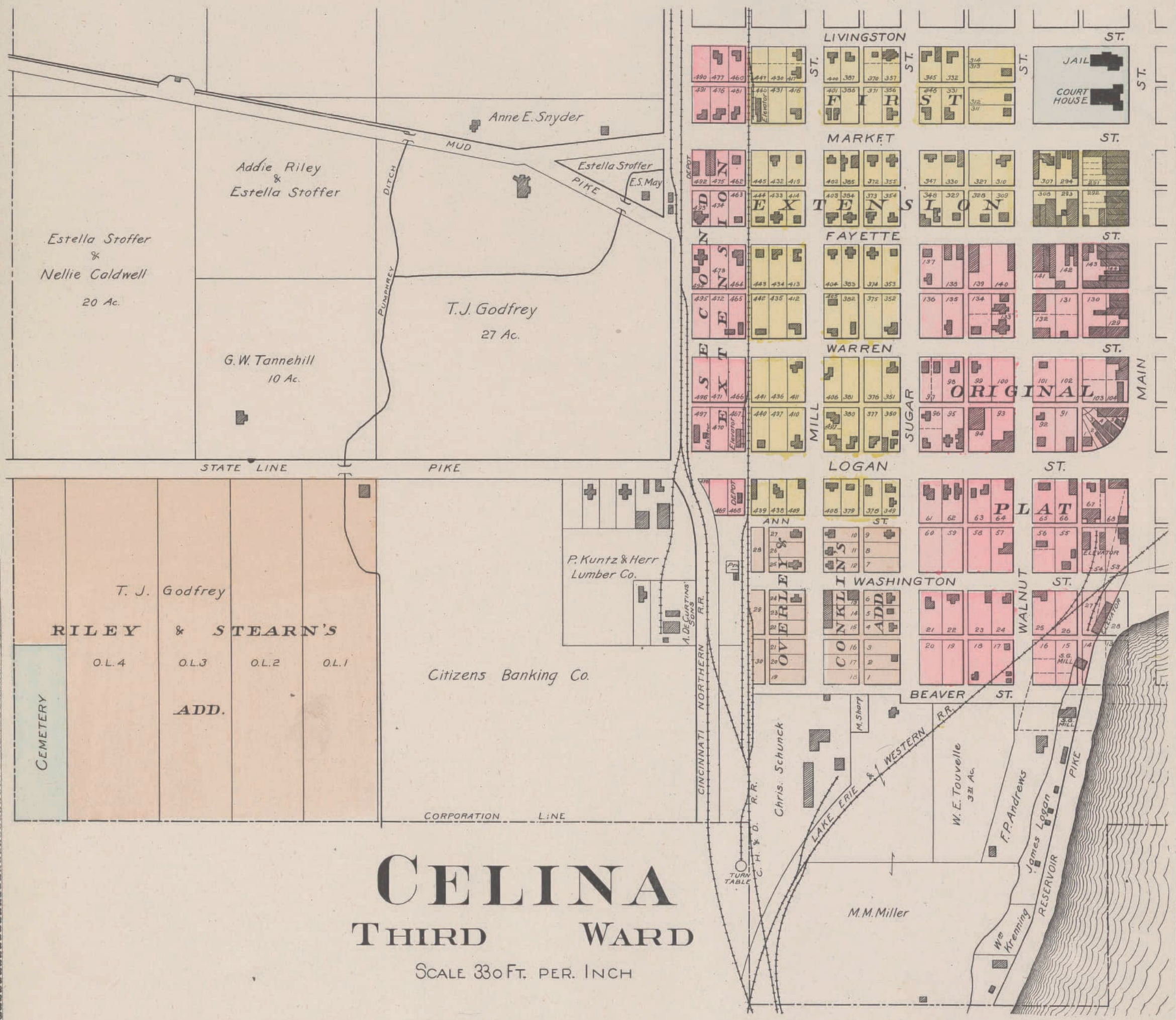
O. L. 8

J. W. Riley

Amos Wolf

Melissa Wolf

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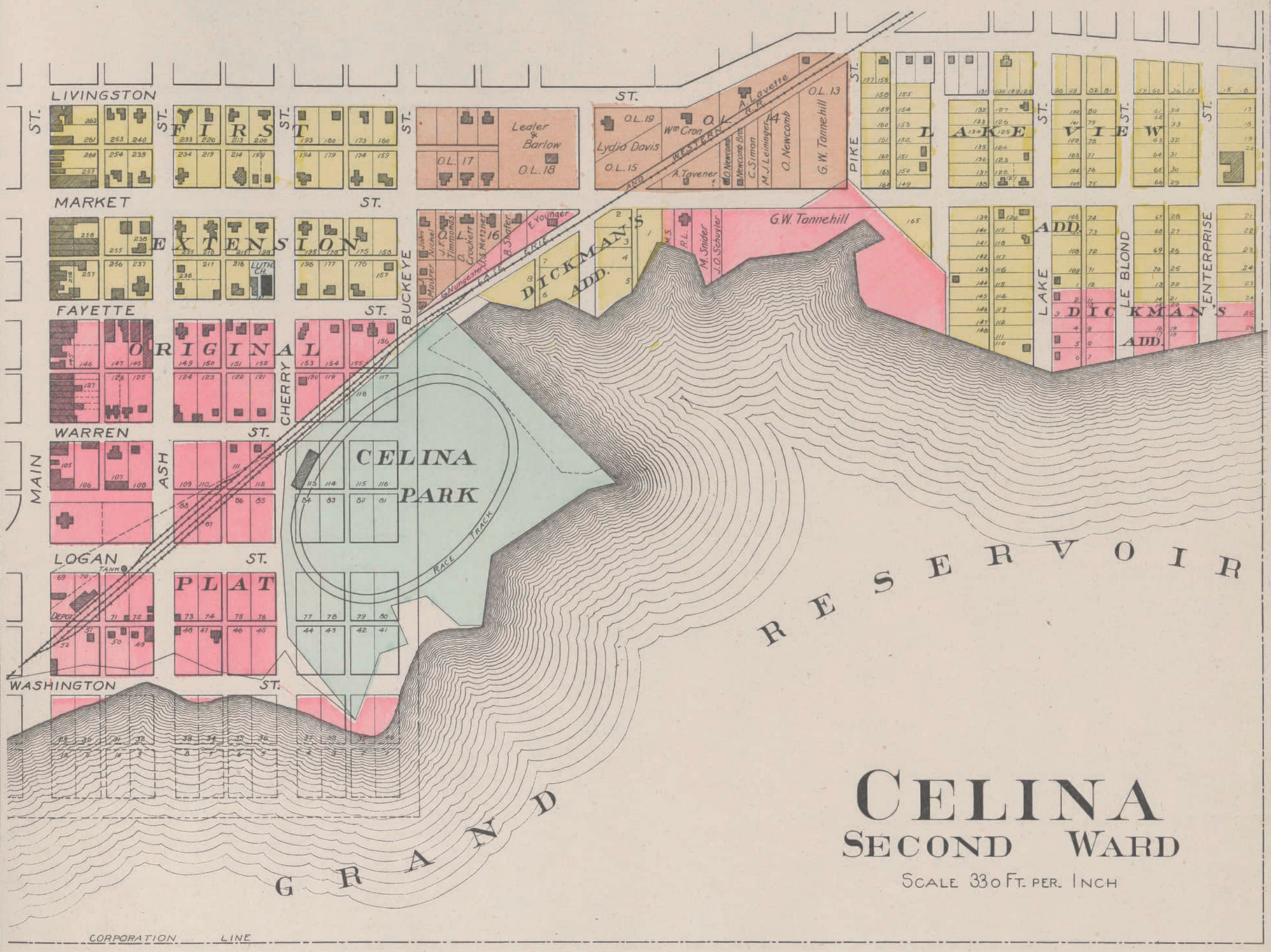


CELINA

THIRD WARD

SCALE 330 FT. PER. INCH

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CELINA
SECOND WARD

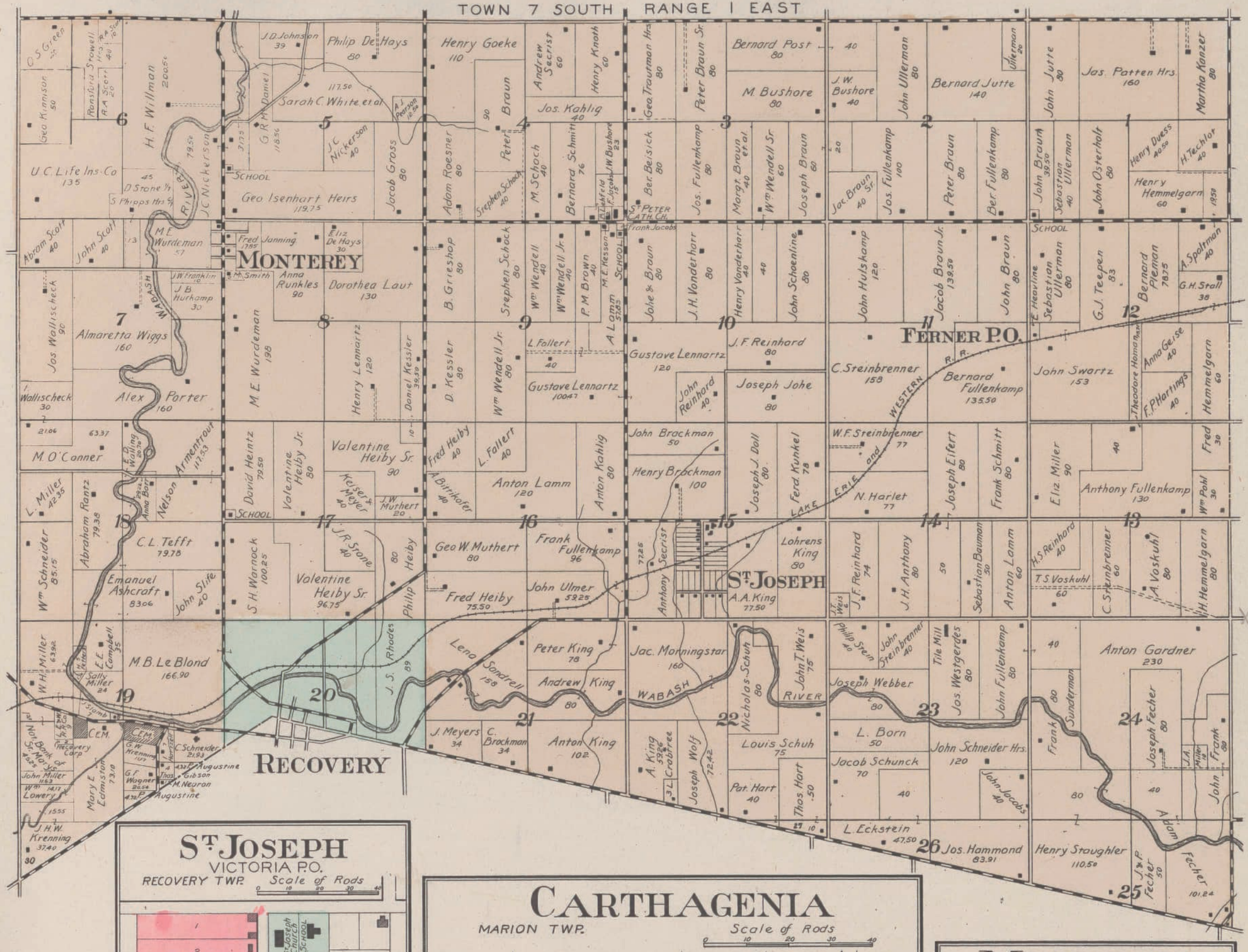
SCALE 330 FT. PER. INCH

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MAP OF RECOVERY

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 7 SOUTH RANGE 1 EAST


MONTEREY
RECOVERY
ST. JOSEPH
FERNER P.O.
WABASH RIVER
LAKE ERIE and WESTERN R.R.
H.F. Willman 200.56
U.C. Life Ins. Co 135
M.E. Wurdeman 57
Geo. Isenhart Heirs 119.75
Sarah C. White et al
Philip De Hays 80
Henry Goeke 110
Andrew Secrist 60
Henry Knoth 60
Jos. Kahlig 40
Bernard Post 80
M. Bushore 80
Bernard Jutte 140
Jas. Patten Hrs. 160
Martha Konzer 80
Almaretta Wiggs 160
Alex Porter 160
M.E. Wurdeman 198
Henry Lennartz 120
Anna Runkles 90
Dorothea Laut 130
Stephen Schock 80
Wm. Wendell 40
Wm. Wendell Jr. 40
P.M. Brown 40
A. Lamm 52.85
L. Follert 40
Gustave Lennartz 100.47
Gustave Lennartz 120
J.F. Reinhard 80
Joseph Johe 80
John Reinhard 40
John Hulskamp 120
Jacob Braun Jr. 139.50
John Braun 80
C. Steinbrenner 158
Bernard Fullenkamp 135.50
John Swartz 153
Sebastian Ullerman 80
G.J. Teepen 83
Bernard Pleman 78.75
Anna Geise 40
F.P. Hartings 40
Hemmelgarn 60
Anton Lamm 120
Valentine Heiby Sr. 90
Valentine Heiby Jr. 80
David Heintz 79.50
Nelson Armentrout 117.53
Fred Heiby 40
L. Follert 40
A. Bittikofer 40
Anton Kahlig 80
John Brockman 50
Henry Brockman 100
Joseph J. Doll 80
Ferd Kunkel 78
W.F. Steinbrenner 77
N. Harlet 77
Joseph Eifert 80
Frank Schmitt 80
Anthony Fullenkamp 130
Eliz. Miller 90
Wm. Pohl 30
Fred 30
Geo. W. Muthert 80
Frank Fullenkamp 96
John Ulmer 59.25
Fred Heiby 75.50
Lohrens King 80
A.A. King 77.50
Anthony Secrist 72.85
J.F. Reinhard 74
J.H. Anthony 80
Sebastian Bauman 50
Anton Lamm 60
H.S. Reinhard 40
T.S. Voskuhl 60
A. Voskuhl 80
H. Hemmelgarn 80
C. Steinbrenner 60
Abraham Rantz 79.38
C.L. Tefft 79.78
Emanuel Ashcraft 83.06
John Slife 40
S.H. Warnock 100.25
J.R. Stone 40
Valentine Heiby Sr. 96.75
Philip Heiby 80
Wm. Schneider 85.15
M.B. Le Blond 166.90
Lena Sandrell 158
Peter King 78
Andrew King 80
Anton King 102
J. Meyers 34
C. Brockman 34
Jac. Morningstar 160
Nicholas Schuh 80
John T. Weis 75
Louis Schuh 75
Pat. Hart 40
Thos. Hart .50
A. King 53.26
Joseph Wolf 72.42
Joseph Webber 80
L. Born 50
Jacob Schunck 70
John Schneider Hrs. 120
John Jacobs 40
L. Eckstein 47.50
Jos. Hammond 83.91
Tile Mill
Jos. Westgerdes 80
John Fullenkamp 80
Anton Gardner 230
Joseph Fecher 80
Henry Stoughler 110.50
J.H.W. Krenning 37.40
John Miller 11.63
Mary E. Edmiston 73.10
C.E.M.
C. Schneider 21.93
Augustine
Gibson
M. Neuron
Recovery Corp
Nat'l Bank of St. Marys
Jos. Wallischeck 90
M.O'Conner
L. Miller 42.35
Nelson
Armentrout 117.53
David Heintz 79.50
Valentine Heiby Jr. 80
Valentine Heiby Sr. 90
Kaiser & Meyer 40
J.W. Muthert 20
A. Bittikofer 40
Fred Heiby 40
L. Follert 40
Anton Lamm 120
Anton Kahlig 80
John Brockman 50
Henry Brockman 100
Joseph J. Doll 80
Ferd Kunkel 78
N. Harlet 77
Joseph Eifert 80
Frank Schmitt 80
Anthony Fullenkamp 130
Eliz. Miller 90
Wm. Pohl 30
Fred 30
Geo. W. Muthert 80
Frank Fullenkamp 96
John Ulmer 59.25
Fred Heiby 75.50
Lohrens King 80
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Anthony Secrist 72.85
J.F. Reinhard 74
J.H. Anthony 80
Sebastian Bauman 50
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Fred Heiby 40
L. Follert 40
Anton Lamm 120
Anton Kahlig 80
John Brockman 50
Henry Brockman 100
Joseph J. Doll 80
Ferd Kunkel 78
W.F. Steinbrenner 77

MAP OF BUTLER

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWNS 6 & 7 SOUTH RANGE 2 EAST

COLDWATER

PHILOTHEA

GRAND RESERVOIR

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COLDWATER

BUTLER TWP.

Scale 16 Rods per Inch

Mary Rhein
86.25

SCHOOL
RHEIN'S 1ST ADD.
O.L. 1 1.82 Ac.
O.L. 2 2/3 Ac.
CATHOLIC CEMETERY
Stock Pen
L.E. & W. R.R.
LOT 4
LOT 7
O.L. 3 Elevator
Stock Pen
Hoop Factory
S.S. Mill
Cincinnati Northern R.R.
Henry Hageman
84 a.
Mattress Factory
NORTH ST.
RHEIN'S ADD.
3RD ADD
RIGGS
GELLER'S
ADD.
HOYNG'S SUV.
2ND
M.E. CH.
American House
CATHOLIC CHURCH
O.L. 5 1.58 Ac.
S.G. Mill
FOX
BOHLMAN'S ADD. O.L.
MAIN ST.
O.L. 23 1/2 Ac.
ORIGINAL PLAT
Town Hall
City Hotel
St James Hotel
WALNUT ST.
ROSENBECK'S
2ND ADD.
O.L. 16 1 Ac.
O.L. 15
O.L. 14
O.L. 13
O.L. 12
O.L. 11 1/2 Ac.
O.L. 9 1 As.
O.L. 8 1 Ac.
O.L. 17
O.L. 10 1 Ac.
B. Birkmeyer
MILL ST.
MUNSELL'S SOUTH ADD.
SOUTH ST.
WEST ST.
MARKET ST.
FIRST ST.
O.L. 22
SECOND ST.
ROBERTS ADD.
ENSIGN'S 1ST ADD.
THIRD ST.
HAUB'S ADD.
COLLEGE ST.
Twp.
George Rosenbeck 21 Ac.
80
Couch Factory
O.L. 24
B. Birkmeyer
Lake Erie and Western R.R.
O.L. 18 1/2 Ac.
A. X. Wolters 8.22 Ac.
Brick Yard
CINCINNATI NORTHERN R.R.
O.L. 21 2 1/2 Ac.
O.L. 19 1 Ac.
O.L. 20 1 Ac.

PHILOTHEA

BUTLER TWP.

Scale 20 Rods per Inch

ST.
LINZEE ST.
WEST
Catholic Church and Cemetery
BREMEN ST.
School No. 5

MACEDON

WASHINGTON TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

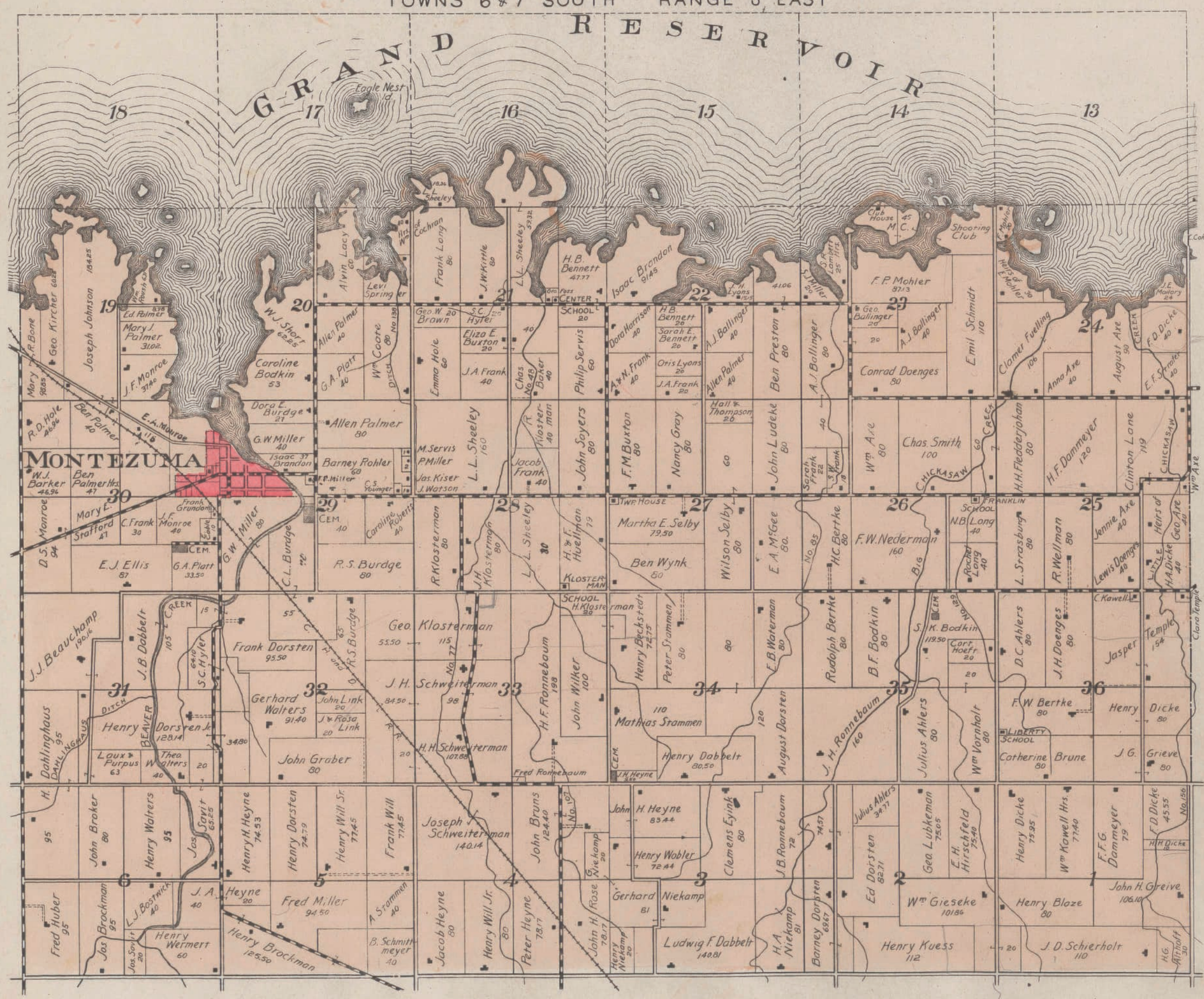
MULBERRY ST.
MAIN ST.
WALNUT ST.
TORRI
WABASH
CENTER

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MAP OF FRANKLIN

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWNS 6 & 7 SOUTH RANGE 3 EAST



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J. Shinneberry

G. E. Chivington
100

M.E. CH.

ORIGINAL PLAT

COMPTON'S ADD.

KIETH'S ADD.

THOMPSON'S SDV.

HARRISON ADD.

WITHNALL'S ADD.

WAYNE ST.

COMPTON ST.

MAIN ST.

CHARTER ST.

ELM ST.

MILL ST.

KIETH ST.

FULTON ST.

HIGH ST.

WEST ST.

FRANKLIN ST.

SCHOOL

DEPOT

ELEVATOR

A.R. French
1/4 a.

C. B. Thompson
6 a.

35. MILL & TILE FACTORY

CEMETERY

C. H. & D. R.R.

J.M. Shinneberry

H. Aler

J. M. Shineberry

Jacob Counterman

BAPTIST CH.

G. W. Houts 1 1/4

L. Bice
1

Oscar F. Kieth

G. E. Chivington
20

MERCER
DUBLIN TWP.

Scale of Rods
0 10 20 30 40

A. A. Williamson
56.16

SEBASTIAN
MARION TWP

Herman Rose
86

Joseph Stamman
1

B. Borger
1/4

CATH. CH.

J. H. Beckman
13,34

STORE

Ber. Unrast
2.73

M. Klenke

Ignatius Dabbelt
2

Gerhard Schwieterman

Teachers Residence

CEM.

Eliz. & Falke

Stammon
60.67

Henry Borger
3.46

Aloys

Mathias Klenke
3

SCHOOL

O.L. 3
Mary Adams
284 a.

O.L. 2
Wm Peggs
1 a.

ADD.

WYATT ST.

O.L. 4
Eliza A. Monroe
3.60 a.

O.L. 6
Ella Preston
0.32 a.

O.L. 5
S.W. Bone
0.60 a.

BEAVER ST.

MAIN ST.

WYATT ST.

CANAL ST.

HIGH ST.

LONG ST.

ORIGINAL PLAT

MILLER'S ADD.

TOWN HALL

O.L. 10
Eliza A. Monroe
1.44 a.

O.L. 9
Wm N. Monroe
1.15 a.

O.L. 8
Monroe
0.77 a.

O.L. 7
M.J. Preston
0.30 a.

O.L. 19
0.25 a.
R.E. Wills

O.L. 18
O.B. Reese

O.L. 20
0.25 a.

O.L. 11
Mary E. Stafford
3 a.

S.S. MILL

O.L. 17
Hannah J. Preston
4 a.

M.E. CH.

U.B. CH.

CHURCH of CHRIST

O.L. 12

J.M. Deweese

O.L. 13
O. Stump

O.L. 14
John Moore
1 a.

Mary E. Stafford
O.L. 15
1.40 a.

Preston & Deweese
O.L. 16

ELEVATOR

RILEY

DEPOT

C. H. & D. R.R.

CORPORATION LINE

O.L. 1

CREEK

MONTEZUMA
FRANKLIN TWP.

Scale of Rods
0 10 20 30 40

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MAP OF GIBSON

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 15 NORTH RANGE 1 EAST

GREENVILLE TREATY LINE

RANGE 2 EAST

RECOVERY

SHARPSBURG
VIOLET P.O.

WABASH
WASHINGTON TWP.
Scale of Rods

NEPTUNE
CENTER TWP.
Scale of Rods

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FT. RECOVERY

GIBSON and RECOVERY TWPS.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

CORPORATION LINE

ROAD TO CELINA

ROAD TO WILLSHIRE

ROAD TO HUNTINGTON

ROAD TO UNION CITY

ROAD TO GREENVILLE

ROAD TO PIQUA

INDIAN BOUNDARY LINE

TOWNSHIP LINE

LAKE ERIE and WESTERN R.R.

RIVER

WABASH

CHANNEL

BUCK DITCH

Valentine Heiby 3

M. B. Le Blond 99.69

Reuter & Wilson Planing Mill

Elevator

Tank

Depot

Spoke Factory

Clark, Lord & Co

J. H. W. Krenning 4.73

J. H. W. Krenning 12.60

O.L. 6 O.L. 7 O.L. 8 O.L. 9

J. H. W. Krenning

McDANIEL'S ADD.

Hoop Factory

S.S. Mill

M. B. Le Blond

J. H. W. Krenning 10

J. F. & E. Adams

OLD FORT RECOVERY

J. H. W. Krenning O.L. 1

Fred Pausch

A. Sutherland

O.L. 2

Thos Roop PLAT O.L. 5

John Heiby 119

Wm Gilberg 144

Laux & Remaklas

Minster Bk. Ass'n

C. Meyers

Thos Roop

Stone

L. W.

Elizabeth Slifer O.L. 4

O.L. 3

Fred Pausch

O.L. 5 E. C. Koch

O.L. 2 O.L. 1 S. M. Clum

S. J. Rhodes 89

Mary Schindler 20.75

LUTH. CH.

CITY HALL

ST. CLAIR ST.

BROADWAY

OAK ST.

FIRST ST.

BOUNDARY

J. Sunderman

J. H. Romer

Las Herrick

M.E. CH.

H. Sunderman

G. Sunderman

Samuel Johnson

B. White

Mary Bowers

C. Hottenker

Spencer Bros.

R. J.

Vance

Mary Miller

HUNTINGTON ROAD

BUTLER ST.

PARK

L. C. Koch

B. Woodman

W. Wagoner

T. Wash

A. Meinerding

ORIGINAL PLAT

O.L. 2

CHRISTIAN CH.

PUBLIC SCHOOL

PORTERFIELD'S

CALDWELL ST.

KRENNING'S ADD.

HARRISON ST.

GEORGE ST.

CEM.

CATH. CH.

WAYNE ST.

SCHOOL

CENTER ST.

CONG. CH.

WINTERS 2ND ADD.

McDANIEL'S 2ND ADD.

FREMONT ST.

HIGH ST.

WAGONER ST.

WILLIAM ST.

JOHN ST.

J. V. Richardson 2.50

J. H. Boesche

H. Jamison

P. W. Stone

John Hedrick

M. Stelzer

Geo. Green

Wm Koch

Reuter & Wilson

H. C. Shouse

J. K. Heap 4.30

J. S. Rhodes 6.25

Lucy A. Teft 2.25

Star Brewing Co. 6

Henry Anthony 6.50

GWENDOLIN ST.

MAIN ST.

ELM ST.

MILLIGAN ST.

WIGGS ST.

DISCIPL CH.

R. Sontman 1 2

A. Bergen O.L. 1 M. Bergen

Geo. Krenning O.L. 2

C. Hornick O.L. 3

G. Landis O.L. 4

F. McDaniel O.L. 5

M. VanKirk

L. Hufman

CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Most Precious Blood Society 9.60

Philip Augustine 20.31

Philip Augustine 43

J. H. W. Krenning 34.40

Eph. Hall 2.50

M. A. Lipps

N. Huntwark

Wesley Gogle 2

J. R. Bennett 4.17

Elizabeth Runkels 3.85

Wm Koch 7.90

J. D. Van Kirk 3.25

Geo. R. McDaniel 29.50

George R. McDaniel 75.25

Wm Koch 2.25

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MAP OF GRANVILLE

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWN 7 SOUTH RANGE 2 EAST

WENDELIN

ST. HENRY

CRANBERRY PRAIRIE P.O.

BURKETTSVILLE

GREENVILLE

WABASH RIVER

TREATY LINE

VONDENBOSH

CORWIN

SPENCER

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B. Romer 72 | K. ½ Rinders | J.B. Romer ½ | F. Feldhake Tile Works 4

Frank Bruns 74 | Por. Keener 2 | Anna Gardner 2 | Frank Bruns | Catherine Beckmon 41 | J. F. Athmer 61.50 | J. H. Romer 41.10

ALTENHOFEL'S ADD.

BANY WASHER FACTORY

WASHINGTON ST.

ORIGINAL PLAT

MAIN ST.

TOWN HALL

H. Nieberding 3

H. Gottemoller 2.75

A. Lammers 2.25

J. H. Romer 35

Barbara Schalk 3.50

ROMER'S ADD.

CENTER ST.

LOGAN ST.

R.R. DEPOT

SCHOOL

CATH. CH.

COLUMBUS ST.

J. F. Korte 2

Mary Gelhous 4

Jos. Uppenkamp 4

Agnes Meinerding 6

S.G. Mill

Com. Bank 1

Stock Pen

CINCINNATI NORTHERN

SYCAMORE

WALNUT

Henry Romer 13.50

B. Romer 7

Henry Ahlers 80

CEM.

B. Romer 77

Joseph Macke 80

ST HENRY

GRANVILLE TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

M.A. Schlegel 24

BURKETTSVILLE

GRANVILLE TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

Bernard Hoewemeyer 60

Susan Oliger 11

GILBERT ST.

ADD.

ELM ST.

BURT'S ADD.

CHESTNUT ST.

GILL'S ADD.

WASHINGTON ST.

JEFFERSON ST.

C.N. R.R.

CINCINNATI NORTHERN R.R. DEPOT

L. B. Jones 22.60

J. W. Birt 3

ORIGINAL PLAT

CATH. CH.

SCHOOL

STORE

MAIN ST.

COUNTY LINE

DARKE

ORIGINAL PLAT

WALNUT ST.

GREEN ST.

PLUM ST.

HAMEL GARD'S ADD.

MILL ST.

TILE Factory

COUNTY

ERASTUS

WASHINGTON TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

Henry Adams

Office

TILE FACTORY 13

J.C. Snyder

Scott & Scott

ST.

NORTH ST.

12 | 11 | 10 | 9 ¾ a. | 8

EAST ST.

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 1a. STORE | 6 | 7

SCHOOL

MAIN ST.

14 | 15 | 16

TILE FACTORY

A. Swartz

WEST

W. B. Dixon 2.75

Thos. Adams 9.85

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MAP OF MARION

Scale 2 Inches to one Mile.

TOWNS 7 & 8 SOUTH RANGE 3 EAST

CARTHAGENIA

SEBASTIAN

CHICKASAW

MARYSVILLE

ROSE GARDEN

MARIA STEIN

ST. JOHN'S

STEINEMAN STA.

TOWN 13 NORTH RANGE 3 EAST

TOWN 12 NORTH RANGE 4 EAST

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CHICKASAW

MARION TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

Fred Winner 14.50

John Fleck 6.50

B. Hein 10

Commercial Bank 5.60

Xavier Rentz 80

Gerhard Clune

S.S. Mill

½ Sarah Feldt

D U E S ST. K E I S E R ' S ADD.

WAYNE ST.

L I N K FIRST ST. & G A S T ' S ADD.

F L E C K ' S ADD

FRANKLIN ST.

City Hall

N O R T H A D D.

MAIN ST.

Depot Elevator

Schmidt & Schmidt

Wm Muller

Hotel

Cath. Ch.

Pub. School 39

S.S. Mill

Chas. Desch 2

Rosa Link

Brick Yard Seitz & Link

Stock Pen

S E I T Z ' S ADD. 26

CENTER ST. LINK

WALNUT ST.

O R I G I N A L P L A T

Tile Mill

WASHINGTON ST.

Joseph Seitz

MAPLE STATE MULBERRY

CATHOLIC ST.

Cem.

C. H. & D. R.R.

Xavier Rentz

EXCHANGE ST.

CHATTANOOGA

LIBERTY TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

Snyder & Stall 4

Tile Factory

Lot 1 B. Springer

Lot 2 J. Allmon

dinger

Lot 3

Lot 4 Bert Snyder

Lot 11 C.W. Hagerman 1.50

Fred Heffner

Lot 5

Lot 6 H. Bernard

Lot 7 J. Allmon-dinger

Store

Lot 8 B.H. Deitsch

Jacob Deitsch

Lot 12 E.L. Hagerman

Hotel

Lot 9 Lucinda Merkle

Lot 13 P.T. Waters

Lot 14 C.W. Hagerman

Lot 10 Jac. Betzel

Lot 15 Fred Hartzog 1.50

H. Nibleck

J.W. Allmandinger

Saw & Planing Mill

M. Zeilinger

Ger. Luth. Church

MARYSVILLE

CASSELLA P.O. MARION TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

John Wirtz 4.75

B. Tumbusch 1

Sophia Jacob 4

John Cron 5.50

ST.

B. Struckamp

MARION ST.

John Cron 11.50

B. Tumbusch 5.75

Cem.

Cath. Ch.

B. Tumbusch 2

Ber. Stukamp

Public School

CONVENT

Mary S. Knoth 13.20

Female Society of the Most Precious Blood

ROSE GARDEN

St ROSA P.O. MARION TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30 40

Tile Works

Frank Hartings 3

J.W. Kleinhenz

ST. ROSA ST.

M.L.A. Co

Frank Bomholt 1.68

Eliz. Dabbelt

Catholic Church

Joseph Meiring 4.32

Theodore Evers 72.94

Cemetery

H. Schlarman 63.74

St JOHN'S STATION

MARION TWP.

Scale of Rods 0 10 20 30

Creamery

Stock Pen

Depot

H. Kuvelder Store & Saloon

SECOND ST.

FIRST ST.

Hotel

Lumber Shed

Elevator

Shops

Lot 2

Lot 1 1.32 a.

Lot 4

Lot 3 5.36

Lot 5 Hoop Factory Kleinhenz & Son

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ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEM
OF
UNITED STATES LAND SURVEYS

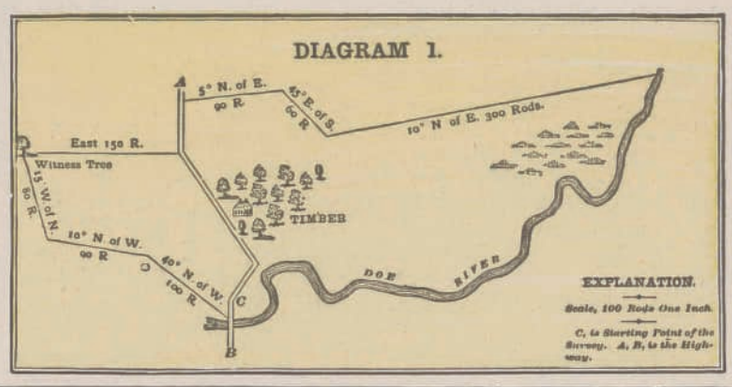
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METES AND BOUNDS.

UP to the time of the Revolutionary War, or until about the beginning of the present century, land, when parcelled out, and sold or granted, was described by "Metes and Bounds," and that system is still in existence in the following States, or in those portions of them which had been sold or granted when the present plan of surveys was adopted, viz.: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, and the six New England States. To describe land by "Metes and Bounds," is to have a known land-mark for a place of beginning, and then follow a line according to the compass-needle (or magnetic bearing), or the course of a stream, or track of an ancient highway. This plan has resulted in endless confusion and litigation, as land-marks decay and change, and it is a well-known fact that the compass-needle varies and does not always point due North.

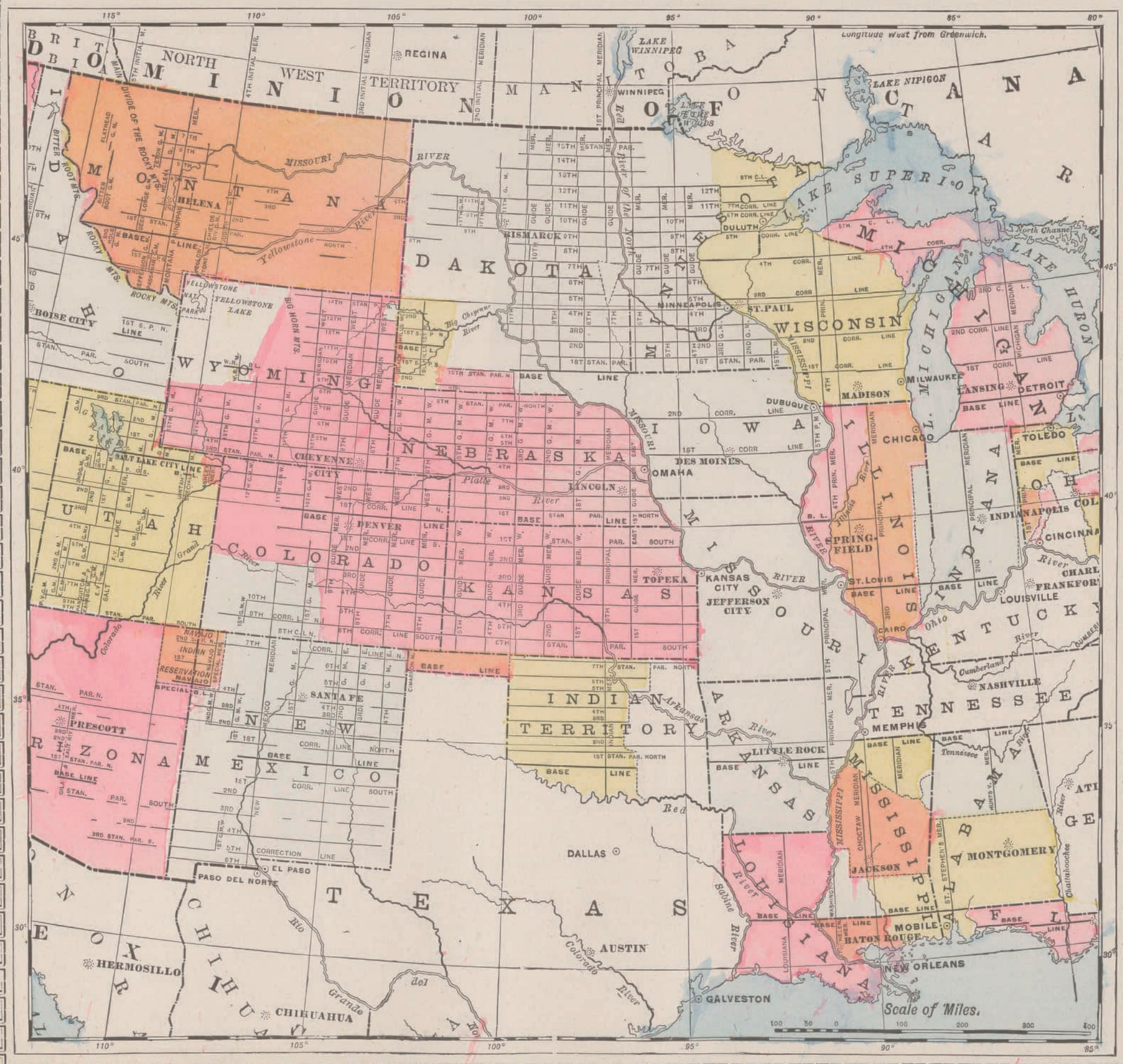
As an example of this plan of dividing lands, the following description of a farm laid out by "Metes and Bounds," is given: "Beginning at a stone on the Bank of Doe River, at a point where the highway from A. to B. crosses said river (see point marked C. on Diagram 1); thence 40° North of West 100 rods to a large stump; thence 10° North of West 90 rods; thence 15° West of North 80 rods to an oak tree (see Witness Tree on Diagram 1); thence due East 150 rods to the highway; thence following the course of the highway 50 rods due North; thence 5° North of East 90 rods; thence 45° East of South 60 rods; thence 10° North of East 300 rods to the Doe River; thence following the course of the river Southwesterly to the place of beginning." This, which is a very simple and moderate description by "Metes and Bounds," would leave the boundaries of the farm as shown in Diagram 1.

DIAGRAM 1.



MERIDIANS AND BASE LINES.

DIAGRAM 2.



THE present system of Governmental Land Surveys was adopted by Congress on the 7th of May, 1785. It has been in use ever since and is the legal method of describing and dividing lands. It is called the "Rectangular System," that is, all its distances and bearings are measured from two lines which are at right angles to each other, viz.: +. These two lines, from which the measurements are made, are the Principal Meridians, which run North and South, and the Base Lines, which run East and West. These Principal Meridians are established, with great accuracy, by astronomical observations. Each Principal Meridian has its Base Line, and these two lines form the basis or foundation for the surveys or measurement of all the lands within the territory which they control.

Diagram 2 shows all of the Principal Meridians and Base Lines in the central portion of the United States, and from it the territory governed by each Meridian and Base Line may be readily distinguished. Each Meridian and Base Line is marked with its proper number or name, as are also the Standard Parallels and guide (or auxiliary) Meridians.

Diagram 3 illustrates what is meant when this method is termed the "Rectangular System," and how the measurements are based on lines which run at right angles to each other. The heavy line running North and South (marked A. A.) represents the Principal Meridian, in this case say the 5th Principal Meridian. The heavy line running East and West (marked B. B.) is the Base Line. These lines are used as the starting points or basis of all measurements or surveys made in territory controlled by the 5th Principal Meridian. The same fact applies to all other Principal Meridians and their Base Lines. Commencing at the Principal Meridian, at intervals of six miles, lines are run North and South, parallel to the Meridian. This plan is followed both East and West of the Meridian throughout the territory controlled by the Meridian.

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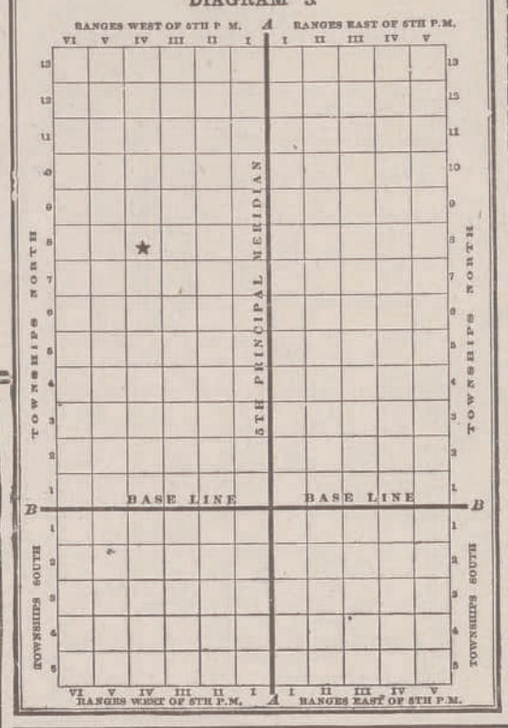
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These lines are termed "Range Lines." They divide the land into strips or divisions six miles wide, extending North and South, parallel with the Meridian. Each division is called a Range. Ranges are numbered from one upward, commencing at the Meridian; and their numbers are indicated by Roman characters. For instance, the first division (or first six miles) west of the Meridian is Range I. West; the next is Range II. West; then comes Range III., IV., V., VI., VII., and so on, until the territory governed by another Principal Meridian is reached. In the same manner the Ranges East of the Meridian are numbered, the words East or West being always used to indicate the direction from the Principal Meridian. See Diagram 3.

Commencing at the Base Line, at intervals of six miles, lines are run East and West parallel with the Base Line. These are designated as Township Lines. They divide the land into strips or divisions six miles wide, extending East and West, parallel with the Base Line. This plan is followed both North and South of the Base Line until the territory governed by another Principal Meridian and Base Line is reached. These divisions or Townships are numbered from one upward, both North and South of the Base Line, and their numbers are indicated by figures. For instance: The first six mile division North of the Base Line is Township 1 North; the next is Township 2 North; then comes Township 3, 4, 5, and 6, North, and so on. The same plan is followed South of the Base Line; the Townships being designated as Township 1 South, Township 2 South, and so on. The "North" or "South" (the initials N. or S. being generally used) indicates the direction from the Base Line. See Diagram 3.

These Township and Range Lines, crossing each other, as shown in Diagram 3, form squares, which are called "Townships" or "Government Townships," which are six miles square, or as nearly that as it is possible to make them. These Townships are a very important feature in locating or describing a piece of land. The location of a Government Township, however, is very readily found when the number of the Township and Range is given, by merely counting the number indicated from the Base Line and Principal Meridian. As an example of this, Township 8 North, Range 4, West of the 5th Principal Meridian, is at once located on the square marked ★ on Diagram 3, by counting eight tiers north of the Base Line and 4 tiers west of the Meridian.

DIAGRAM 3.



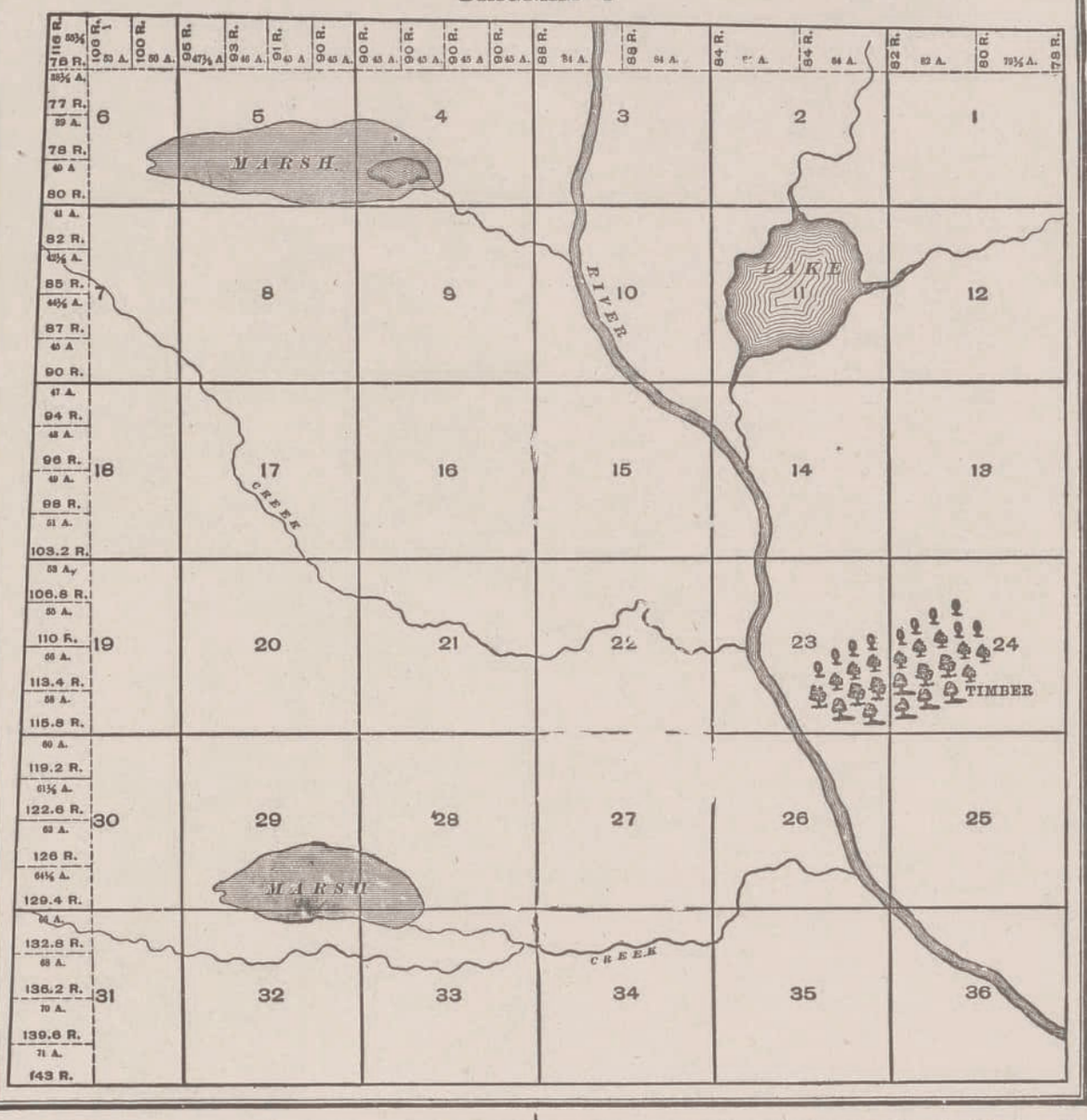
TOWNSHIPS OF LAND.

TOWNSHIPS are the largest subdivisions of land run out by the United States Surveyors. In the Governmental Surveys Township Lines are the first to be run, and a Township Corner is established every six miles and marked. This is called "Townshipping." After the Township Corners have been carefully located, the Section and Quarter Section Corners are established. Each Township is six miles square and contains 23,040 acres, or 36 square miles, as near as it is possible to make them. This, however, is frequently made impossible by: (1st) the presence of lakes and large streams; (2nd) by State boundaries not falling exactly on Township Lines; (3rd) by the convergence of Meridians or curvature of the earth's surface; and (4th) by inaccurate surveys.

Each Township, unless it is one of the exceptional cases referred to, is divided into 36 squares, which are called Sections. These Sections are intended to be one mile, or 320 rods, square and contain 640 acres of land. Sections are numbered consecutively from 1 to 36, as shown on Diagram 4. Beginning with Section 1 in the Northeast Corner, they run West to 6, then East to 12, then West to 18, and so on, back and forth, until they end with Section 36 in the Southeast Corner.

Diagram 4 shows a plat of a Township as it is divided and platted by the government surveyors. These Townships are called Government Townships or Congressional Townships, to distinguish them from Civil Townships or organized Townships, as frequently the lines of organized Townships do not conform to the Government Township lines.

DIAGRAM 4.



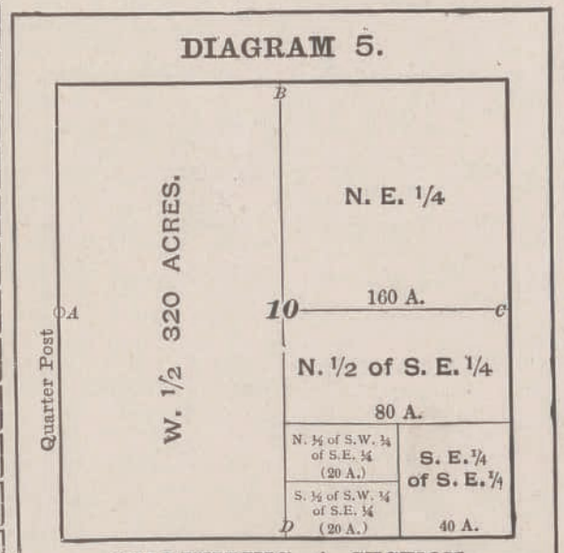
SECTIONS OF LAND.

DIAGRAM 5 illustrates how a section may be subdivided, although the Diagram only gives a few of the many subdivisions into which a section may be divided. All Sections (except fractional Sections) are supposed to be 320 rods, or one mile, square and therefore contain 640 acres—a number easily divisible. Sections are subdivided into fractional parts to suit the convenience of the owners of the land. A half-section contains 320 acres; a quarter-section contains 160 acres; half of a quarter contains 80 acres, and quarter of a quarter contains 40 acres, and so on. Each piece of land is described according to the portion of the section which it embraces—as the Northeast quarter of Section 10; or the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 10. Diagram 5 shows how many of these subdivisions are platted, and also shows the plan of designating and describing them by initial letters as each parcel of land on the Diagram is marked with its description.

As has already been stated, all Sections (except Fractional Sections which are explained elsewhere) are supposed to contain 640 acres, and even though mistakes have been made in surveying, as is frequently the case, making sections larger or smaller than 640 acres, the Government recognizes no variation, but sells or grants each regular section as containing 640 acres "more or less."

The Government Surveyors are not required to subdivide sections by running lines within them, but they usually establish Quarter Posts on Section Lines on each side of a section at the points marked A. B. C. and D. on Diagram 5. After establishing Township corners, Section Lines are the next to be run, and section corners are established. When these are carefully located the Quarter Posts are located at points as nearly equidistant between Section Corners as possible. These corners when established by Government Surveyors cannot be changed, even though it is conclusively shown that mistakes have been made which cause some sections or quarter sections to be either larger or smaller than others. The laws, however, of all the States provide certain rules for local surveyors to follow in dividing Sections into smaller parcels of land than has been outlined in the Governmental surveys. For instance, in dividing a quarter section into two parcels, the disance between the Government Corners is carefully measured and the new post is located at a point equidistant between them. This plan is followed in running out "eighties," "forties," "twenties," etc. In this way, if the Government division overruns or falls short, each portion gains or loses its proportion. This is not the case, however, with Fractional Sections along the North or West sides of a Township, or adjoining a lake or large stream.

DIAGRAM 5.



SUBDIVIDING A SECTION.

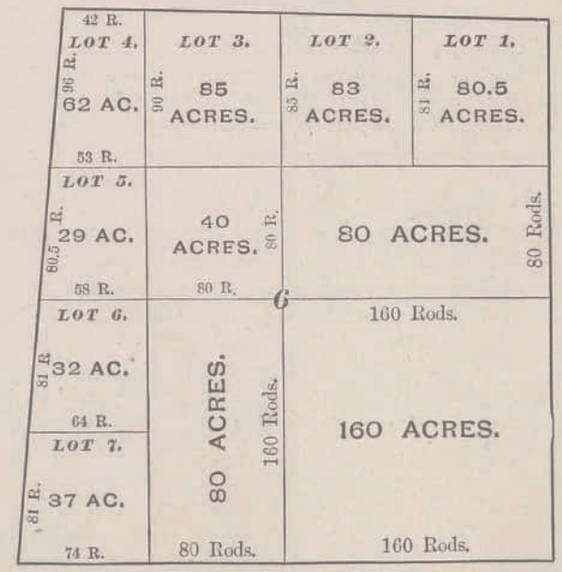
FRACTIONAL PIECES OF LAND.

CONGRESSIONAL Townships vary considerably as to size and boundaries. Mistakes made in surveying and the fact that Meridians converge as they run North cause every Township to vary more or less from the 23,040 acres which a perfect Township would contain. See Diagram 4. In arranging a Township into Sections all the surplus or deficiency of land is given to, or taken from, the North and West tiers of Sections. In other words, all Sections in the Township are made full—640 acres—except those on the North and West, which are given all the land that is left after forming the other 25 Sections.

Diagram 4 illustrates how the surplus or deficiency is distributed and the Sections it affects. It will be seen that Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31, are the "Fractional Sections," or the Sections which are affected if the Township overruns or falls short. Inside of these Fractional Sections, all of the surplus or deficiency of land (over or under 640 acres) is carried to the "forties" or "eighties" that touch the Township Line. These pieces of land are called "Fractional Forties" or "Fractional Eighties," as the case may be. Diagrams 4 and 6 show the manner of marking the acreage and outlining the boundaries of these "Fractions."

Diagram 6 illustrates how the surplus or deficiency of land inside of these Sections is distributed and which "forties" or "eighties" it affects. From this arrangement it will be seen that in any Section that touches the North or West Township Lines, the Southeast Quarter may be full—160 acres—while another quarter of the same Section may be much larger or smaller. Frequently these fractional "forties" or "eighties" are lotted as shown in Diagram 6. They are always described as fractional tracts of land, as the "fractional S. W. ¼ of Section 6," etc. Of course those portions of these Sections which are not affected by these variations are described in the usual manner—as Southeast ¼ of Section 6. As a rule Townships are narrower at the North than at the South side. The Meridians of Longitude (which run North and South) converge as they run North and South from the Equator. They begin at the Equator with a definite width between them and gradually converge until they all meet at the poles. Now, as the Range lines are run North and South, it will at once be seen that the convergence of Meridians will cause every Congressional Township (North of the Equator) to be narrower at its North than at its South side, as stated. See Diagram 4. In addition to this fact, mistakes of measurement are constantly and almost unavoidably made in running both Township and Range lines, and if no new starting points were established the lines would become confused and unreliable, and the size and shape of Townships materially affected by the time the surveys had extended even a hundred miles from the Base Line and Principal Meridian. In order to correct the surveys and variations caused by the difference of latitude and straighten the lines, "Correction Lines" (or Guide Meridians and Standard Parallels) are established at frequent intervals, usually as follows: North of the Base Line a Correction Line is run East and West parallel with the Base Line, usually every twenty-four miles. South of the Base Line a Correction Line is usually established every thirty miles. Both East and West of the Principal Meridian "Correction Lines" are usually established every 48 miles. All Correction Lines are located by careful measurement, and the succeeding surveys are based upon them.

DIAGRAM 6.



PLAT OF A FRACTIONAL SECTION.

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MAP OF OHIO.

Showing System of

GOVERNMENT SURVEYS.

Range Numbers in Roman Letters.
Township Numbers in Figures.

LAKE ERIE

CONNECTICUT WESTERN RESERVE

FIRE LANDS

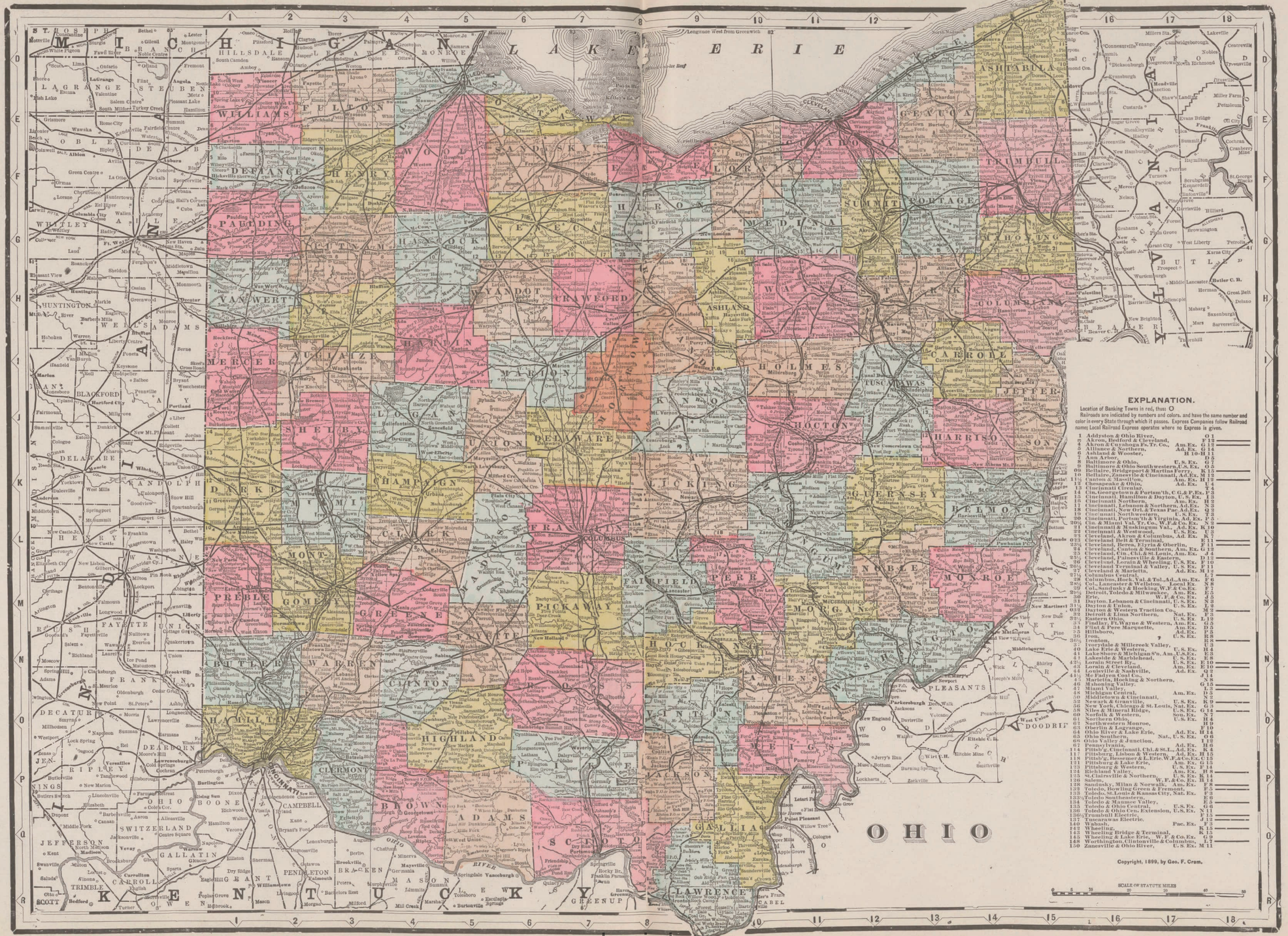
UNITED STATES MILITARY RESERVE

VIRGINIA MILITARY

SYMMES PURCHASE

OHIO COMPANYS LAND PURCHASE

Toledo
Wauseon
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Bowling Green
Fostoria
Tiffin
Findlay
Ottawa
Van Wert
Upper Sandusky
Bucyrus
Wapakoneta
Celina
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Port Clinton
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St. Clairsville
Wheeling
Bellaire
Woodsfield
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Lancaster
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Lebanon
Hamilton
Batavia
Georgetown
West Union
Sidney
Greenville
Troy
Urbana
Springfield
Xenia
Dayton
Eaton
Piqua
London
Marysville
Bellefontaine
Columbus
Site of Fort Laramie
Fort Recovery
Union Mouth
Dublin
Liberty Center
Shawnee Res.
Ottawa Res.
Seneca Reserve
Wyandot Res.
Ind. Res.
French Grant
Greenville Treaty Line
Harris Line
Base Line
Fulton Line
Meridian Line
Principal Meridian
First Meridian
Scioto River
Muskingum River
Hocking River
Miami River
Little Miami River
Great Miami River
Cuyahoga River
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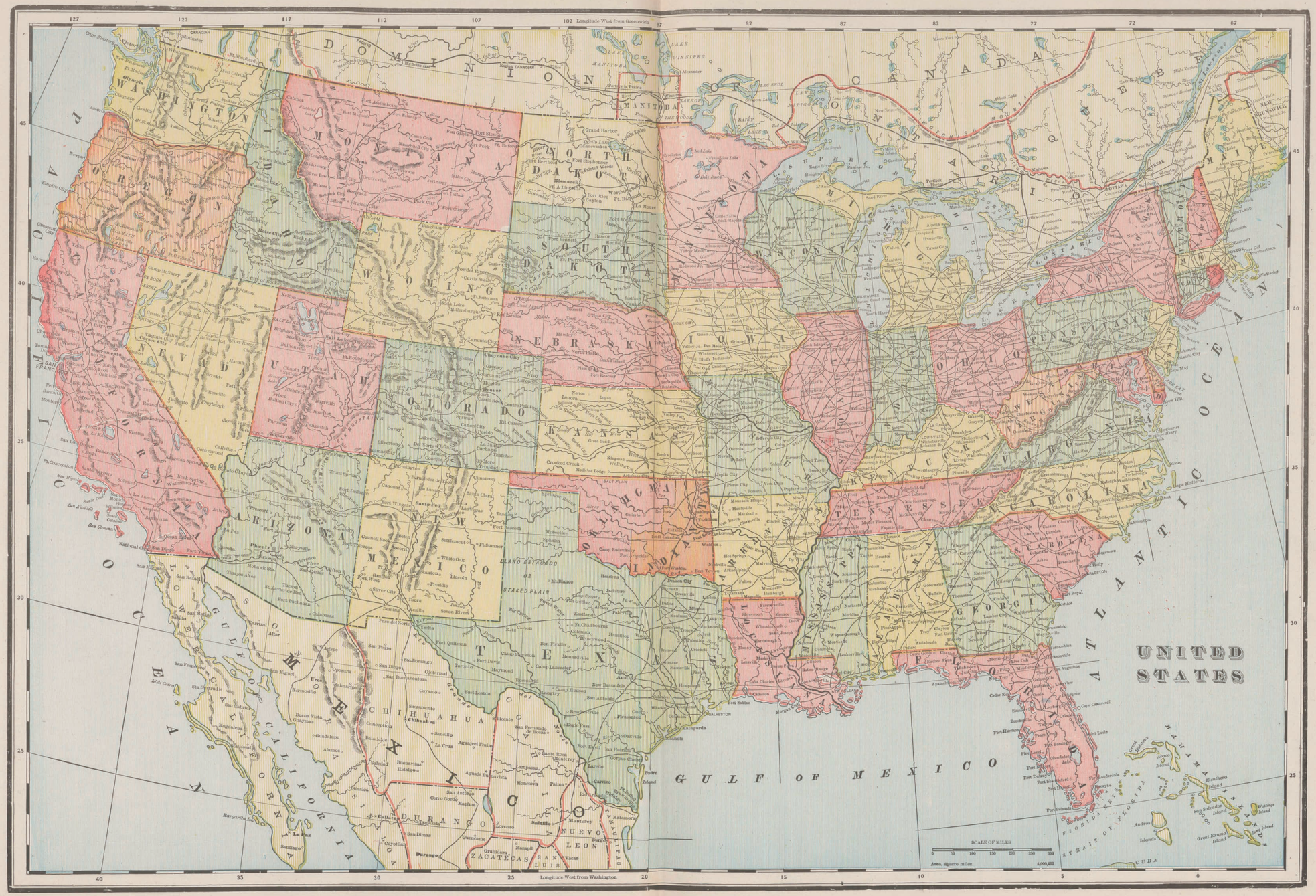
EXPLANATION.

Location of Banking Towns in red, thus O

Railroads are indicated by numbers and colors, and have the same number and color in every State through which it passes. Express Companies follow Railroad names. Local Railroad Express operates where no Express is given.

1	Addyston & Ohio River,		O 1
2	Akron, Bedford & Cleveland,		F 12
3	Akron & Cuyahoga Fs. Tr. Co.,	Am. Ex.	G 12
4	Akron, Canton & Northern,	Ad. Ex.	H 14
5	Ashland & Wooster,		H 10-11
6	Ann Arbor,		D 5
7	Baltimore & Ohio,	U. S. Ex.	G 7
8	Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern,	U.S. Ex.	O 5
9	Bellaire, Bridgeport & Martins Ferry,		K 15
10	Bellaire, Zanesville & Cincinnati,	Ad. Ex.	M 12
11	Canton & Massillon,	Am. Ex.	H 12
12	Chesapeake & Ohio,	Ad. Ex.	L 6
13	Cincinnati Circular,		T 4
14	Cin. Georgetown & Portsm'th,	C G. & P. Ex.	P 3
15	Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton,	U. S. Ex.	I 3
16	Cincinnati Northern,	Am. Ex.	H 2
17	Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern,	Ad. Ex.	N 3
18	Cincinnati, New Orl. & Texas Pac.	Ad. Ex.	Q 2
19	Cincinnati Northwestern,	U. S. Ex.	T 3
20	Cincinnati, Portsm'th & Virginia,	Ad. Ex.	P 5
20½	Cin. & Miami Val. Tr. Co.,	W. F. & Co. Ex.	N 2
21	Cincinnati & Muskingum Val.,	Ad. Ex.	M 10
22	Cincinnati & Westwood,	U. S. Ex.	U 3
23	Cleveland, Akron & Columbus,	Ad. Ex.	G 13
23½	Cleveland, Berea Terminal,		F 11
24	Cleveland, Canton & Southern,	Am. Ex.	G 13
25	Cleveland, Cin., Chi. & St. Louis,	Am. Ex.	J 4
25½	Cleveland, Painesville & Eastern,		D 15
26	Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling,	U. S. Ex.	F 10
26½	Cleveland Terminal & Valley,	U. S. Ex.	F 11
27	Cleveland & Marietta,	Ad. Ex.	M 11
27½	Columbus Central,		L 7
28	Columbus, Hock. Val. & Tol.,	Ad. Ex.	F 6
28½	Col., Lancaster & Wellston,	Local Ex.	N 8
29	Col., Sandusky & Hocking,	W. F. & Co. Ex.	F 7
29½	Detroit, Toledo & Milwaukee,	Am. Ex.	E 5
30	Erie,	W. F. & Co. Ex.	J 5
31	Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati,	U. S. Ex.	N 3
31½	Dayton & Union,	U. S. Ex.	L 2
32	Dayton & Western Traction Co.,		M 2
32½	Detroit & Lima Northern,	Nat. Ex.	F 3
33	Eastern Ohio,	U. S. Ex.	L 13
34	Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western,	Am. Ex.	G 3
35	Flint & Pere Marquette,	Am. Ex.	D 5
36	Hillsboro,	Ad. Ex.	K 8
36½	Ironton,	U. S. Ex.	R 8
37	Ivorydale & Millcreek Valley,		U 3
40	Lake Erie & Western,	U. S. Ex.	H 4
41	Lake Shore & Michigan S'n,	Am. U.S. Ex.	E 3
42	Lakeside & Marblehead,	U. S. Ex.	E 8
42½	Lorain Street Ry.,	U. S. Ex.	E 10
43	Lorain & Cleveland,	Am. Ex.	E 10
44	Louisville & Nashville,	Ad. Ex.	Q 2
44½	McFadyen Coal Co.,		M 14
45	Marietta, Rocking & Northern,		N 8
46	Mahoning Valley,		G 15
47	Miami Valley,		L 3
48	Michigan Central,	Am. Ex.	D 3
50	Middletown & Cincinnati,		N 3
52	Newark & Granville,	U. S. Ex.	K 9
56	New York, Chicago & St. Louis,	Nat. Ex.	G 3
58	Niles & Mineral Ridge,	U. S. Ex.	G 14
60	Norfolk & Western,	Sou. Ex.	N 7
61	Northern Ohio,	U. S. Ex.	H 5
62	Northwestern Ohio, Monroe,		H 6
63	Oberlin & Kipton,		F 10
64	Ohio River & Lake Erie,	Ad. Ex.	H 14
65	Ohio Southern,	Nat., U. S. Ex.	O 6
66	Ohio Valley & Junction,		I 9
67	Pennsylvania,	Ad. Ex.	H 6
114	Pittsb'g, Cincinnati, Chi. & St. L.,	Ad. Ex.	K 4
117	Pittsburg, Lisbon & Western,	Ad. Ex.	H 15
118	Pittsb'g, Bessemer & L. Erie,	W. F. & Co. Ex.	G 10
131	Pittsburg & Lake Erie,	Am. Ex.	G 15
133	Pittsburg & Western,	U. S. Ex.	F 14
134	Richland Valley,	Am. Ex.	H 8
135	St. Clairsville & Northern,	U. S. Ex.	K 14
136	Salem,	W. F. & Co. Ex.	B 14
138	Sandusky, Milan & Norwalk,	Am. Ex.	F 8
139	Toledo, Bowling Green & Fremont,		F 5
153	Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City,	Nat. Ex.	F 3
153½	Toledo Southeastern,		E 6
154	Toledo & Maumee Valley,		E 5
155	Toledo & Ohio Central,	U. S. Ex.	G 6
156	Toledo & Ohio Cen. Extension,	U. S. Ex.	N 11
156½	Trumbull Electric,		F 13
157	Tuscarawas Electric,		H 12
140	Vigo,	Pac. Ex.	F 2
142	Wheeling,		K 15
143	Wheeling Bridge & Terminal,		K 15
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PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE OLD WORLD.

STATISTICS
OF THE
Principal Countries

WEALTH OF NATIONS.

United States	$65,037,091,197
Great Britain	43,600,000,000
France	40,000,000,000
Germany	31,800,000,000
Russia	21,715,000,000
Austria-Hungary	18,065,000,000
Italy	11,735,000,000
Spain	7,960,000,000
Holland	4,805,000,000
Norway and Sweden	4,883,000,000
Belgium	4,300,000,000
Canada	3,250,000,000
Mexico	3,190,000,000
Australia	2,960,000,000
Portugal	1,935,000,000
Denmark	1,830,000,000
Argentine Republic	1,460,000,000
Switzerland	1,420,000,000
Greece	1,095,000,000

NATIONAL DEBTS.

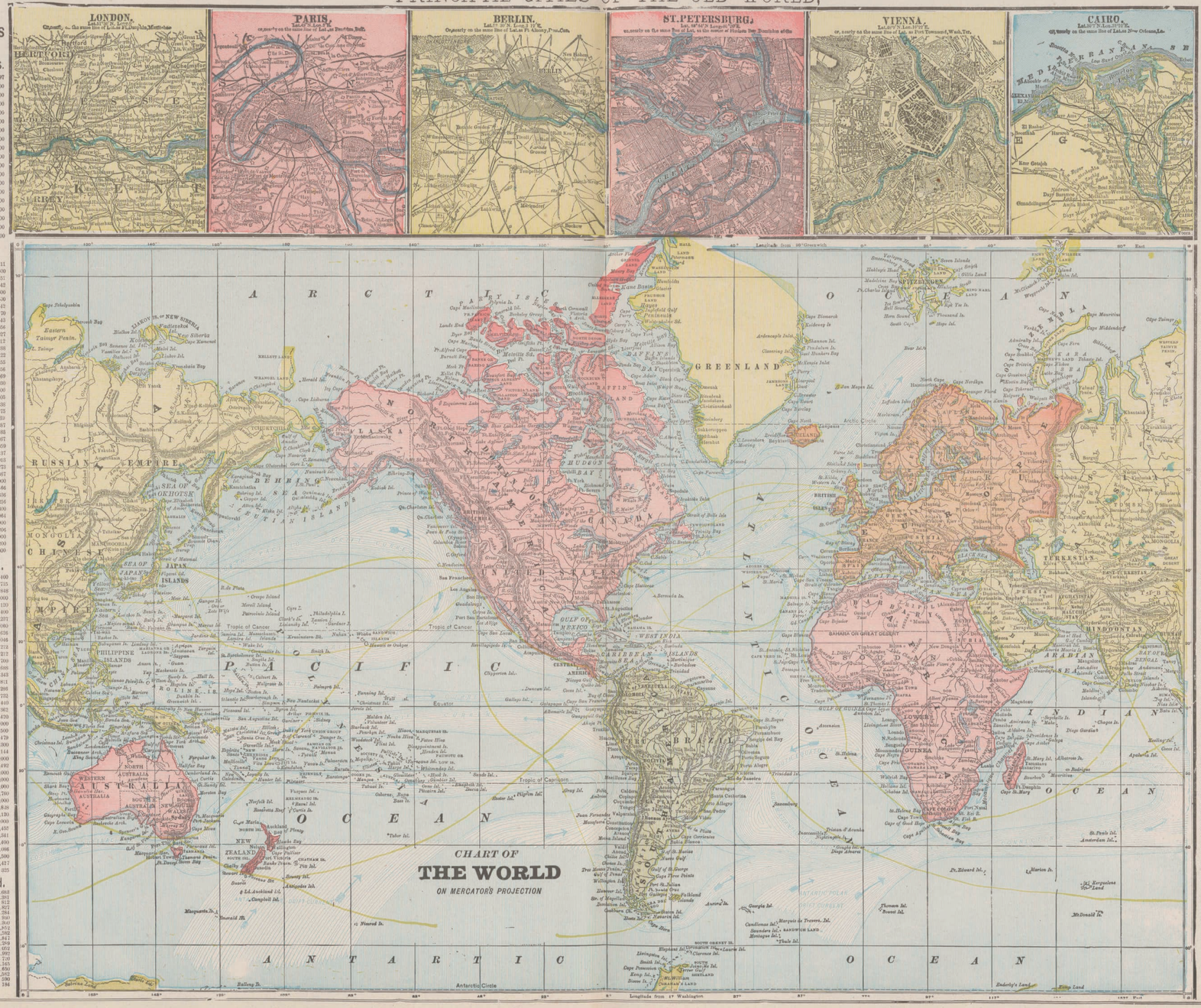
France	£1,986,700,211
Russia	3,307,512,300
Great Britain and Ireland	3,175,260,151
Austria-Hungary	2,654,968,543
Italy	2,264,375,300
Spain	1,332,912,556
India and Feudatory States	1,130,938,543
United States	847,367,479
Turkey	792,479,643
Portugal	668,217,056
Brazil	588,345,927
Germany	520,890,312
Netherlands	449,948,288
Belgium	433,324,122
Peru	382,176,655
Japan	372,334,356
Argentine Republic	284,867,069
Roumania	234,689,000
China	188,800,800
Greece	159,069,103
Sweden and Norway	116,591,333
Mexico	113,606,675
Chile	85,192,937
Servia	79,784,887
Colombia	68,451,583
Honduras	63,204,267
Denmark	58,813,059
Venezuela	22,517,437
Paraguay	19,633,013
Switzerland	16,163,723
Bolivia	14,763,967
Haiti	13,500,000
South African Republic	13,092,166
Guatemala	10,835,836
Santo Domingo	9,865,256
Salvador	6,013,300
Hawaii	3,311,061
Persia	2,433,000
Nicaragua	1,711,706
Liberia	977,000
Montenegro	740,200
Orange Free State	243,309

Armies of the World.

Russia	761,400
Germany	591,715
France	561,848
China	400,000
Austria-Hungary	379,120
Turkey	327,400
Great Britain and Colonies	211,271
Italy	208,080
Switzerland	133,676
Netherlands	118,046
Spain	90,212
Japan	85,217
Servia	67,760
United States	58,688
Belgium	54,343
Portugal	44,813
Denmark	42,286
Roumania	41,773
Sweden and Norway	40,440
Bulgaria	33,362
Chile	28,470
Nepal	23,000
Persia	24,500
Brazil	24,478
Greece	21,300
Mexico	21,144
Morocco	19,000
Argentine Republic	15,492
Costa Rica	12,000
Colombia	10,000
Siam	9,000
Venezuela	7,700
Guatemala	7,000
Haiti	6,826
Congo Free State	6,126
Corea	5,000
Uruguay	3,450
Ecuador	3,341
South African Republic	2,400
Peru	2,086
Bolivia	1,500
Paraguay	1,437
Luxemburg	325

Navies of the World.

Great Britain	105,603
France	61,381
Russia	51,813
Italy	22,827
Turkey	22,284
Germany	20,950
Spain	16,047
Japan	14,852
United States	13,282
Austria-Hungary	12,847
Netherlands	11,799
Portugal	5,052
Sweden	4,997
Norway	3,720
Greece	3,165
Roumania	1,850
Denmark	1,262
Mexico	590
Uruguay	194



Railroads of the World.

Comparative Miles of R. R. in Operation in all Countries.

United States	184,605
Germany	29,472
Russia	26,211
France	20,019
Great Britain and Ireland	21,377
India	20,090
Austria-Hungary	19,997
Dominion of Canada	16,387
Australia	13,902
Italy	9,939
Argentine Republic	9,052
Brazil	8,092
Cape Colony	8,000
Spain	7,653
Mexico	7,388
Victoria	6,947
Sweden	6,416
South Australia	4,966
Belgium	3,999
Victoria	3,122
New South Wales	2,702
Turkey	2,542
Chile	2,505
Queensland	2,439
Switzerland	2,351
Japan	2,290
New Zealand	2,185
Algeria	2,156
Netherlands	1,944
Liberia	1,888
Roumania	1,831
Portugal	1,615
Egypt	1,446
Tasmania	1,425
Western Australia	1,361
Dutch East Indies	1,261
Norway	1,201
Uruguay	1,179
Cuba	1,058
Peru	1,056
Tunis	985
South African Republic	716
Venezuela	631
Orange Free State	621
Central America	621
Bolivia	621
Bulgaria	609
Greece	596
Newfoundland	551
Tasmania	475
Nicaragua	401
Colombia	400
Servia	346
China	330
Corea	297
Luxemburg	276
Senegal	240
Algeria	200
Portuguese East Africa	175
Federated Malay States	171
Paraguay	166
Guatemala	150
Porto Rico	137
Costa Rica	131
Santo Domingo	117
Mauritius	105
Uganda	100
French Soudan	90
Nicaragua	91
Siam	84
Trinidad	81
Reunion	78
Salvador	73
Hawaii	71
Philippine Islands	70
Honduras	68
Ecuador	60
Cape Colony	58
Portuguese India	51
British Guiana	39
Eritrea	39
Persia	34
Barbadoes	24
German East Africa	16
Malta	8

Telegraphs of the World.

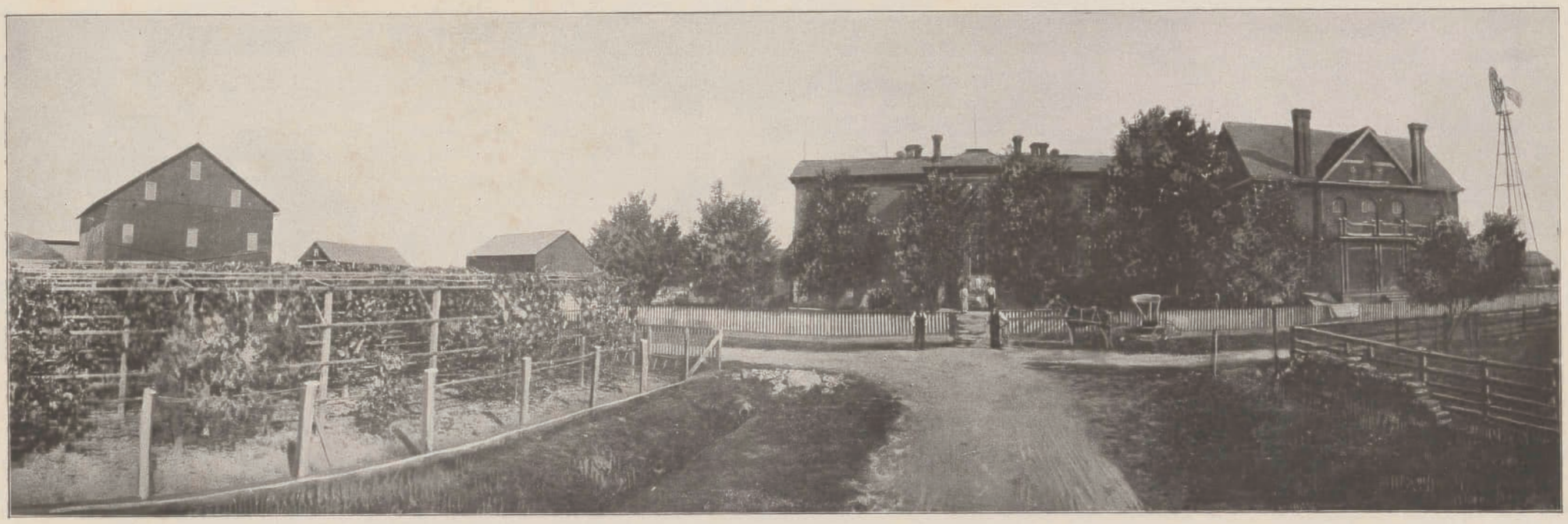
Comparative Miles of Telegraphs in Operation in all Countries.

United States	210,000
Germany	84,670
Russia	79,396
France	59,287
India	46,875
Austria-Hungary	46,101
Great Britain and Ireland	47,399
Mexico	40,000
Dominion of Canada	31,725
Argentine Republic	25,535
Italy	24,716
Spain	23,435
Turkey	21,500
New South Wales	18,418
Japan	11,720
Victoria	11,165
Brazil	10,548
Queensland	10,000
Sweden	9,782
Colombia	9,000
Cape Colony	8,400
Norway	6,918
New Zealand	6,385
South Australia	5,865
Western Australia	5,479
Dutch East Indies	5,185
Greece	5,005
Algeria	5,023
Switzerland	4,483
Uruguay	4,380
Roumania	4,250
Persia	4,150
Portugal	3,905
Belgium	3,855
Venezuela	3,500
Netherlands	3,339
Denmark	3,300
Bulgaria	3,164
Cuba	3,000
Bolivia	2,982
Guatemala	2,900
Honduras	2,562
Cuba	2,561
Egypt	2,269
Tunis	2,060
Servia	1,900
South African Republic	1,852
Cochin China	1,305
Siam	1,039
Tasmania	1,011
Ceylon	1,733
Salvador	1,724
Orange Free State	1,500
Peru	1,491
Newfoundland	1,314
Nicaragua	1,245
Ecuador	1,242
Portuguese East Africa	1,000
Jamaica	927
Costa Rica	875
Philippine Islands	700
Trinidad	691
Paraguay	594
British Guiana	574
Gold Coast	515
Porto Rico	513
Luxemburg	443
Santo Domingo	430
Montenegro	400
Eritrea	381
Paraguay	360
Angola	280
Hawaii	260
Cyprus	240
Madagascar	190
Uganda	100
Malta	65
Bermudas	36
Barbados	34
Gibraltar	4

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VIEW OF MERCER COUNTY COURT HOUSE, CELINA, OHIO.



VIEW OF MERCER COUNTY INFIRMARY.



VIEW OF PUBLIC SCHOOL, CELINA, OHIO.

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CELINA.

Celina, the county seat of Mercer county, is a thriving city of 3,500 inhabitants, centrally located on the northwest corner of Lake Mercer, the largest artificial body of water in the world. Enjoying the best railroad facilities, the inhabitants progressive and sociable, it is a most desirable little city in which to reside. Celina was founded by James W. Riley, in 1834. In August of that year, Mr. Riley, together with Peter Aughenbaugh, R. W. Stearns, and Robert Linzee, entered into articles of agreement in which each paid in one hundred dollars for the purpose of purchasing land in the center of Mercer county to lay out a town to be called Celina. The name of Celina was originated by Mr. Riley during a journey to New York, to have a map of the town lithographed. While on this trip he stopped at Salina, Onondaga county, New York, and, impressed by the similarity of the locations of the two towns, the one at the head of a natural lake and the other at the head of an artificial lake, so by changing the orthography confusion of post offices was avoided. The industries of Celina at that time was limited to but one saw mill, which had been erected near the reservoir for the purpose of sawing out lumber to build the embankment and the erection of a court house by the town proprietors. There was only one store in town, that owned by Mr. Riley, in which was the clerk's office; this building was located just south of the public square. The inhabitants of Celina at that time was scarcely fifteen families. There were two hotels in the town, one, a frame, kept by Franklin Linzee, on the corner of Main and Warren streets, and a two-story log house kept by a Mr. Simmons, on the corner of Sugar and Warren streets. The trees stood in all their native granduer and mud and water was everywhere. A novel method was resorted to to clear the town of its trees. A chopping bee was inaugurated at which over seventy expert woodsmen were in attendance, and in squads of fifteen they felled the giants of the forest with wonderful rapidity. The men began chopping on the corner of Buckeye and Market streets, and felled all the timber south of Market street to the west line of the town plat.

The settlement then began to take on the aspect of the town. The sun dried up the mud and water and the grass came slowing creeping up. The public square, containing five acres, heavily timbered, was next cleared away and the erection of a court house followed, in 1841, on the northeast corner of Main and Livingston streets, which was finished in time for the spring term, at which Judge Holt presided. By this time the little village had begun to improve. Two brick buildings had been erected by a Mr. Beach and Benjamin Linzee.

The town had grown to such proportions that in 1851 another court house was built, two stories in heighth, the court room being in the second floor and the lower floor occupied by the officials. In September, 1858, the commissioners built an office of brick for the treasurer. In 1867 the present court house was built. The county officials at that time were: Commissioners, A. Baker, G. Meyers and William Clay; auditor, S. S. Snyder; probate judge, R. G. Blake; clerk, J. W. Deford; treasurer, Christopher Schunck; recorder, T. G. TouVelle, and sheriff, H. L. Johnson. In 1875 the present jail was built. The old court house was used as a city building for sometime and was totally destroyed by fire in 1884. In 1890 the handsome city building was built by Messrs. Kreusch & Fanger. The city officials were: Mayor, Joseph May; clerk, C. C. Gable; treasurer, H. F. Juneman; council, B. M. ClenDening, W. J. Maehlman, F. J. H. Laudahn, G. W. Winter, D. Piper and C. Schlosser. The present Council of Celina is composed of good, sound minded, fearless, honest and trustworthy men. The Mayor, the Clerk and Treasurer are without an exception good square business men. The people claim the Street Commissioner, Henry H. Niehaus keeps clean the streets and crossings, and Marshall Thomas Houser the sidewalks. Celina can well be proud ofher public buildings, which are at once the admiration of envy of her sister towns. Her churches are imposing edifices of worship and prayer and her public schools rank as high as any city of its size in the state.

THE INFIRMARY.

Over the hills to the poor house is a not a pleasing thought, yet the dread of having to live at the county home is somewhat lessened when it is known that that home in which all the modern improvements for the comfort of man or woman are to be found and under the charge of a kind-hearted superintendent. The Mercer county infirmary is just such a home as above alluded to. It is located about two miles west of Celina, on a beautiful spot of ground, presenting a perfect picture, as the buildings raise their stately heads from a knoll, and the green fields and long winding lanes spread out in refreshing grandeur. The first building was erected in 1868, and in 1873 there was added an additional brick structure. In 1893 another brick building, built especially for the male inmates was added. These buildings contain all the modern improvements and are heated with gas. The barns and outbuildings are equally as modern in structure. The infirmary farm contains three hundred and twenty acres of as fine land as there is in the county, all but twenty acres being under cultivation. The horses, cattle and hogs raised are all of fine breed and finely cared for. The farm is almost entirely self-supporting and there is no special levy made, the only support derived from the county is through the Dow law (liquor tax). There are on an average fifty inmates yearly. That this number should be supported with so little expense to the county reflects the greatest of credit on the directors, who are James F. Timmonds, Ed. Dibble and Herman Kohnen, and Superintendent Mike Reusch. The present superintendent has been identified with the infirmary for a number of years, having commenced work there under Superintendent Schunck in 1884, afterwards with Superintendent Partner until his death, when the directors elected Mr. Reusch superintendent. He has proven an efficient and faithful servant.

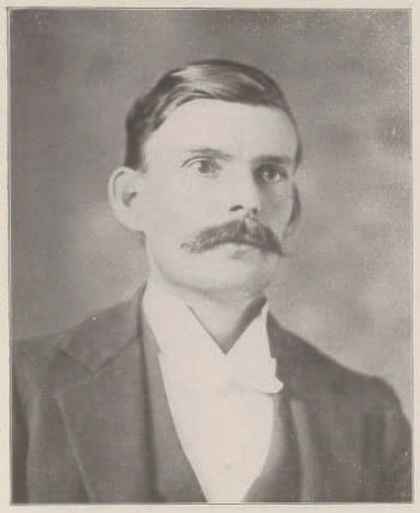
CELINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

In 1857 a young man looking for a location visited Celina. It was February, the weather cold, roads rough, and after traveling on horseback all day he finally reached the county seat of Mercer county. After partaking of supper at the hotel and while sitting in front of the huge fireplace he interrogated his landlord. Among other questions were the two following: "How many churches in this place?" "None. One was begun some years ago but nothing has been done at it lately. They talk of finishing it next year"

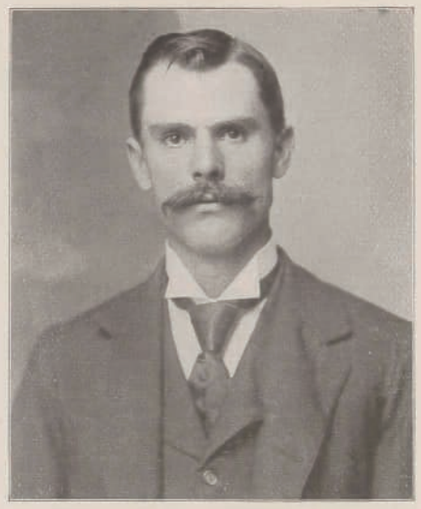
"How many school houses have you?" "None. We had a little brick one but it fell down last year."

The young adventurer thought "My me! a county seat without a church or school house." At that time and until the fall of 1859, school was taught in various buildings, chiefly in the old Presbyterian church on east Fayette street. Usually two teachers were employed in the winter season and one in the summer. In 1859 a school house containing four rooms was built and two teachers employed. This house answered the purpose for more than a dozen years. In February, 1874, the board of education resolved to dismiss school early that spring to erect additions to the school house. The building was that year enlarged to one of twelve rooms and was occupied at the beginning of the next school year. To pay for the building bonds were issued in the sum of twenty-four thousand, eight hundred and ninety-two dollars. Several years after the bonds were refunded and were finally paid off in 1899. In 1877 the board designated the school as follows: Primary, numbers one and two; intermediate, number three; grammer, numbers four and five, and high school, number six. In 1894 another school house was erected in the east side of town, the building here represented being on the west side. This new educational building cost thirteen thousand and thirty-four dollars. The Celina public schools employ sixteen teachers, with P. C. Zemer, as superintendent. The board of education is now composed of: Hon. T. J. Godfrey, president; S. J. Vining, secretary; L. D. Brumm, treasurer; J. F. Timmonds, R. H. Brownlie and A. W. Fishbaugh. During all these years the Celina schools have maintained an onward, steady movement, and now the grades have just doubled themselves as compared with the grade in 1877. They are classed as among the best in the state and a diploma from the high school receives as much recognition from the leading colleges in Ohio as one from the schools in the larger cities. In 1899 a class of twelve graduated and a class of fifteen is expected to graduate in 1900.

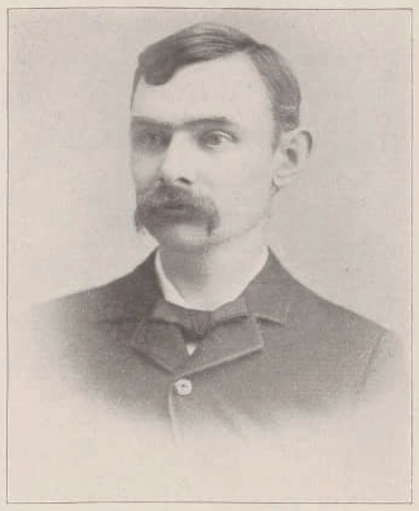
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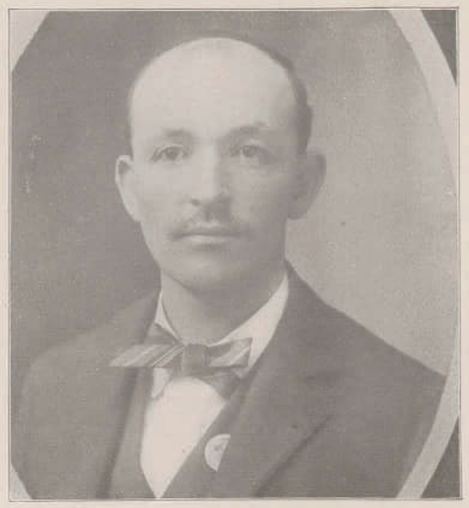
FRANK V. SHORT, COUNCILMAN.



JOHN LEIFELD, COUNCILMAN.



CHARLES CLARK, COUNCILMAN.



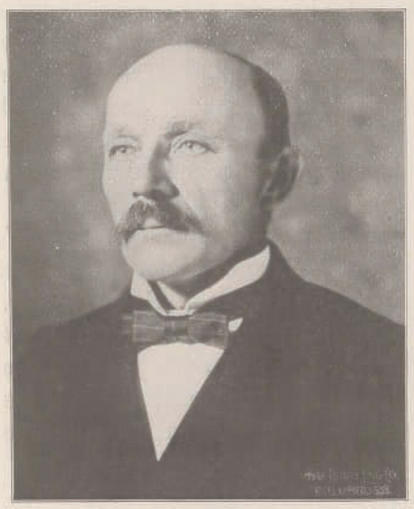
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PHILIP BEIERSDORFER, COUNCILMAN.



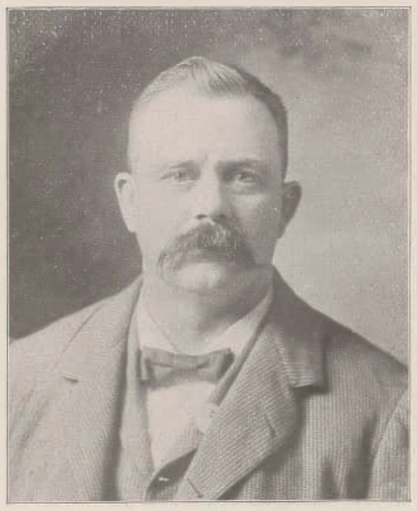
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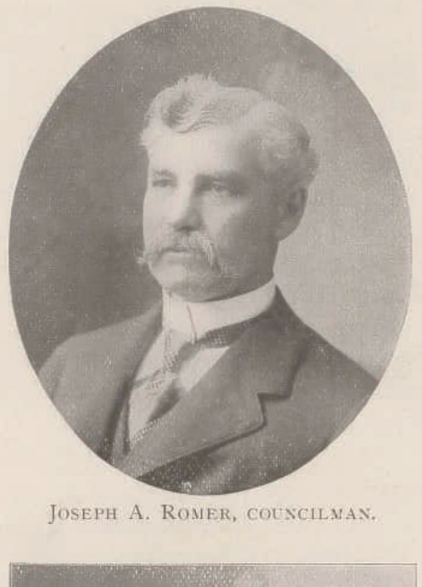
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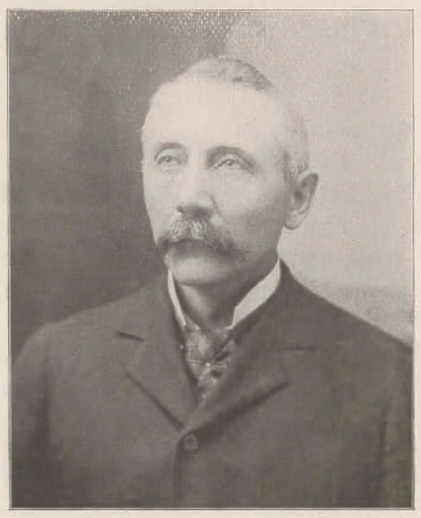
CITY HALL, CELINA, OHIO.



JOHN HOAGLAND, COUNCILMAN.



JOSEPH A. ROMER, COUNCILMAN.



ANTON GROTJAHN, CORPORATION TREAS.



HENRY NIEHAUS, STREET COMMISSIONER.



HENRY A. MILLER, CITY SOLICITOR.



JOSEPH METZNER, MAYOR.



THOMAS HOUSER, CITY MARSHALL.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, CELINA, OHIO.

About the year 1876 Rev. Father Theophilus Wittmer built the first parochial school on the corner of Walnut and Wayne streets, of which school he was the principal agitator. He succeeded in erecting a building 36 x 40 feet and two storiess high, which building now serves for the parsonage of the Immaculate Conception congregation. Father Wittmer was the first superintendent and Sister Mary Missler was the first principal, assisted by another sister teacher. The school so prospered under the management of Father Wittmer and the good sisters that in 1888 Father Andrew Gietl, who had succeeded Fathers Wittmer and Godfrey Schlachter, was compelled to build the present large and capacious building, where two hundred and fifty children now receive their education. At present the school is under the management of Father George Hindelang, as superintendent, and Sister Mary John as principal. There are five teachers engaged in instruction and each one seems especially endowed for the especial grades they teach. It is an excellent force and they do excellent work.

At the Mercer county fair this school applied or entered for six prizes. They received four red-cards that is, first, prizes and two second prizes; getting a prize for everything they entered. This is evidence of the good work that is done at the schools of the Immaculate Conception congregation.

Since the establishment of the school the following pastors of the congregation were its superintendents, to-wit: Father Wittmer, Rev. Father Godfrey Schlachter, Rev. Father Andrew Gietl, Rev. Father William Russ, Rev. Father Philip Hartman, Rev. Father Dominic Shunk, and the present superintendent, Rev. Father George Hindelang, all fathers of the Society of the Most Precious Blood.

The following sisters of the Most Precious Blood were in actual charge of the schools or rooms as principals, to-wit: Sisters Mary Missler, Rosa Nageleisen, Alphonsa Shunk, Inocencia Verpilat and Sister Mary John who is now in charge. They were all ably assisted by their assistants, and under this systematic management the school is prospering and has grown to be an institution of note in the county and the city of Celina.

CITY WATER WORKS, CELINA.

Celina is up-to-date in public improvements, having a fine system of water works, which were put in in 1895, under the supervision of trustees Messrs. C. D. Heirholzer, John Milligan and J. P. LeBlond. The present trustees are Dr. L. D. Brumm, M. J. Hemmert and J. Gerlach, with John Wychoff as clerk and Clemence Rodering as superintendent. The water works buildings, located in the north part of town, are as fine equipped with the latest improved machinery as any plant in the state. An electric light plant and sewerage system it is thought will be added in the near future. The fire department, with Chief Jacob Weber, at the head, is one of the best that can be found in any city the size of Celina, and it is a source of great pride to the citizens. One of the public institutions that few little cities can boast of is the public library, under the direction of the Shakespere club. This library contains all the finest works of leading authors, past and present. In the manufacturing line Celina has rapidly forged to the front within the last year. The three railroads—the Lake Erie & Western, Cincinnati Northern and C. H. &. D., afford shipping facilities that are unsurpassable and make the city a most desirable location for industries. At present nearly two hundred and fifty men find employment in the various manufacturing plants, which include the canning and packing factory, furniture factory, buggy bow factory, band mill, hoop factory, and a number of other minor industries. The business men are progressive and abreast with the times in the commercial world. The business houses are all imposing structures that enhance the natural beauty of the town. The present city officials are: Mayor, Joseph Metzner; marshal, Thomas Houser; clerk, August Behringer; treasurer, Andy Grothjan; counclimen: First ward, Frank V. Short and John Leifeld; second ward, Charles Clark and W. J. Maehlmann; third ward, John A. Hoagland and A. W. Corwin; fourth ward, Phillip Beiersdorfer and Joseph Romer.

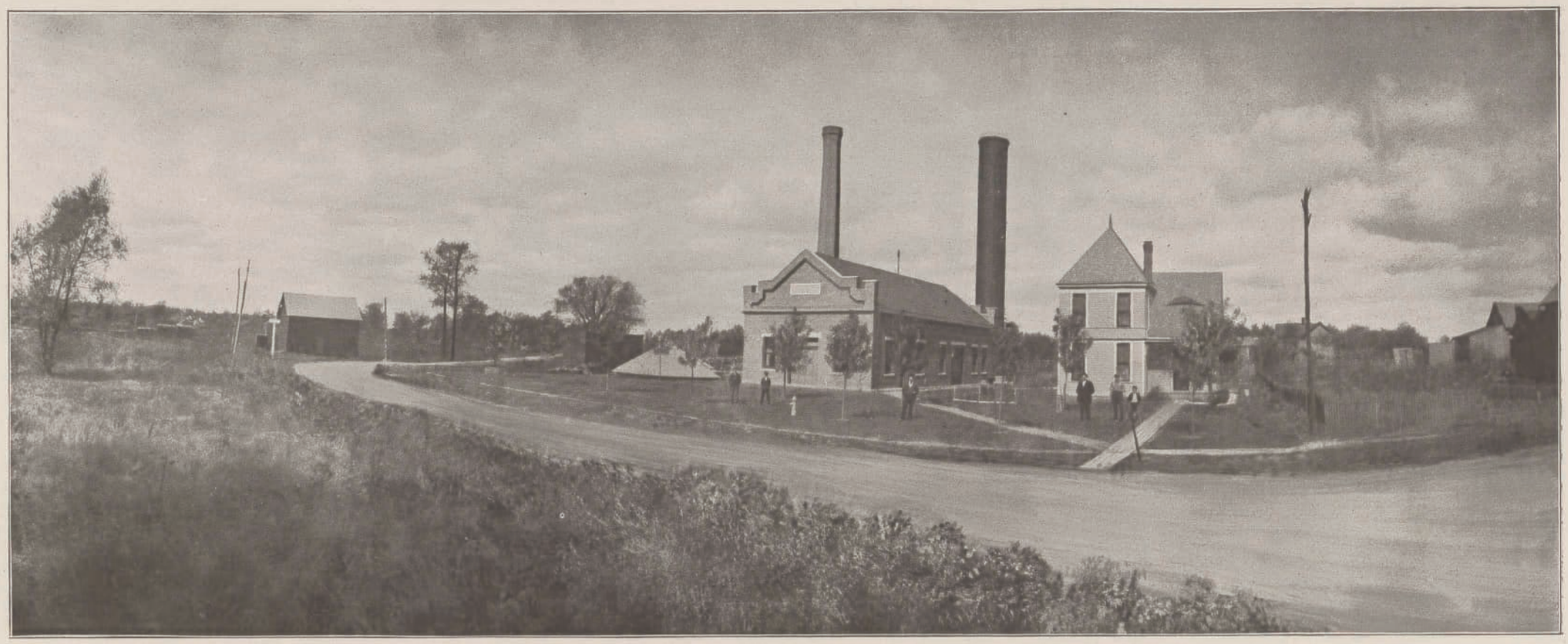
PETER SCHUNCK.

Peter Schunck was born at Cranberry Prairie, Mercer county, Ohio, October 14, 1858. He is a son of Adam and Anna Schunck *née* Fleck. At the age of five years he moved to Celina with his parents, and attended school in this city until he arrived at the age of fifteen, when he entered the harness shop of his father. When sixteen years old he assisted John Shepherd in conducting his grocery store, remaining here two years. He then entered the general store of C. D. Heirholzer, as salesman. After clerking here four years he formed a partnership with C. D. Heirholzer and H. J. Pulskamp, the firm name being C. D. Heirholzer & Company. This firm conducted a general store and were deservedly successful from the start, acquiring a reputation second to no other mercantile establishment in the county. On January 18, 1882, he was united in marriage to Frances Ungerer, who was born September 19, 1860. She is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Ungerer *née* Batch. The following named children have been born to Peter and Frances Schunck: Lloyd, October 1, 1882, who died at the age of seven years, eight months and three days; Maud, November 7, 1883; and Leo, November 20, 1887. In business Mr. Schunck has, by careful application to business, fared well in the accumulation of this world's goods. He has a palatial residence on West Livingston street, tastefully furnished. On West Fayette street, opposite his place of business that imposing and beautiful brick structure, the Hotel Ashley, is owned by Mr. Schunck. This hotel is elegantly finished, and the interior presents at once an inviting and cozy appearance. It is one of the best known hotels in this part of Ohio, containing all modern improvements, and is largely patronized by the traveling public.

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BIOGRAPHIES.

L. N. JOHNSON.

L. N. Johnson, the genial and accomodating deputy clerk of Mercer county, was born February 22, 1860, on a farm in West Virginia. He is the eldest son of Peter and Sarah Johnson *née* Stemple. He was reared on the farm and attended school at Meadowville. Here he gleaned a good education and fitted himself for a most successful career as a teacher, which profession he followed together with farming, until entering the clerk's office, in 1896. After completing his course of instruction at Meadowville in 1879 he taught a school, which was located on the historic battle ground of Carrick's ford or Cheat river. After teaching here and at Calhoun for two years he, on October 28, 1881, removed to Mercer county, Ohio. Successfully passing an examination for a teacher's certificate, shortly after his arrival, Mr. Johnson taught one year in Dublin township and in 1882 and '83 successfully conducted the Manly district school, in Blackcreek township. In 1884 he was elected superintendent of the Rockford High school, for which position there were six other applicants. He filled this arduous position until 1886, when he purchased a farm in Blackcreek township, which property is the fruits of his labor in the educational field. He has this eighty-acre farm under excellent cultivation, and it is looked upon as one of the best tilled in that section, where a poor farm is a rarity. He was married to Sarah C. Addy, daughter of John and Catharine Ann Addy *née* Albert, July 28, 1883. This union has been blessed with the following children: John Ray, June 21, 1885; Walter Leroy, October 21, 1886; Retta A., February 28, 1888; Addy D., August 12, 1890, and Nellie Belle, September 28, 1892. Mrs. L. N. Johnson was born October 24, 1851, in Mercer county, and is a member of the United Brethren church. Mr. Johnson is prominent in the councils of the Democratic party. Fraternally, he is a member of Shane's Lodge, No. 337, F. & A. M.

JOHN W. KARCH.

John Karch is a young farmer of Granville township who has recognized ability and the confidence of the people. While still a young man, in the prime and vigor of his young manhood, he was elected to one of the highest positions of trust in the county—that of commissioner. He is a son of George and Waldburga Karch and was born March 19, 1862, in Marysville, Union county, Ohio. His parents moved to St. Marys, Ohio, in 1864, and in 1870 they purchased a farm in Granville township, Mercer county, Ohio. Here their son John developed the character and manly qualities that have won for him the esteem and admiration of his fellowmen. Attending school in district nine of his home township, and assisting his father on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, he then began general contracting, which in business he was deservedly successful for fifteen years, or up until the time he was elected commissioner, November, 1897. As an official his acts have been above criticism. The careful attention which he paid to his contracting, has characterized his conduct of public affairs. He was married to Sarah Dickes, daughter of Adam and Catherine Dickes, on April 12, 1891. Their union has been blessed with five children: Mabel Edith, September 15, 1892; Arthur L., February 1, 1894; Lucinda R., February 26, 1895; Esther R., January 16, 1897; John McLean, August 31, 1899.

Politically he is a Democrat and in religious connection is a member of the Catholic church.

Mrs. John Karch was born near Skeels cross roads, Mercer county, June 13, 1866.

CHARLES A. KLOEB.

Charles A. Kloeb, auditor of Mercer county, was born at Piqua, Ohio, April 17, 1859. He is a son of Joseph and Emma Kloeb, both of whom were natives of Germany and who came to this country in 1845. They were married in Cincinnati, Ohio, and moved from that city to Piqua, where the father died in 1868. The mother survives and still resides at Piqua. Charles A. Kloeb was reared in Piqua and his education was limited to what he could secure in the parochial, public schools and the night school of Piqua, obtaining, however, by careful application, a good education in both German and English. Owing to the early death of his father he was compelled to earn a living and assist the mother in keeping the family, consisting of four brothers and two sisters. At the age of nineteen he engaged in the manufacture of cigars in Piqua, continuing at that business until 1879, when he moved to Celina. In this city he took charge of a cigar factory for a time and later engaged in the business for himself. In 1886 he was appointed to the responsible position of traveling deputy United States internal revenue collector for the fourth division of the Tenth Ohio district. In this position he made such a high record that at Washington, D. C., he was regarded as one of the best men in the revenue service and was the last Democrat to be removed from office in this state under the Harrison administration. Previous to this appointment Mr. Kloeb held the offices of township and corporation clerk of Jefferson township and Celina, resigning these positions to accept the position of revenue collector. In 1889 he engaged in the insurance, loan and real estate business, which he carried on successfully until the spring of 1898, when he disposed of his business and became a candidate for the office of county auditor, receiving the nomination by a handsome majority and in the same fall elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate for this office. So unswerving was he in the discharge of his duties and a satisfactory official to the people, that he was renominated and re-elected in 1899. Mr. Kloeb was married January 14, 1885, to Miss Emma LeBlond, daughter of ex-Congressman and Mrs. F. C. LeBlond. To this marriage there have been born a daughter and a son, Anna L., and Francis L., both bright and promising children. Mr. Kloeb and his family are members of the Catholic church and are held in the highest esteem in Celina and Mercer county.

SAMUEL J. VINING.

Samuel J. Vining was born on the 22d day of March, 1864, in Randolph county, Indiana. His parents moved to Darke county, Ohio, about 1865, and in 1880 to Mercer county, Ohio. He attended school at Geneva and Portland, Indiana. He taught school in Blackcreek township, Mercer county, Ohio, for fourteen years. He was the son of Robert M. and Sarah A. Vining *née* Stoubt. Mr. Vining was united in marriage to Addie Ellsworth, on the 8th day of February, 1887. To them were born the following named children: Vernon Ellsworth, January 16, 1888; Valley Echo, November 29, 1890; Leo Heath, October 24, 1892. Mr. Vining is at present serving as clerk of the courts of Mercer county, Ohio, to which office he was nominated and elected in 1896 and re-elected in 1899. He is a member of the K. P. Lodge, No. 129, Celina, also I. O. O. F. of Celina, 399.

JUDGE STEPHEN A. ARMSTRONG.

Judge Stephen A. Armstrong, a judge of the common pleas court, was born in Montezuma, Mercer county, Ohio, December 18, 1848. His parents were William and Martha Armstrong *née* Livingston. He received his education in the schools at Montezuma and Celina. Deeming it best to learn some trade he, in 1862, began as an apprentice in a printing office at Celina. Here he labored at the "case" for about three years, forsaking it to complete a course in the high school. After completing this course he taught school in the country four years. His ability as an educator was rewarded by being chosen superintendent of the Celina school, which position he held one year. He then entered the University of Michigan and took the literary and law courses, graduating from the law department in 1873, with the degree of L. B. He was admitted to the bar to practice before the supreme court of Michigan on April 19, 1873, and immediately afterwards admitted to practice in the Ohio courts. He began the practice of law at Celina, on July 7, 1873. Two years later, or in the fall of 1875, he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Mercer county, and was re-elected in 1879. He formed a partnership with Hon. J. D. Johnson, January 1, 1887, which firm has been very successful in general practice since that date. Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage December 28, 1870, to Alice J. Shipley, daughter of Samuel B. Shipley. She was born at Dayton, Ohio, April 25, 1854. To this union the following children were born: William B.; Russel L.; Samuel F.; Stephen C.; Alice May, and John. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Armstrong was elected to the common pleas judgship for this district, which honor he has filled with distinguished ability.

GEORGE W. FRISINGER.

George W. Frisinger, one of Dublin township's substantial and popular farmers, is the subject of this sketch. He was born near Rockford, May 11, 1853, a son of Nathan and Jane Frisinger *née* Ryan. He was raised on the farm, attending school at district No. 3, known as the Frisinger school district. He assisted in the management of the farm until he was twenty-one. On November 10, 1874, he was married to Lida Archer, daughter of Henry and Lucinda Archer. To this union there was born, on October 15, 1880, a son, Merritt, who now assists his father on the farm. Lida Archer Frisinger was born in Wood county, Ohio, in 1854, and died June 1, 1886. Mr. Frisinger married Lillie McDonald in April, 1887. She was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. McDonald, of Rockford. Their connubial bliss was limited to scarce five months, when the young wife passed away in July of the same year. On the 10th of January, he was again united in the holy bonds to Arena Hessner, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Hessner, *née* Rhodes. One child, Rolla Nathan, was born on February 19, 1890. He lived one year on the home place after his marriage, purchasing eighty acres of land, partly cleared, on which he lived for three years. He then moved to his present place of residence, where he lives in a well appointed house, neatly furnished. Mr. Frisinger has been honored by the people of his township and county, serving as trustee for seven years and clerk of the school district eleven years. In the fall of 1896 he was elected to the office of county commissioner and proved to be an efficient and capable public servant, being re-elected in 1899 by a large majority. They adopted an orphan child, which is now three years old.

CHARLES J. FOX.

Mr. Charles J. Fox, the present recorder of Mercer county, Ohio, son of Mathias Fox and Barbara Fox, *née* Weicle, of Mercer county, Ohio, was born in Washington township, Mercer county, Ohio, May 31, 1866. On May 14, 1894, he united in marriage with Christina Fox *née* Schockman, and by such marriage there were born two children: Frank H., May 4, 1895; Lorrette A., January 13, 1897.

Mr. Fox acquired his education in the common schools of Ohio and Indiana, supplemented by two terms in the Ohio Normal University of Ada, Ohio. He began life on his father's farm and when approaching his majority entered the mercantile business as a clerk which continued for about six years, when he engaged in such business as a proprietor. He sought the Democratic nomination for the office of county recorder, in which he was successful, securing the same over five competitors, and was elected to the office by a large majority.

CHARLES H. HOWICK.

Charles H. Howick was born at Neptune, Mercer county, Ohio, September 9, 1868. At the age of sixteen, he began teaching school. For six years he had charge of the Neptune schools. In 1893 he accepted the appointment as deputy county treasurer and served as such four years, when he was elected county treasurer in which capacity he is still serving.

LAWRENCE SCHUNCK.

Lawrence Schunck, sheriff of Mercer county, was born in Granville township, Mercer county, on March 5, 1865, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine F. Schunck *née* Meyer. He attended school in Jefferson township until he was sixteen years of age. He then concluded to make his own way in the world and served as a blacksmith apprentice until he had mastered that trade. So carefully did he apply himself that he soon became recognized as one of the most expert workmen in this part of the state. He was engaged in the blacksmith business until he was elected to the office of sheriff of Mercer county in November, 1897. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Dweyer, of Piqua, on September 25, 1894. To them were born the following children: Alma, December 17, 1899; (this little daughter died on August 25, 1897); J. Dominic Schunck, December 21, 1897.

C. G. O. MILLER.

C. G. O. Miller, probate judge of Mercer county, was born March 17, 1847, in Saxony, Germany. In company with his parents he moved to America, in 1852, and located in Somerset, Ohio. Here they lived for three years, moving to New Lisbon, Ohio, in 1855. Mr. Miller's parents remained here for three years and in the following year lived at Upper Sandusky. In 1859, Mr. Miller moved to Celina and it was here that the subject of this sketch gained his early education. When but seventeen years of age, Mr. Miller enlisted in the Union army and served from 1864 to '65, in Company D, One Hundred and Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Alexander Gable. Mr. Miller served through the balance of the war and was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio, in 1865. After the war he returned to Celina, attending the public school, completing his education as far as possible. He then taught one term. In 1870 he commenced clerking in the general mercantile store of August Fanger, and continued in this position until 1875. After teaching another term of school he was elected as justice of the peace in 1876, for Jefferson township for one term. In 1875 he began reading law and after studying two years was admitted to the bar. In 1884 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Mercer county, being re-elected in 1887. In 1893 he was chosen by the Democrats as a member of the election board, serving two terms. In 1896, without opposition he was nominated and elected for city solicitor of Celina. In November, 1897, Mr. Miller was elected probate judge of Mercer county, which official position he is now fulfilling with the greatest of credit and honor. In religious views Mr. Miller is a member of the Lutheran church.

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S. A. ARMSTRONG,
DISTRICT JUDGE.



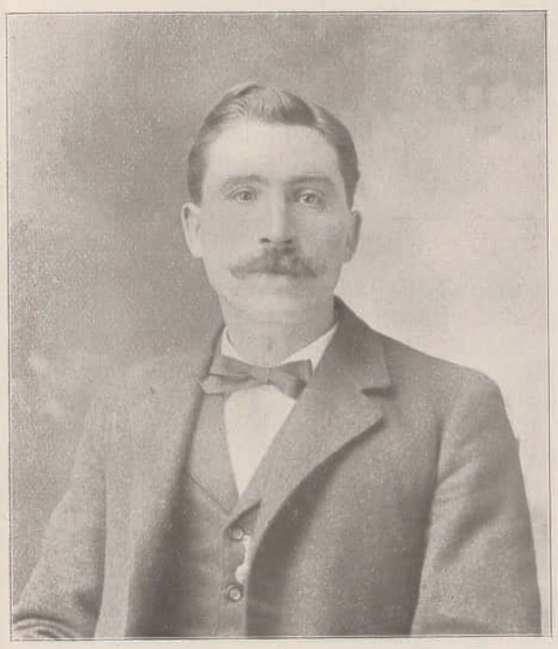
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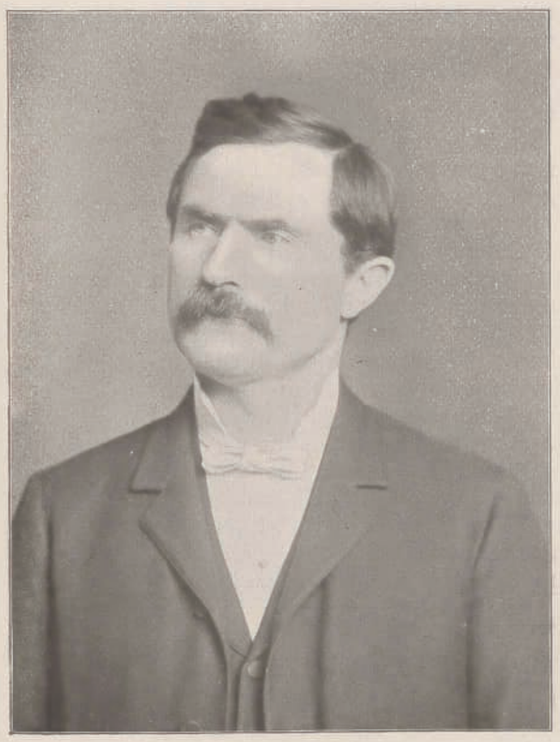
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PROBATE JUDGE.



LAURENCE SCHUNCK,
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CHARLES HOWICK,
COUNTY TREASURER.



P. E. KENNEY,
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

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BIOGRAPHIES

DR. JOSEPH SAGER.

It is an honor accorded few men to be able to trace their ancestral tree back to the Revolutionary stock, but such is the proud and distinguished honor enjoyed by Dr. Sager, of Celina. He is one of a family of eight children, seven boys and one girl. That this proud heritage would assert itself was never questioned by any one who knew that Dr. Sager's father had fought with General Jackson at New Orleans. It occasioned no surprise when it was learned that the seven sons had given their services to their country in the Civil war. People thought they were but following a precedent set by the grandfather in the Revolutionary days, followed by the father in the war of 1812, and again to be followed by his seven sons from '61 to '65. Dr. Sager's grandfather, Gabriel Sager, was a German and emigrated to this country in the Colonial days from Baden, Germany. Gabriel Sager was a young man when he entered the Colonial state of Pennsylvania. He remained here but a short time and then moved to Virginia, where he was a slave holder until he united with the Mennonite church, which caused him to renounce slavery. He freed his slaves and employed them as hired help. Gabriel Sager lived in Virginia when the Colonies struck the blow for freedom, and he entered the service as a private. His wife was a sister of Captain Young, who served on Washington's staff. Dr. Sager's father was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1782. He moved to Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1810, and when the war of 1812 commenced entered the service as a private and served as orderly to General Jackson at New Orleans. His mother's maiden name was Nonnmaker. She was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1806, and was his father's second wife. To this union there were born eight children; one of these, Dr. Joseph Sager, is the subject of this sketch. He was born on a farm in Fairfield county, Ohio, January 19, 1839. Here he passed his youth, leading the life of a strong, hardy boy. When but a lad of fifteen his mother died, in the year 1854. His father passed away in 1857. In 1857 and '58 Joseph Sager attended the high school at Findlay, O iio, and during his vacation taught school. In 1859 he went to St. Louis to study medicine, with Dr. J. J. Upongraff, a noted physician and surgeon of that time. He attended two courses of lectures at the St. Louis Medical College, better known as the McDowall Medical College. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted, in 1861, as hospital steward. At the battle of Miles Springs, Kentucky, in January, 1862, he with a comrade by the name of Gray were taken prisoners. They were taken to the famous Island No. 10, in the Mississippi river, where they were held prisoners for four months. In April, 1862, when the island fell into the hands of the Union forces, they made their escape and together traveled through the rebel states to New Orleans. They reached this city about the middle of May, 1862. Dr. Sager reported to General Butler, who assigned him to duty in St. James hospital in New Orleans, and in the spring of 1863, he was transfered to the United States navy, on the steamer Tennessee, as surgeon's steward. When the war ended Dr. Sager attended a course of medical lectures at the Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, from which he received his diploma. In 1871 the Doctor again took a course of lectures at his alma mater, taking a post-graduate course. In 1880 and '81 he attended a post-graduate course at the medical university at Baltimore. After receiving his diploma the Doctor located at North Washington, Ohio. Here he was engaged in the active practice of his profession until 1884. In this year he came to Celina, Ohio, when he assumed a specialty in the treatment of the eye and ear. General practice was not, however, ignored. Dr. Sager was joined in matrimony to Miss Shmucker in 1870. She died in 1886. In 1888 he was wedded to Miss Jennie Krisher, an accomplished lady with strong proclivities to the practice of medicine, in which she is well informed and is competent to assist her husband in all minor surgical operations. Mrs. Sager's mother's maiden name was Pool. Her grandmother's maiden name on her mother's side was Harris. She was a cousin of Bishop Harris of the Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Sager and his wife are members of the M. E. church. Fraternally the Doctor belongs to the I. O. O. F. and K. of P.; the Medical Sodalities and also a member of the Northwestern Ohio Medical Association, to which he was elected president. He is also a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the National Railway Association and the American Microbical Society. He holds the position of surgeon on the Cincinnati Northern railroad. The Doctor has written many valuable papers for the medical journals and medical societies. One paper, on Craniotomy, in which he advocated philanthrophic mid-wifery, was largely copied by American and European journals. Another paper, which was read by him before the N. W. O. Medical Association, entitled heriditary drew out many discussions. He advocated mimic heredity by which the child's brain and character can be moulded by training, education, surroundings and environment.

S. S. SNYDER.

S. S. Snyder, the subject of this sketch, was born on the 10th of November, 1825, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he received his education. In the year 1842 he engaged in the printing business, which business he followed until 1863. He came to Celina, Ohio, in 1850, and became editor and proprietor of the Western Standard (now Mercer County Standard). In 1863 he was elected auditor of Mercer county, and has held the office for sixteen years. He was also mayor of the village of Celina for a number of years and held minor offices right along.

He was united in marriage on the 2d day of September, 1851, to Elizabeth (Doke) Snyder, who was born December 29, 1831, in Logan county, Ohio. To that union were born seven children; two have since died, and five are enjoying good health and are in comfortable circumstances.

PROPRIETORS OF THE ROCKFORD MILLING COMPANY.

J. M Dull, A. P. Dull, M. L. Dull and E. M. Dull, proprietors of the Rockford Milling Company, are a quartet of prominent business men of Rockford who have done much to advance the interests of that city in a business way. They have made Rockford one of the leading grain centers in this county and have identified themselves with the improvements of that place in a praiseworthy manner. Public-spirited and ever ready to assist in the upbuilding of the town, they are desirable citizens the city can well be proud of.

J. M. Dull, the senior member of the firm, was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, on January 23, 1846, and is the father of the other three members of the firm. He was married to Martha A. Lintemoot, on May 17, 1868. Mrs. Dull was born in Van Wert county, February 10, 1851. To them were born twelve children, namely: Wilbert A., Arthur P., Maurice L., Fannie M., Edgar M., Cerena M., Daisy F., Curtis E., James M., Herbert O., Grover C. and Thurman A., all of whom are living.

J. M. Dull is a prosperous farmer, having as fine a farm and farm buildings as there are in the county. He has been connected with the Rockford Milling Company for the past thirteen years, formerly being in partnership with his three brothers, T. J., F. P. and J. B. Dull, the name of the firm then being the Dull Milling Company. Under the above name the firm continued in business until 1893, when it was changed to the Rockford Milling Company. Under this caption they successfully carried on their business until May, 1896, when the present owners took possession, purchasing the interests of the other partners. The new firm has been very successful, even beyond their greatest expectations and are now a recognized factor in the commercial circles of this county. Attentive to business, generous to employees, they have gained a great reputation in the manufacture of the flour, Baker's Pride. The increase in the volume of business soon necessitated running their plant night and day. About two years ago they put in a small electric light plant for their own personal use. This was the first electric plant in Mercer county. The average grain shipment of this firm for the past years has been five hundred car loads. The capacity of the mill is eighty barrels per day. The firm is running a branch business in Celina, known as the Model Milling Company, under the management of E. M. Dull, the junior member of the firm. Of the three sons, A. P. Dull is the only one married at this time. He was united in marriage to Minnie M. Shipley, May 2, 1894. To them one child has been born, Amanda Bernice, September 18, 1895. A. P. Dull was born April 13, 1870, M. L. Dull, June 17, 1871; and E. M. Dull, October 9, 1874.

HON. ROBERT L. MATTINGLY.

Hon. Robert L. Mattingly was born at Martinsburg, Washington county, Indiana, February 10, 1849, and on February 21, 1875, united in marriage with Candace Catherine Brewer, who died January 17, 1878. To them were born two children—Herbert H., and Grace Elaine. After the death of his wife, Candace C., on June 30, 1881, he married Mrs. Harriet Isabel Coover *née* Croxton, by which marriage there were born to them two children—Marie Ethel and Mildred Violet.

His father, Dr. Robert Mattingly, died at Francesville, Indiana, November 30, 1885. His mother, Mary Mattingly *née* Howard, is now living at Valparaiso' Indiana.

He started in the practice of law at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he graduated with the class of 1879–80, of the Central Law School (a department of Butler University), of that city. After an association for a time with Hon. M. B. Williams, of Indianapolis, he formed a partnership with Hon. George Burson, at Winamac, Indiana, terminating with the election of Mr. Burson to the bench of the circuit court. Following this he was associated in the practice of law with Judge H. Burns, who was appointed on the United States Coast Survey by President Cleveland, which ended such last partnership.

In April, 1885, Mr. Mattingly located in Celina, where he has since pursued the practice of law with flattering success and enjoys a justly merited reputation as an able, painstaking and successful lawyer.

CHARLES S. YOUNGER.

Charles S. Younger was born on a farm in Jefferson township, Mercer county, Ohio, June 1, 1869, where he resided until the age of nineteen, when he began life as a country school teacher. He taught school for six years in Mercer county. He attended the Ohio Normal University four terms. While teaching he read law, and afterwards entered the Cincinnati Law School, Cincinnati, Ohio, from which institution he graduated May 28, 1895, and was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been in the practice of his profession.

On July 22, 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Andrews.

At the spring election of 1897 he was elected justice of the peace for Jefferson township. At the Republican senatorial convention held at Defiance, Ohio, in the summer of 1897, he was nominated by his party as a candidate for state senator for the Thirty-second district of Ohio. In February, 1899, he was appointed referee in bankruptcy by the United States district court for the northern district of Ohio.

CHARLES E. WAGNER.

A young business man of Celina, who shows the commendable qualities of enterprise and integrity, is Charles E. Wagner. He was born at Tiffin, Ohio, August 15, 1873, and is a son of Frank H. and Mary Wagner *née* Geldreich. He attended school at Tiffin until eleven years of age, at which time his parents moved on a farm near Padua, Mercer county. Here he finished his schooling and at the age of fifteen took an active part in farming his father's land. He assisted his father until twenty years of age, when he came to Celina, where he found employment as a clerk. He commenced business for himself on December 21, 1897, and now has one of the best patronized feed and flour exchange stores in the city. Genial, accommodating and ever ready to assist in a worthy cause, he has rapidly worked his way to the front.

On August 2, 1898, he was married to Mary A. Gottemoller. One child has been born of this union, namely, Bernardina, May 7, 1899.

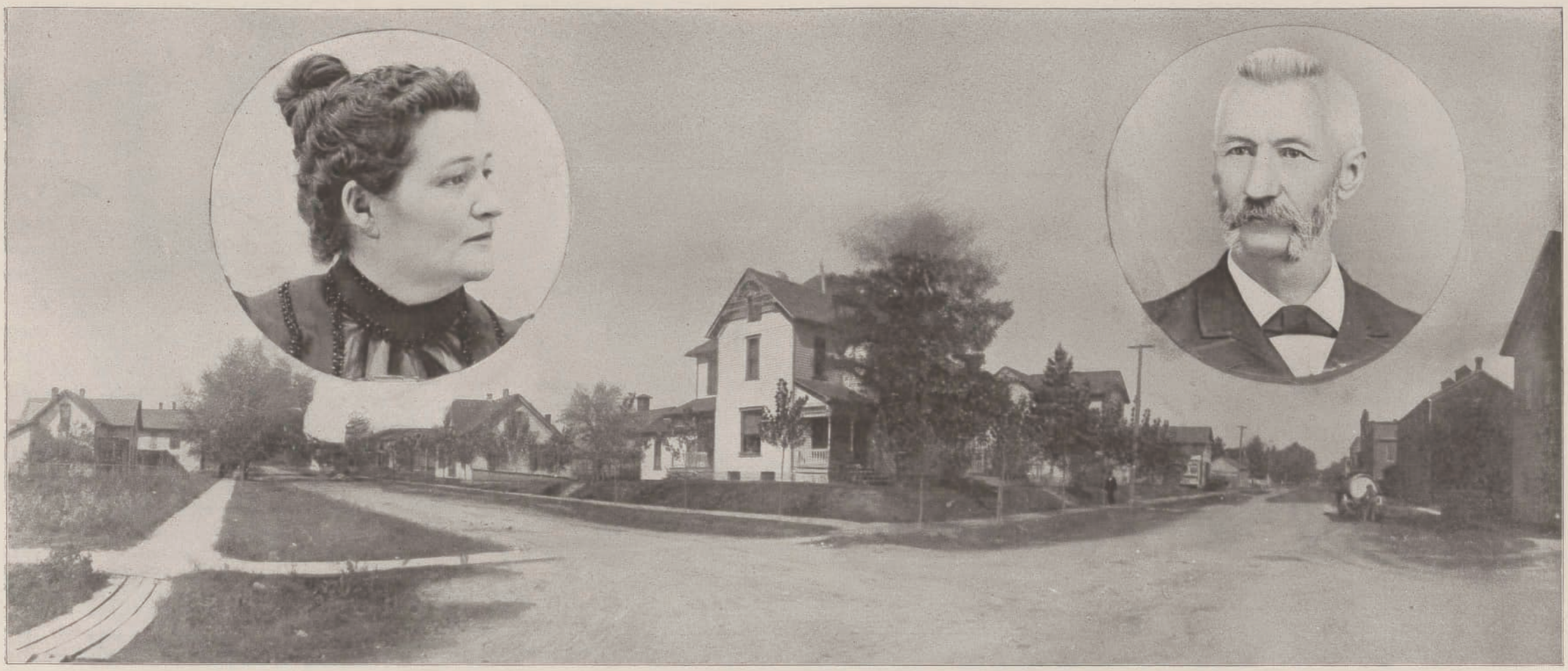
FREDERICK OLNHAUSEN.

Frederick Olnhausen was born February 14, 1867, at Columbus, Ohio. There he received his preliminary education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he entered the employ of the Columbus Watch Company, remaining with them five years. When twenty-one years of age he left Columbus and worked in different watch factories in this country, thereby acquiring a thorough knowledge of the principles applied in the construction of watches, to which he attributes his present success as a watchmaker. The last position, in the factories, he held, was that of head inspector in the Trenton (New Jersey) Watch factory. In 1893 he entered the mercantile field, locating at Minster, Ohio, and in 1895 moved to Celina, taking the management of the fine jewelry store, which he now owns. He was united in marriage, in 1894, to Miss Rose Kramer, of Minster, Ohio. To this marriage were born three children, Walter, Frederick and Matilda, the latter died in infancy.

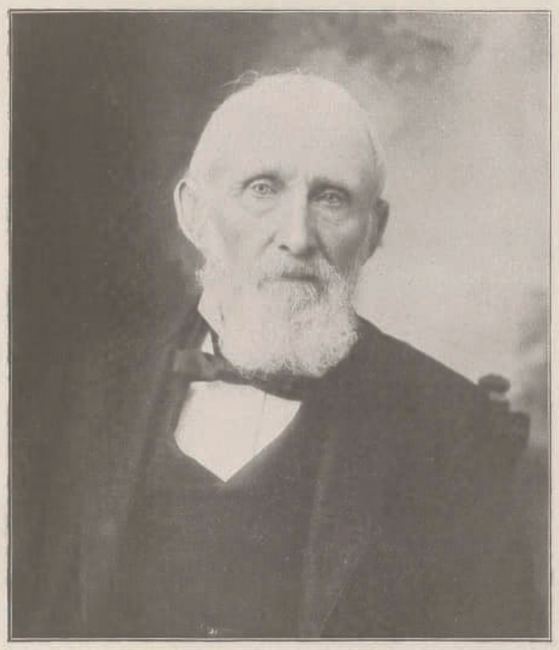
JOHN KRAMER.

John Kramer, attorney-at-law, Celina, Ohio, was born May 16, A. D. 1868, at Minster, Ohio. His parents, Frederick and Elizabeth Kramer *née* Rounebaum, are among the pioneers of Auglaize county. He received his education at St. Xavier's College and Cincinnati Law School, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was admitted to the bar on the 1st day of June, A. D. 1893, and has been practicing law at Celina, Ohio, since March 4, A. D. 1895.

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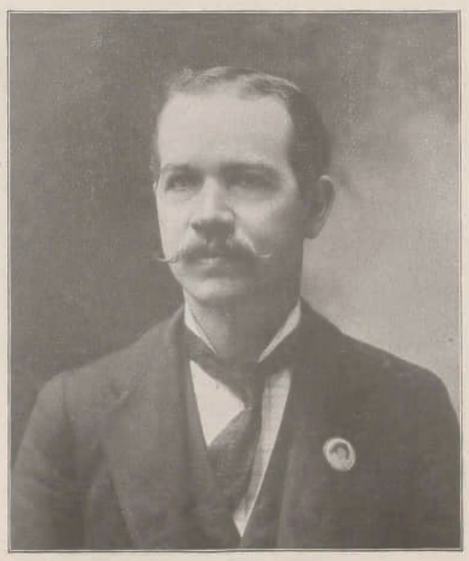
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JOHN BALTZELL.

John Baltzell was born on the 14th day of August, 1859, in Dublin township, Mercer county, Ohio. He received his education in a district school in said township. Since his father was engaged in farming, John assisted him on the farm until he was thirty-three years old, when he was employed as clerk in a grocery store at Rockford, Ohio. He has served as township clerk of Dublin township for a number of years. Politically, John is a stanch Democrat. He is a member of the fraternity of Masons.

FRANCIS C. LEBLOND.

One of the most widely known and admired residents of the beautiful city of Celina is Hon. Francis C. LeBlond, who has the dual distinction of being the oldest member of the Mercer county bar and only representative Mercer county has had in the lower halls of the national congress, being a member from the Fifth district from 1862 to 1866, He was born in Knox county, Ohio, February 14, 1821, and is a son of Evera C. LeBlond, who was born in Paris, France, May 22, 1789, and Elizabeth (Holderman) LeBlond, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1793. Francis C. LeBlond was educated and read law at Norwalk, Ohio, being admitted to the bar in the fall of 1843. In December of the same year he located at St. Mary's, Ohio, and moved to Celina in the spring of 1848, where he has ever since resided and practiced and attained a great reputation in the law. In 1847 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Mercer connty and re-elected in 1849; in 1851 he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature and returned in 1853, being elected speaker of the house. Mr. LeBlond was elected to congress from the Fifth district in 1862 and re-elected in 1864. His career in congress was brilliant and he attained such a reputation as a forceful, logical and eloquent speaker, that he was recognized as the leader of the Democrats. One of the highest compliments ever paid a public man was that passed by Hon. James G. Blaine, the plumed knight, who said "that the man he most feared in the halls of congress, for his powers of oratory, when a measure he was interested in was up for passage, was Frank LeBlond, of Ohio." Mr. LeBlond came into great prominence during the debate on Thaddeus Stevens' reconstruction measure. His speech against this measure was so powerful that the opposition did not attempt a reply. Mr. LeBlond was united in marriage at St. Mary's, September 6, 1853, to Miss Louisa E. McGinley, and the following children have been born: Charles M.; Emma L.; and Frank C.

JOHN HAUBERT.

Jacob Peter and Elizabeth Haubert *née* Heine, were man and wife and lived on a small farm at Sien, Amt, Grumbach, Prussia Germany. Here, on the 26th day of April, 1839, a son was born to them, whom they christened John, the subject of this sketch. He attended school until he was thirteen years of age, leaving the school room to help his father on the farm. On November 1, 1863, his father moved to this country. It took the small sailing vessel, on which they had taken passage forty-two days to make the journey, landing in New York on December 26, 1863. They moved to Fremont, Ohio, and purchased a farm. Here John learned the carpente'rs trade. In the spring of 1865 he decided to seek his fortune in the west and went to California, but dissatisfied with the prospects returned to Ohio in the fall of the same year, and assisted his father on the farm. Shortly after his return home he was united in marriage to Mary Kirsch. Renting a farm of John Nouse, near Fostoria, he moved there and took up the life of a farmer. He remained on this farm for one year. Returning to Fremont he purchased the home farm, on which he resided two years. Selling this land to his brother Jacob he again moved to Fostoria where he and his brother Peter purchased a farm near that city. They remained on this farm two years and sold their property for a profit of sixteen hundred dollars besides the profit resulting from the crops raised during their residence. He moved to Mercer county and bought the farm on which he now resides, in Butler township. The buildings on this farm were in a very poor condition, so in 1879 he built a frame barn, in size 48 x 100. In 1896 he erected one of the finest residences in the county.

To the union of John and Mary Haubert there were born the following named children: Peter, September 15, 1867, who died in infancy; Anna S., September 3, 1868, and is now the wife of Henry Kreusch. They reside at Bryan, Ohio, where Mr. Kreusch is engaged in the clothing and merchant tailoring business. Mary was the next child born and died in infancy; Jacob, July 26, 1871; Henry, December 31, 1872; Mary, February 21, 1874; John, January 3, 1878; Peter, April 30, 1881. On the 28th of January, 1882, Mrs. Haubert passed away. On the 26th day of September, 1884, Mr. Haubert married Mary Buecker and this union was blessed with the following children: Joseph, November 23, 1885; Elizabeth, March 29, 1887; Cecelia, November 18, 1888; Levina, November 11, 1889; Edith, April 5, 1892; Frank, March 4, 1893; Aloys, December 7, 1895, who died in infancy.

Mr. Haubert served as director of the Coldwater special school district for three successive terms. He was also a member of the building committee of the Coldwater Catholic church, which stands as a magnificent tribute of the people to their religious belief. For a number of years he served as pike superintendent of the Coldwater pike. Mr. Haubert is a man of great strength of character, combining a strong sense of honor and integrity in the discharge of any duties. He has won the respect and confidence of all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance and in his quiet and unassuming manner bears the honors thrust upon him. He is prosperous and his generosity knows no bounds.

THOMAS J. GODFREY.

Thomas J. Godfrey was born in Darke county, Ohio, June 6, 1831. He is a son of Elias B. and Sarah (Elliott) Godfrey, natives, respectively, of Ohio and North Carolina. Married in Darke county, they resided there until 1859, when they removed to Dowagiac, Michigan, where E. B. Godfrey died in 1887, at the age of seventy-eight, and where his widow died in 1891 in her eighty-fourth year. They were the parents of two sons and five daughters, of whom one son and two daughters are still living.

Thomas J. Godfrey was educated in the common schools, two seminaries, and at Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana. For several years he taught in the village schools in Darke county, Ohio, and Wayne and Randolph counties, Indiana. He read law in the office of Allen & Meeker, Greenville, Ohio, and after attending the Cincinnati Law College, was, in 1857, admitted to the practice of law by the supreme court of Ohio. A few weeks later he located at Celina and there began the practice of his profession. To the profession of the law he has ever since adhered with loyal attachment. In 1863 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Mercer county and in 1865 was re-nominated to the same office; but, pending the election, was nominated to the state senate by the convention representing the district composed of Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Mercer, Paulding, Van Wert and Williams counties, and he was elected. In 1867 he was re-elected. At the organization of the general assembly in January, 1868, he was elected president *pro tem* of the senate, which office he held during the term of two years. At the close of his senatoral career of four years he received the nomination for lieutenant-governor. He claims that he received votes enough to elect a lieutenant-governor, but that the misfortune to him, his party and the state, was that his competitor received seven thousand more votes than he.

In 1873, Mr. Goadfrey was elected a member of the constitutional convention and served in that eminent body during its sessions in 1873 and 1874, as a member of the judiciary committee and committee on rules.

In 1880, Mr. Godfrey was a candidate for presidential elector for the Fifth district as a (Hancock) Democrat, but was defeated with the rest of the ticket, the electors on the (Garfield) Republican ticket carrying the state. In 1881, Mr. Godfrey was again elected to the State senate representing the same district as before, and was re-elected in 1883. During his last term he was chairman of the committee on judiciary and of the committee on universities and colleges.

Since May, 1878, Mr. Godfrey has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio State University, and for seven years was president of the board. He has always taken especial pride in the Mercer County Teachers' Institute, and has attended every annual session since its organization in 1859. He served several years as county school examiner and is now president of the board of education of Celina.

In September, 1859, Mr. Godfrey married Miss Lorinda Milligan, daughter of Dr. D. Milligan, of Fort Recovery, Ohio. To this marriage one daughter was born, Luella, who graduated from Glendale Female College in 1881, and in 1884 married Rev. J. M. Anderson, now pastor of the Olivet Presbyterian church, Columbus, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Anderson have two sons, Carl Godfrey and Robert Bruce, aged respectively, fifteen and eleven years. Mrs. Godfrey died September 8, 1898.

Mr. Godfrey is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish-rite Mason. For twenty-six years he devoted a portion of his time to banking. From this he retired four years ago, since which time he devotes his time to legal, political, educational, commercial and agricultural lines and pursuits.

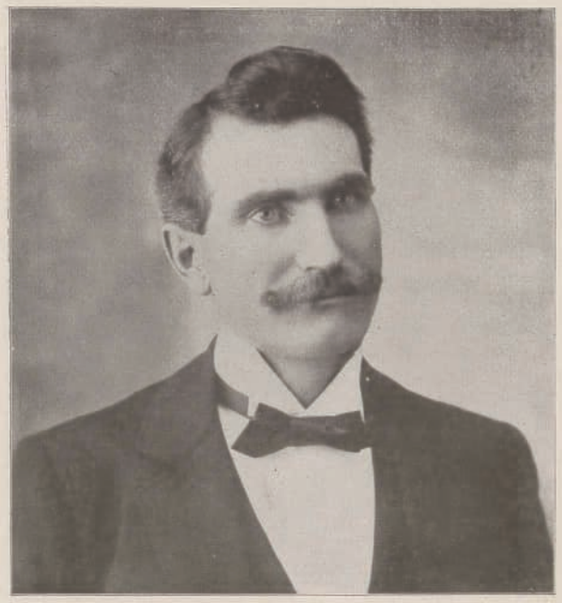
PATRICK E. KENNEY.

Patrick E. Kenney was born of Irish parents in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 11, 1854. In 1857 he moved with his parents to Adams county, Indiana, where he lived on a farm until he was twenty-seven years of age. When twenty-three he was united in marriage to Norah Loughlin, who died in 1880. Of this union three children were born, all of whom are deceased. After leaving the farm he received his education at the Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, and Valparaiso, Indiana. He taught school four years, teaching English and German, having acquired a knowledge of the latter language while at Ada. Mr. Kenney read law with LeBlond & Loughridge for two years and was admitted to the bar in June, 1887. He served as school examiner four years but declined a re-appointment.

In 1885 he was married to Lena Schmidt. Of this marriage three children were born, all of whom are living. From 1890 to 1897 he practiced law in partnership with R. L. Mattingly. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1896 and re-elected in 1899. In religion he and his family are Catholics. In politics he is a Democrat.

Lena Kenney was born at Honesdale, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1864. Her parents, Frederick W. and Margaret Schmidt *née* Newman, came to this country from Germany in 1857. They were united in marriage at Honesdale, Pennsylvania, in 1859. There were born to them six children, all of whom, except a daughter, Hannah, are still living. They are Lena, the subject of this sketch; John, a retail merchant of Chicago; Rev. John Schmidt, Catholic priest; George and Mary. Frederick W. Schmidt resides at New Washington, Ohio. His wife; Margaret Newman Schmidt, is deceased, having departed this life in November, 1894. Lena Schmidt was married to Patrick E. Kenney December 29, 1885, in her twenty-second year.

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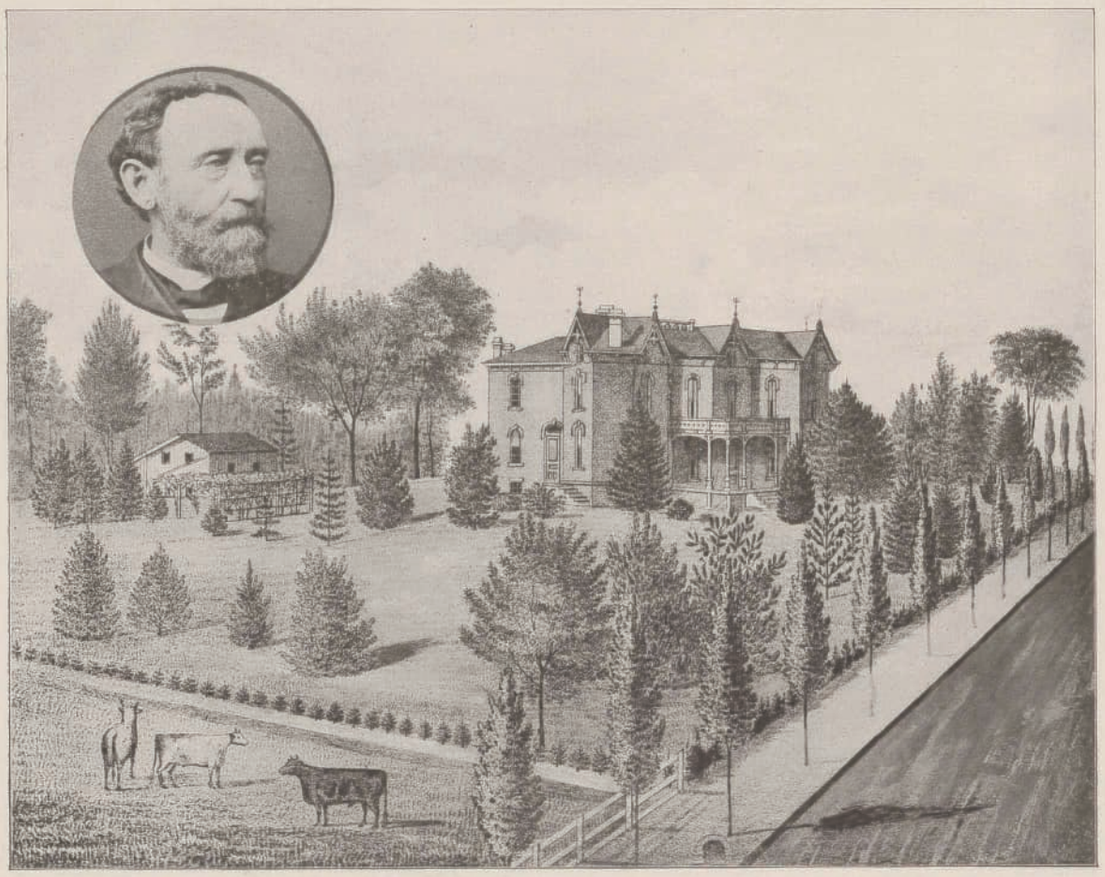
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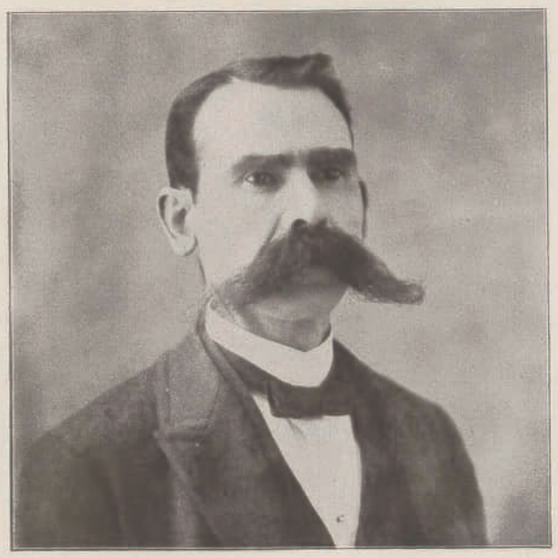
HON. F. C. LEBLOND.



HOME OF JOHN HAUBERT, COLDWATER, OHIO.



VIEW OF RESIDENCE OF SENATOR T. J. GODFREY, CELINA, OHIO.



HON. P. E. KENNEY.



MRS. P. E. KENNEY.

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FORT RECOVERY.

BATTLE grounds are always objects of unfailing interest to the great multitude, bathed as they are in the blood of heroes, whose glorious deeds in the field of battle we are ever ready to praise in song and story. Of them we can aptly quote "yours has the suffering been, the glory shall be ours." So it is, with this deep underlying sentiment of hero worship, so strongly developed in our natures, that Fort Recovery presents itself for its full share of our reverence and homage. As one treads the busy thoroughfares of that bustling little city it seems hard to realize that this was the theatre of one of the greatest Indian battles in the history of the American nation. The thoughts of the visitor fly back on the wings of history to the Colonial days and once again the dramatic, and, we well might add, the tragical acts of an army and a general are enacted. In fancy we seem to hear General George Washington, then president, exclaim, as the news of St. Clair's defeat reached him, "Oh, God! Oh, God! he is worse than a murderer! How can he answer for it to his country?" General Washington's imprecations can probably be explained on the grounds that his last instructions to the unfortunate St. Clair were to "beware of a surprise." Again the curtain rolls back and the lonely, silent figure of a disgraced and brokenhearted general, with head bowed in shame, is seen bearing the contumely and obloquy of the public. Upon this theatre the last tragical act in the life of General Arthur St. Clair was enacted and in which act the glorious fame of a Revoltionary hero and the subsequent misfortune of defeat, heaping upon him contumely and disgrace, are so pathetically and strongly blended, and of which he shortly afterward died.

Although Time's relentless hand has long since swept away all vistage of the famous fort, strong hands of hardy pioneers, pushed back the primeval forest and remoulded the battle field into an enterprising little city and the surrounding country into fertile and productive lands, yet the names of the heroes of that disastrous engagement still echo down through the corridors of time and claim their full share of the attention of the public. The echoes of this battle whisper in mourning tones of a defeat so disastrous that it soon lost all semblance of an engagement and assumed the horrible proportions of a massacre, with all its attending fiendish executions and atrocities, perpetrated by the Indians of the Northwest territory under the leadership of that noted Miami chief, Little Turtle, upon men, women and children. Concerning the inglorions defeat, history says: "Here on the head waters of the Wabash river, among a number of small creeks, on November 3, 1791, General St. Clair encamped with his remaining troops, numbering about 1,400 men. The right wing of the army under the command of General Butler lay in front of a creek twelve yards wide and this force formed the first line. The second, ten yards back of the first, was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel William Darke. The militia crossed the creek and advanced about eighty rods in front of the main army. About half an hour after daylight on November 4, 1791, they were attacked by the enemy with the utmost fury. The militia fled in an instant and came running back into the regulars camp, spreading terror and confusion about. The Indians pressed close upon the heels of the flying militia and engaged General Butler's command with great intrepidity. Within fifteen minutes of the first attack the whole army was surrounded by the Indians. The artillery was placed in the center of each wing, which the enemy attacked with the greatest violence, mowing down the artillerists in great numbers, firing from cover. At length they boldly marched up to the mouth of the cannon and fought with the daring courage of men whose trade was war. The enemy were repeatedly charged by Colonel Darke and General Butler, but no general effect was produced. In the first charge General Butler was severely wounded and, although his leg was broken by a ball, he mounted his horse and bravely led his batallion to his last charge. When it became known that General Butler and many of his officers were killed, a panic ensued and a disorderly flight commenced, which continued for four miles. All this time the carnage was dreadful. The fleeing army was pursued by the blood-thirsty Indians, killing and scalping as they ran. Finally the soldiers threw away their arms and fled for their lives. After satisfying their savage vengeance by killing many men in the pursuit and taking as many prisoners as possible, they returned to the battle field and glutted their vengeance on the living, dying and the dead. Over six hundred of the soldiery were killed; those that escaped, among whom was General St. Clair, made their way to Ft. Jefferson. The Indians did not lose over fifty in all." This victory endangered the entire frontier and great apprehension was felt throughout the northwest, as it was known that the Indians were preparing for an extended raid, but they were checked by General Anthony Wayne, who was appointed in command of the troops in the northwest. Wayne's intrepid daring and boldness in the Revolution had gained for him the sobriquet of "Mad Anthony" and his march against the Indians added greatly to his already brilliant reputation as a soldier. He marched into the Indian territory in 1793. He spent the winter in a fort, built near the Wabash, which he named Fort Recovery, from which this little city derived its name. About fifty years ago, when the streets of Fort Recovery were being laid out many bodies of the soldiery were exhumed along the main street, the uncouth skulls telling their story with more force than the pen of the historian.

The fort stood at the northwest part of the town where the old grist mill now stands. The historic Wabash sluggishly flows around the city and past the site of the old fort as though it had given up all hopes of washing away the memory of that awful day in 1791. All that now remains to perpetuate the memory of the fort is a portion of the old flag staff, from which old glory floated a hundred years ago, proclaiming to the world that the Indians had abandoned their British allies and signed a treaty of peace, and that westward the star of empire could peacefully take its course. This last conspicuous relic, the flag staff, was removed several years ago to Columbus, where it now reposes in the relic room of the capitol.

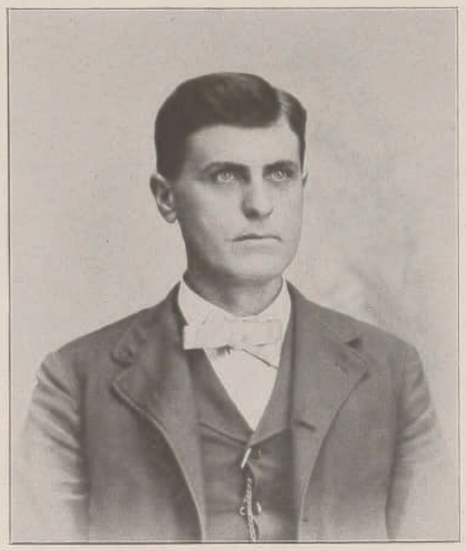
When one looks upon this thriving little city of twelve hundred souls, surrounded as it is by well tilled farms, it is hard to realize that this was the theatre of such a crushing defeat, in comparsion with which the history of Indian warfare affords no parallel, save perhaps that of Braddock. It is more than passing strange that the historical significance this ground has attained through its prominent association with the early history of Indian warfare of this country, that congress has not seen fit to erect a monument to commemorate the past events.

This little city today is looked upon as one of the most progressive in the county. It numbers among its industries a band saw mill, hoop factory, spoke works, handle factory and lumber and planing mill. Its business houses are imposing brick structures that speak well for the strength and solidity of the city and to which they add a pleasing appearance. The houses of worship are Catholic, Lutheran, Christian, Congregational, Disciple and Methodist, each enjoying a large congregation. Two brick school houses, one parochial and the other public, give the common school advantages to the youths and the high standard the schools have attained reflect the highest of credit upon the school boards. The Lake Erie & Western railroad is at present the only line running through this interesting village. The city has set apart a certain tract of ground to be used as a public park, which in the course of time will be beautifully shaded by large maple trees. After the late war with Spain Ft. Recovery was presented with three large canons and a number of shells, which have been placed in the park. The city hall, which is here represented, stands near where the old fort stood, and from whose flag staff, when occasion warrants, old glory floats. The group of city officials here represented are: Mayor, Joseph Passman, who has filled this responsible position four successive terms to the satisfaction and appreciation of the public; marshal, W. S. McClellan, is serving his first term with credit and has made a host of friends by the careful discharge of his duties; clerk, Fred Tegler, is filling an unexpired term, but who, having served as councilman, is not a stranger to the duties; treasurer, J. F. Adams, is a through and competent business man, owning one of the largest stores in that city, and therefore is able to handle the public funds in a judicious manner; councilmen: John Shindler, ex-postmaster, is the oldest member in point of years of service in the city; James K. Heap comes next, having served for a number of years and is looked upon as the right man in the right place; W. P. Smith is ever ready to lend his aid in the improvement of the town; W. F. Pausch is a leading business man who gives much of his time for the public welfare; R. M. Morvelius, another prominent man in the business world and also proprietor and manager of the opera house, has served his constituents well and faithfully; and J. G. Heiby, who, although young in the service, is careful and prudent in the discharge of his official duties.

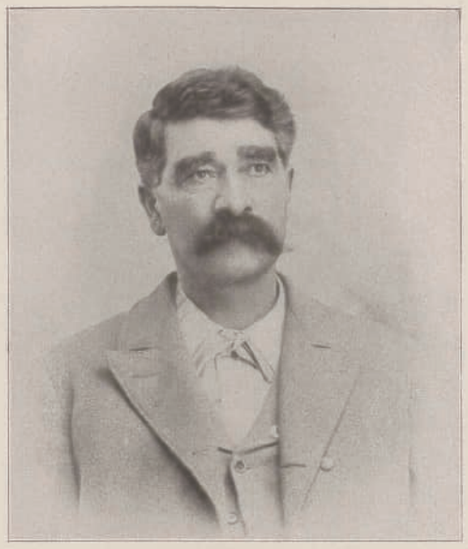
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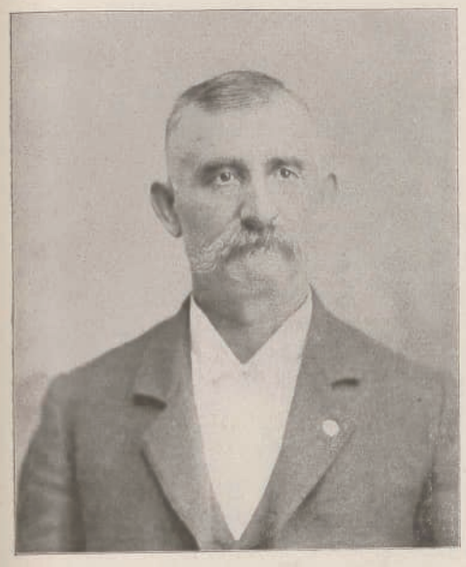
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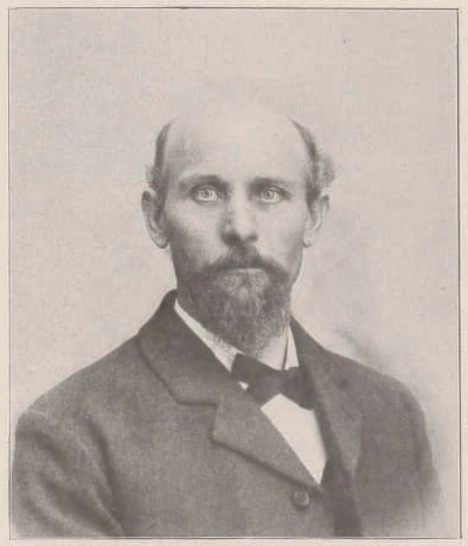
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BIOGRAPHY.

ADAM SCHNEIDER.

Adam Schneider is one of the most enterprising citizens of Ft. Recovery, and tireless in his efforts to assist in the upbuilding of that little city. He was born April 15, 1858, in Iekenbach, Kreis Meisenheim, Prussia, Germany. His parents were Frederick and Catherine Schneider *née* Fender. He is one of eight children born of this union. Mr. Schneider attended school at Iekenbach, where he gleaned a good German education. During the hours not devoted to study he assisted his father on the farm until he arrived at the age of sixteen, when aspiring to earn his own living and make his way in the world assisted by individual efforts alone, he hired out by the day, week or year, as opportunity for employment presented itself. He toiled diligently and patiently, striving to better his condition, and when twenty-three years of age, receiving encouraging letters from his brothers, who had come to America, he concluded to cast his lot and chance for future success in the adopted country of his brothers. On September 27, he bade farewell to his father, mother and relatives, and set sail for America. After a stormy and perilous ocean voyage he arrived in New York on October 18. He departed immediately from that city for Ft. Recovery, where his brothers were living and here he was warmly welcomed on October 23, by his three brothers, Frederick, Charles and Peter. With indomitable will and sturdiness of purpose he set out about to carve out a home. Casting about for something to do he found employment on the work and construction train for three months. He then clerked for his brothers Charles and Peter, in their respective businesses, for a brief period. Moving to Celina in 1883 he found employment as a clerk for several months. On January 1, 1884, he started in business for himself. Honest, careful, upright and accommodating, were the chief characteristics which distinguished him in his first venture, has made him successful financially. On April 15, 1890, he was united in marriage to Christina Heitz, daughter of George and Mary Heitz, *nèe* Augenstein, who were among the early pioneers of Ft. Recovery. To this union were born two children, Ida Emma, January 21, 1891, and Herbert Frederick, July 19, 1899. Politically Adam Schneider has always affiliated with the Democratic party. In his religious views he is an active and earnest member of the Lutheran church of Ft. Recovery. That Mr. Schneider has been successful in his life's work can be seen by this reproduction of his magnificent and palatial residence erected at Ft. Recovery.

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RESIDENCE AND STORE OF ADAM SCHNEIDER, FT. RECOVERY, OHIO.

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CHARLES SCHNEIDER.

Charles Schneider, one of Ft. Recovery's leading business men and proprietor of the well known hostelry, the Wayne Hotel, the management of which he assumed on May 20, 1896, comes from good German ancestry. He was born November 14, 1849, in Ieckenbach, Kreis, Meisenheim, Prussia, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine Schneider, *née* Fender. He received a common school education in his native land and at the termination of his school years learned the trade of a cooper. Under the military laws of Germany, when attaining a certain age the German youths are required to serve a term in the army. Charles conformed to the military laws and served three years, participating in the Franco-Prussian war. After returning from the army he traveled through Germany, working at his trade. When twenty-seven years of age he came to this country, sailing from Amsterdam and arriving in New York January 1, 1877. He located first at Celina, Ohio, but later moved to Ft. Recovery, where his brother Frederick was in business, working for him for fifteen months. Then he engaged in business for himself. In 1890, with his brother Adam, he purchased the Wayne House from John F. McDaniel, and shortly afterwards purchased the interest of his brother Adam. This hotel is a substantial two-story brick building, centrally located and has become recognized as a first-class hotel in every respect. Mr. Schneider was united in marriage on April 11, 1881, at Ft. Recovery, to Miss Lucinda F. Koch, who was born at St. Mary's, Ohio, in 1840, aud who is a daughter of William and Dora Koch *née* Backhouse. Five children have been born to this union: Dora M., June 25, 1882; William F., January 7, 1884; Ferdinand A., September 26, 1885; Eva K., July 28, 1888; and Edward K., June 19, 1898. Mr. Schneider is an active member of the Lutheran church of Ft. Recovery; politically, he is a Democrat, and stands high in the esteem of his fellow townsmen.

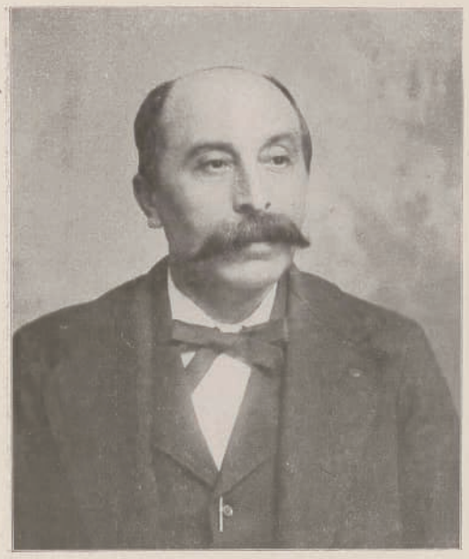
SEBASTIAN LAUBER.

Sebastian Lauber is a farmer living near Ft. Recovery. The history of his life is a fitting example of what men can accomplish through pluck and perseverance. He is a native of Germany, born at Untergrumbach, Baden, Germany, April 27, 1840. When seven years of age his parents, John and Catherine Lauber *née* Bange, emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm in this county, near Cassella. He attended the country school at Cassella and received a good education, working on the farm, assisting his father and brothers, of whom he is the second eldest, until he was thirty years old. At this time he located at Wendelin and in the spring of 1871 opened a store. He had just succeeded in getting himself well established in business when, on the second day of January, a disastrous fire visited him. In a short time the earnings of a number of years were licked up by the flames. The building and entire stock were totally consumed. Nothing daunted, Mr. Lauber started to regain his business and erected a new and finer store room. In 1874 he, together with his brother Valentine, built a saw, planing and shingle mill at Wendelin. In 1876 he sold his interest in this concern and purchased a lot at Ft. Recovery and erected a fine two-story brick building, in which he conducted a bakery and restaurant with flattering success for about seven years, when he disposed of it to Robert Lennartz and purchased the farm on which he now resides. On October 8, 1871, he was united in marriage to Mary Boebner, daughter of John and Lucie Boeber *née* Kellar. Mrs. Lauber was one of the following four children: Karl, who is now a farmer, living on the home farm with Gottlieb, and Benedict, a Catholic priest, now rector at Collegeville, near Rensselaer, Indiana. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Lauber the following children were born: Catherine M., November 21, 1872, who is now the successful organist in the Catholic church at Wendelin; Peter G., January 31, 1874; August A., March 21, 1876; Frank L., October 4, 1879; Rosa M., May 26, 1882; Magdalena M., March 1, 1884; John J., April 11, 1886; Anna L., August 12, 1888; Joseph S., July 11, 1891; and Veronica A. February 9, 1894. Besides farming Mr. Lauber has been successfully operating in oil, and has done considerable in developing the oil fields in that section of the county.

HENRY F. WILLMAN.

Henry F. Willman is an ex-soldier of the Civil war and one of Recovery township's solid substantial farmers. He was born in Hanover, Germany, July 15, 1839. He is a son of Clause H. and Mary Willman *née* Evris. Henry Willman received a good education in his native land and came to this country in 1856, when about seventeen years old, landing at Baltimore October 2, 1856. He began to learn the cabinet maker's trade, but finding he did not have funds sufficient to complete his apprenticeship, started on foot six weeks later for Cincinnati. He had proceeded but a short distance when he found work on a farm and later in an iron mine. He returned to Baltimore after a time and found employment in the ship yards, but on August 1, 1857, again started for Cincinnati, which city he reached after a wearisome journey, and learned the cooper's trade. While in this city he attempted to enlist in the service of the government and joined the Freemond Body guard for three months and was refused, as the government would not accept three months men. He then moved to Indiana, where he worked on a farm near Rising Sun, Ohio county, for three months and then enlisted, July 24, 1861, for one year in the Second Indiana Independent Battery. One year men not being wanted, he changed his enlistment to three years. Mr. Willman was with this battery throughout the war and was in many battles, through Arkansas, Kansas, the Indian territory, and Missouri. During his service he marched over 10,500 miles, was sick in the hospital only six weeks, although suffering greatly from the exposure. Mr. Willman was mustered out September 4, 1864, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana. After the war he returned to Cincinnati and labored there until 1878, when in this year he engaged in the wholesale liquor business and continued in it for eleven years. Mr. Willman was married December 21, 1865, to Louisa Muthert, who was born in Hanover, Germany, February 2, 1835. The four following children have been born to them: William H., Ella L., Edward H., and Amelia M. In 1878 Mr. Willman moved to his present farm and he now has 454 acres of good farm land well improved. He is an extensive breeder and raiser of Poland China hogs and short horn cattle. Mr. Willman was the pioneer in advocating pikes in this county and vigorously pushed the issue until it has finally terminated in Mercer county having the finest system of graveled roads of any county in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Willman are Lutherans in religion. He is a member of the following fraternities: Cincinnati Lodge, No. 335, I. O. O. F., is a member of the encampment and the A. P. A. In politics Mr. Willman has always been a Democrat and as such has held the responsible office of township trustee for three terms and a like number of terms as member of the school board. Mr. Willman is a member of Harrod McDaniel Post, No. 181, G. A. R. He is essentially a selfmade man; everything that he has acquired has been through his own exertions and the results of years of laborious toil.

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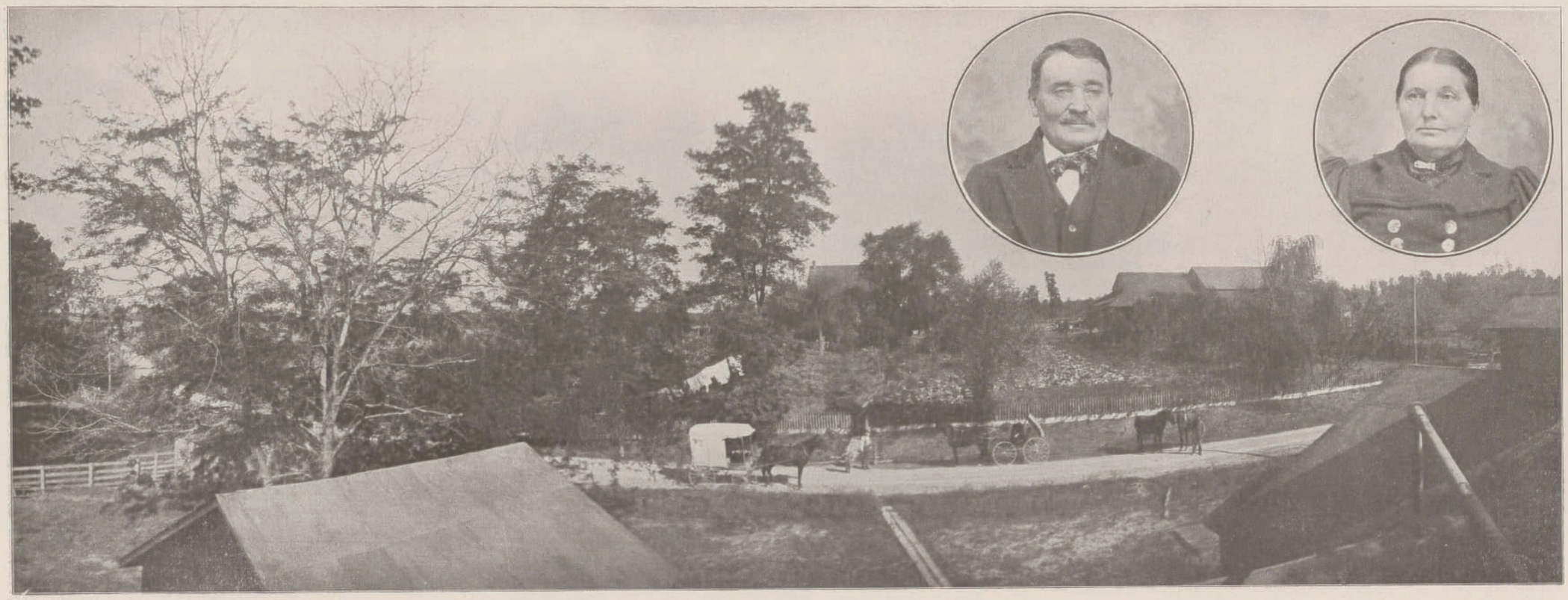
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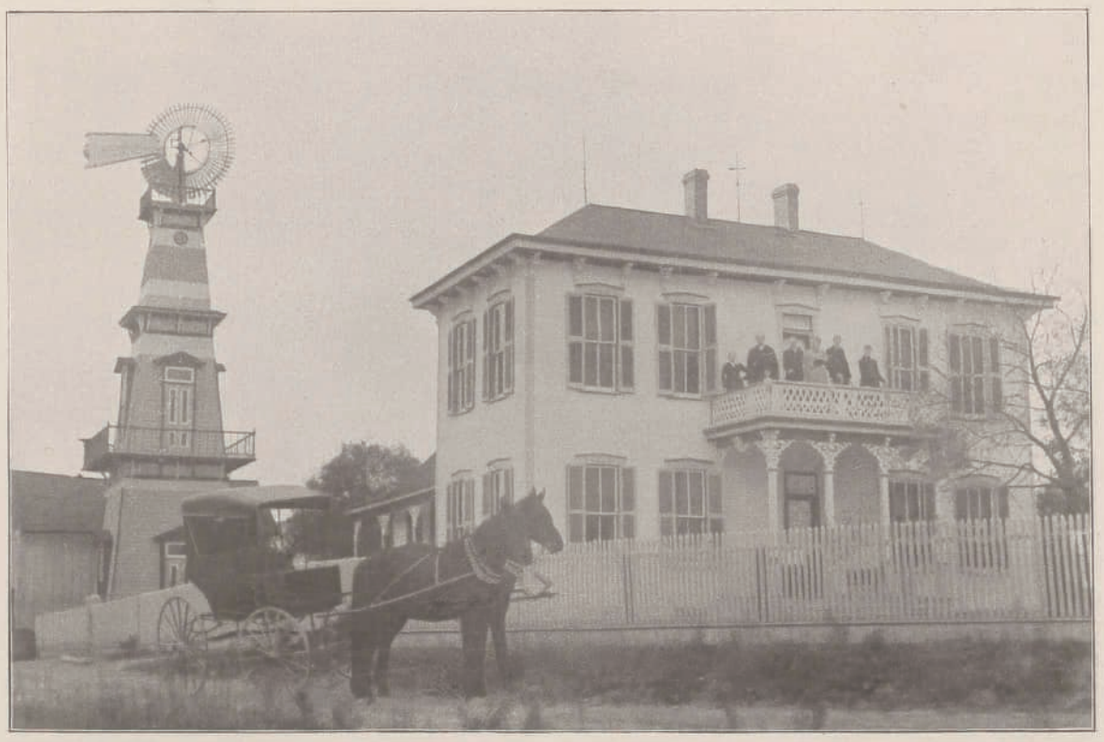
MRS. CHARLES SCHNEIDER.



VIEW OF THE HOME OF SEBASTIAN LAUBER.



HENRY WILLMAN.



VIEW OF HENRY WILLMAN'S RESIDENCE.



MRS. H. WILLMAN.

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BIOGRAPHIES.

JOHN SMOYER.

John Smoyer is recognized as one of the most prosperous and scientific farmers in Washington township. He was born in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, February 21, 1850. His parents were John W. and Polly Smoyer *née* Bobbenmeyer. When the subject of this sketch was three years old his parents moved on a farm near St. Anthony, Mercer county, Ohio. He received a common school education at this place. When eighteen years of age he decided to battle in the world for himself. Believing the west offered greater opportunities for strong, sturdy youths, he went to Marengo county, Iowa, and hired to Ross Grey, at twenty-five dollars per month. After working here three years he returned to Mercer county and found employment with Charles Jones, in the saw mill at Celina. He worked here for two years and then moved to Wabash, Mercer county, where, on October 4, 1874, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Sarah Kettering, daughter of Henry and Margaret Kettering *née* Fenning. A short time after his marriage, Mr. Smoyer rented a farm near Wabash, and, practicing economy, was soon able to purchase the farm. A daughter came to grace their home on July 18, 1875. They christened this child Sarah Catherine. On December 27, 1876, Margaret Ella was born. In 1892 Mr. Smoyer was elected township trustee of Washington township. That he is recognized as a capable official is attested by the fact that he has served the people of that township continuously since that date to the present time. He is also a member of the Fair board from that township. He makes a specialty of raising a fine breed of cattle, among which are the Short horn and Pull Angus. The farm on which Mr. Smoyer resides contains one hundred and twenty acres and is a model, with first class buildings and is considered one of the finest cultivated in the county. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Smoyer is unlimited. On April 12, 1898, their daughter, Sarah C., was married to Oran V. Runyon, son of Lloyd and Louisa Runyon *née* Loudenbeck. To them was born a daughter named Cleo Leota. Mrs. Smoyer was born in Holmes county, Ohio, July 9, 1851. When two years of age her parents moved to Mercer county, where her father purchased a farm in Washington township. Besides clearing his farm, he assisted in building the reservoir embankment.

GEORGE AND BARBARA ZENZ.

A couple that have won the friendship and esteem of their neighbors and accumulated a goodly store of this world's riches are George and Barbara Zenz, residing at Sharpsburg, Mercer county. Here Mrs. Barbara Zenz, and her son John are the proprietors of one of the largest general stores in the county. Sharpsburg, or Violet post office, is a small town five miles southeast of Ft. Recovery, along the old Indian treaty line, running between the townships of Gibson and Recovery and extending through Granville and Marion townships, in Mercer county.

George Zenz was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 15th day of October, 1835.

Barbara Zenz is a native of Beiern, Germany, and was born May 20, 1839. She is a daughter of George and Margaret Friedman *née* Weis.

When both children were young their parents moved to this country and settled in Lorain county, Ohio. Here George Zenz and Barbara Friedman were united in marriage October 14, 1861. Three children were born to them: George, August 4, 1862, in Lorain county; Peter, February 3, 1873, and John, October 12, 1876; the latter two were born in Mercer county.

George and Barbara Zenz moved from Lorain to Mercer county in 1867 and purchased sixty-three and a half acres of land near Sharpsburg. After farming the land for a year they realized that it was poor soil, so they concluded to embark in some other enterprise. Barbara Zenz decided to start a little country store, but having no ready money with which to launch into business, she borrowed two hundred and seventy-five dollars from her mother. They converted their little log cabin into a store room and with the amount borrowed stocked it with the necessary articles in demand at that time. Barbara Zenz took the management of the store, leaving the farm to be run by her husband. With an energetic spirit she rapidly climbed the ladder of success and in 1872, so large and remunerative a trade had she built up that she was compelled to erect larger and more commodious quarters. Mrs. Zenz, being a shrewd business woman, wisely invested the profits derived from the store in farms and other real estate. So large had their business grown, and property accumulated, that it was deemed advisable to make a division of the property, in order to give their children a good start in life. So in 1895 they divided their property. George, Jr., received a hundred and twenty acres; Peter, one hundred and forty-three acres John, the youngest son, a hundred and thirty acres; George Zenz, Sr., retained seventy acres and an interest in the dwelling, Mrs. Barbara Zenz retaining the store room and stock, twenty acres of land and three dwelling houses, one in Rose Hill and two in Burketsville. On December 1, 1899, Barbara Zenz and her son John formed a partnership in the store. John was especially adapted for a business career. His early experience in this line was running a huxter wagon in the summer time and attending school in the winter season until he was fourteen years of age. Then he devoted his time and energy to farming. When nineteen years of age he returned to the store, assisting his mother. In the fall of 1898 John Zenz erected a fine two-story brick building, with all modern improvements. The store is one of the best stocked, not only in quality of goods handled but in variety, that can be found in the county, containing three seperate departments, in which the wants of man or woman can be supplied. On the twentieth day of April, 1899, John Zenz was united in marriage to Rosa Brandwie.

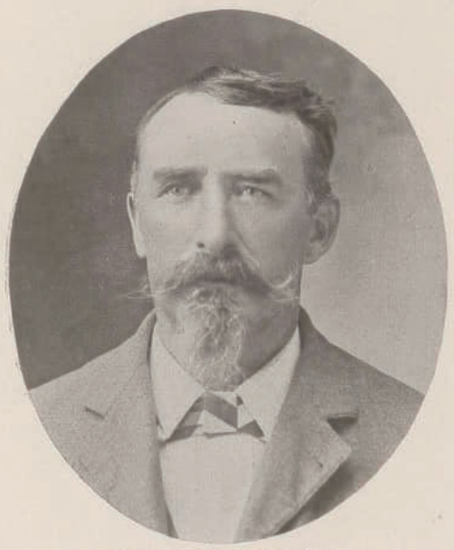
JOHN SCHINDLER.

A man who has been identified with the business interests of Ft. Recovery for a number of years and who is looked upon as one of its leading and prominent citizens, is John Schindler, the widely known buggy and wagon manufacturer. He descends from sterling German ancestry, being born in Kessingen, Baden, Germany, near the river Rhine, June 23, 1849. His parents were Constantine and Julia Schindler, *née* Beha.

In his home town of Kessingen, situated on the historic old Rhine, Mr. Schindler received his education in the common schools. He attended school until he was sixteen, when he sailed from Bremerhaven for New York. After landing in this country he came directly to Toledo, Ohio, where he learned the blackmith's trade. Working in this city for three years and at Upper Sandusky one year, he moved to Coldwater, Mercer county, in 1870, where he worked for his brother William, in his blacksmith shop. Here, in April, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Roesoner, who was born in Mercer county in May, 1852, and is a daughter of Jacob and Mary Roesner *née* Buschor. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Schindler settled in Seneca county, Ohio, where they lived one year and then removed to Monterey, where Mr. Schindler launched into business for himself. They resided here until 1877, in which year they removed to Ft. Recovery. By arduous and careful work Mr. Schindler built up a large trade in the blacksmith business and latter began the manufacture of buggies and wagons. It was in this departure that Mr. Schindler gained an enviable reputation for thoroughness and completeness of work. Everything was handmade and under his personal supervision. To-day he is favorably known throughout this and surrounding counties, where his wagons and buggies find a ready sale.

The following named children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schindler: John, Theresa, Julia, Rosie, Dora, Clara, Ferdinand, Hugo, Herbert, Ella and Margaret, all living, and Rudolph, who died in his youth. Mr. Schindler has served on the town council for eight years in succession, was township treasurer for years, and has served a number of years on the board of education. He was appointed postmaster, on October 15, 1894, by President Cleveland, and was a most efficient and accommodating official.

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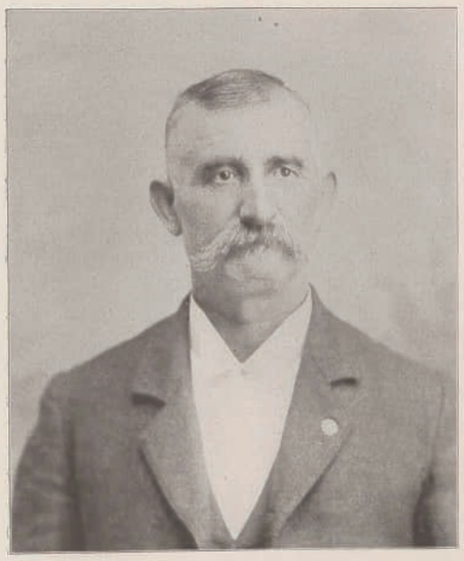
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MONTEZUMA SCHOOLS.

The early educational facilities of the youths of Montezuma were very meager, to say the least. The traditional log school house afforded the first opportunity to take advantage of the blessings of a free school. The first school was located a half mile south of Montezuma and was an old round log building, known to the inhabitants of that section as "The Wolves' Den." Here the boys and girls of that day obtained the rudiments of an education. The first school building erected in Montezuma was located in the south part of town and was 12x14 in size and of frame material. The interior was furnished in the crudest manner possible, with slab seats and desks. As the school increased in size new buildings were erected, all of which were one-story frame. After two such buildings had been built and out-lived their usefulness, the present school house was erected. It was first composed of two rooms, but in 1895 was remodeled and another story added.

The teachers who have had charge of the school since its beginning are: R. Montgomery, two years; George Beam, one year; Zach Stoner, one year; William Hoel, eleven years; W. W. Beachem and Miss Hattie White; R. G. Chapman and Charles Younger, R. G. Clark and Miss Short; J. S. George, Bertha Copeland and Alice Newcomb; James Mowery, Kitto Beauchamp, Carl Helmstetter; and Prof. W. F. McDaniel, Kitto Beauchamp and Miss Anna Helmstetter, the present instructors. The Montezuma special school district was organized in September, 1895, under the directorship of Alvin Lacey, president; J. J. Beauchamp, clerk, and James Monroe, treasurer. The present school building is a neat two-story frame building of three rooms with a seating capacity of about two hundred. The enumeration of the district is two hundred and ten of school age. There are three departments in which the common branches are taught, also a high school course. The rapid progress in the educational field made by this school speaks in the highest terms for the residents of that little village, and the evolution from the old "Wolves' Den" to the present fine graded school is a flattering and far reaching step in the paths of improvement and advancement.

JOSEPH PETRIE

Joseph Petrie was born December 15, 1855, in Celina, Ohio. He is a son of George and Sarah Petrie *née* Wiles, who were pioneers of Mercer county. Joe Petrie received his education in the common schools of Celina. When not devoting his time to study he assisted his father on the farm. In 1875 he learned the blacksmith trade under Alexander Wyckoff, for whom he worked for six years. He then went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was employed for a brief period; moving from that city to Lima, Ohio, he found employment in the car shops. From that city Mr. Petrie went to Piqua, Ohio, and worked at his trade for a year and a half, moving from that place to the city of Dayton, Ohio, where he worked three years and a half. He then returned to Celina and was employed by William Cron for over a year. On the 15th of March, 1890, he moved to Montezuma and opened a blacksmith and horseshoeing shop for himself. Being very successful in his chosen trade, he commenced, in the year 1898, the manufacture of carriages and buggies. So successful was this departure that he was soon forced to enlarge his buildings, and again in 1899 he added to his former buildings another large structure for the convenience of his rapidly growing business. On the 14th of March, 1879, the nuptials of Joseph Petrie and Florence C. Allen, daughter of Zeph and Elonore Allen, were solemnized. Two children were born to them, Ada F. and Dee L. The former was born December 24, 1879, and is now the wife of Charles L. Brandon. Dee L. was born January 1, 1884. Charles is in the grocery business at Montezuma, and is an obliging and upright citizen.

Elonore Allen Petrie, wife of Joseph Petrie, was born September 3, 1857, and is one of eight children, born to Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Allen. This family was comprised of five boys and three girls.

THEODORE SCHEID.

Theodore Scheid, one of Mercer county's pioneers and Fort Recovery's stanchest and strongest men, was born in Reutlingen, Wuerttenberg, Germany, October 20, 1827. He is the only son of Ludwig B. F. and Wilhelmina Scheid, *née* Wagner. He entered school at the age of six and applied himself to his studies with painstaking care and diligence, acquiring a fine German education. At the conclusion of his school years he entered the office of the clerk and recorder of his home county as an assistant. When twenty-three years of age, Mr. Scheid came to America and located at Cincinnati. Here he embarked in the grocery business. In the spring of 1857 Mr. Scheid purchased a farm near Sharpsburg and moved to this county, to take up the occupation of farming. In 1862, when the call for troops was sounded, Mr. Schied responded and enlisted in the fifty-eighth Ohio. He was with his regiment in the dreadful battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Vicksburg. That Mr. Scheid conducted himself throughout these engagements in a gallant and praise-worthy manner is attested by his promotions. Entering the ranks as a private he rapidly rose to the rank of a first lieutenant, when he was detached in 1863 for gunboat service, in command of Company B, of the fifty-eighth, Ohio, on the gunboat Mound City. While in this service the gunboat run the batteries before Vicksburg and was engaged at Grand Gulf, Mississippi. During the fighting before Vicksburg Mr. Scheid sustained what was then thought dangerous wounds, losing the left eye and being wounded in the right arm and right side by the explosion of shells. After spending several months in the hospital he was put in the Veteran Reserve Corps at Camp Morton, Indianapolis. Here his military service ended with an honorable discharge. After serving his country, Mr. Scheid returned to Fort Recovery and, being unable to perform farm work, entered into the stove and tin business in 1865. During his residence in this city his sterling worth was recognized by the citizens, who elected him mayor of that city and continued him in office for fourteen years. His official life was characterized by the unflinching discharge of his duty, as he interpreted it. In politics, Mr. Scheid affiliates with the Republican party and served as postmaster from August, 1865, until July, 1885, being an official of the government for twenty years, an honor accorded few men. At present he is in his fourth term as justice of the peace.

He was united in marriage to Fredricka Schreiner, of Tuebingen, Wuertemberg, Germany, on the seventh day of February, 1853. To that union the following named children were born: Charles T.; George W.; Matilda, who died in infancy, Amelia, who was married to Wellington Robbins and died in Chicago at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving six children; Theodore G., Adolph and Leslie W. Mr. and Mrs. Schied are still enjoying good health and live in the knowledge that in forty-eight years of married life no cloud has arisen to mar their happiness.

JOHN G. KUHN.

There is scarcely a man, woman or child in Butler township but that knows John G. Kuhn. He has for years been a justice of the peace for that township, and as such has discharged the duties of that office in a manner reflecting great credit upon himself and his constituents. Like a great many other prominent citizens of this county the subject of this sketch was born in Germany, at Oerlenbach, on May 27, 1843. His parents were George J. and Juliana Kuhn *née* Schneider. While Mr. Kuhn was a young man his parents moved to this country and settled on a farm in Auglaize county, Ohio. It was while living here that Mr. Kuhn entered the army. He enlisted and served in Company K, Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from April 26, 1861, to August 27, 1861, under President Lincoln's first call for troops. At the expiration of this service he again enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and sixth Ohio Regiment, and served with his regiment from August 12, 1862, to July 12, 1865. When he received his honorable discharge at the above named date, Mr. Kuhn had risen to the rank of sergeant. He sustained wounds during his service that crippled him for life. Returning from the war he moved to Blackcreek township, Mercer county, where he purchased a farm. On February 6, Mr. Kuhn was married to Barbara K. Nuss. To them were born three children, William H., Ed D. and Emma L.

On November 27, 1871, Mrs. Kuhn passed away. On October 23, 1873, Mr. Kuhn was united in marriage to Maria Anna Stranbinger. To them were born seven children, namely: Fred A.; Jacob, who died in infancy; Frank T., Anthony A., Michael T., Julia M. and Mary Therisa.

DR. C. F. BOLMAN.

One of the leading manufacturing concerns in Coldwater is the Matress factory, owned and operated by Dr. C. F. Bolman, who is also a prominent physician of that city. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 26, 1847, and is a son of Christopher and Charlotta Bolman *née* Bloom. Dr. Bolman received his early education in this city. Leaving school at the age of sixteen years he was apprenticed to the trade of a machinist, which trade he successfully learned and worked at four years. He then entered the office of W. H. Meyers, M. D., at Fort Wayne and began the study of medicine, entering the Fort Wayne Medical college at the completion of his reading, and from which college he graduated in 1880. He located at Coldwater, March 7, 1881, and has engaged in the practice of medicine with great success ever since. In politics Dr. Bolman has always been a strong Democrat, standing high in the councils of his party. He is especially forceful on the stump and gained an enviable reputation as a logical and eloquent speaker, in the campaign of 1896. He has been appointed postmaster at Coldwater, has been for a number of years on the executive committee and served as deputy state supervisor of elections one term. Dr. Bolman was united in marriage to Susanna E. Louis, of Bluffton, Indiana, August 22, 1872. She is a daughter of Washington and Eliza Lewis *née* Mills. To them have been born the following children: Elsa, July 5, 1874; Lydia, December, 1876; Ralph M., July 28, 1878; and Susan, July 2, 1881. In 1899 Dr. Bolman took charge of the Matress works of that city and has successfully conducted it to a position of prominence in manufacturing circles. Both Dr. and Mrs. Bolman are recognized as leaders in the social world and have a legion of friends in this and surrounding counties.

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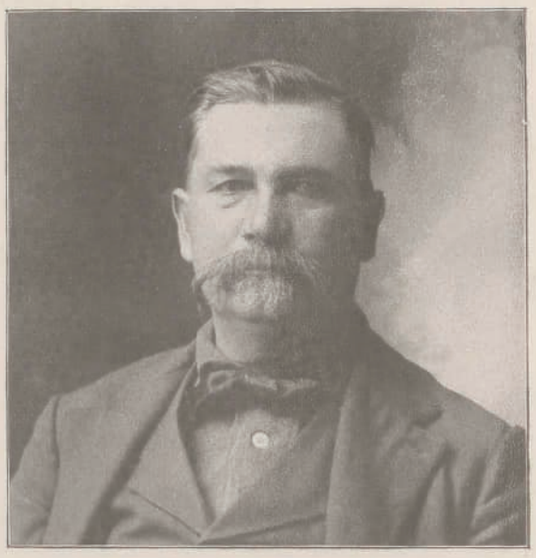


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JOHN G. KUHN, ESQ.,
COLDWATER, OHIO.

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BIOGRAPHIES.

L. S. DIBBLE.

The subject of this sketch is the youngest son of E. A. and Mary Dibble. He was born in Center township, Mercer county, Ohio, August 11, 1871. On July 26, 1875, while his father and elder brothers were putting together a new mower, he unfortunately got his finger between the guards while his brother was running the sickle. Instantly the end of the fore-finger on his left hand was cut off. All efforts to replace it proved a failure.

At the age of six years he began to go to school with his elder brothers and sisters. He attended every term of school (winter and summer) until he was about twelve years old. Then he was needed at home in the summer to help with the work on the farm. He received an education in the common school, and began teaching in the fall of 1891, at the Center school in Franklin township, being the fall and winter terms. The next two winters he was engaged in teaching. During the fall and winter of 1894–95 he attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio. In the winter of 1895–96 he taught school again. The next winter he attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada. In the fall of 1897 he began teaching in Blackcreek township, Mercer county, Ohio, and taught there two years. He is now (December 2, 1899) engaged in teaching at Prospect, being district number one in Washington township.

Mr. Dibble has a host of friends, also a pleasant disposition and is temperate in his habits. He has no use for narcotic beverages of any kind.

The biography of his father's family can be found on another page of this book.

H. H. SCHWIETERMAN.

Few men have retired to private life after a number of years of public service with a better record than the subject of this sketch, who is one of the influential and progressive farmers of this county. He was born in Mercer county, September 14, 1842, and is a son of J. and Mary Schwieterman *née* Broerman. Mr. Schwieterman's early days were spent on his father's farm, where he learned the practical lessons of thrift and frugality, which have been instrumental in his success in later years. He attended the public schools and acquired a good education in both German and English. After the death of his father the property was divided among the children, and the farm on which the subject now lives was his portion. This farm, containing one hundred and fifteen acres cleared, is highly cultivated, well tiled and drained, in fact one of the most desirable farm properties in the county. He has erected a fine, substantial two-story brick residence, good barns and out-buildings. Mr. Schwieterman was married to Miss Annie Burtke, who was born in Mercer county in 1850. Ten children were born to this union, three of which died young. The other seven are: Barney, Xavier, Francisco, Matthias, Rosa, Eleanora, and Mary. Mr. Schwieterman has always been a strong Democrat in politics and has had the honor of filling many responsible positions. In 1891 he was elected county commissioner and re-elected in 1894, serving one term as president of the board. His official acts have been above the faintest suspicion, and were characterized by the honest and earnest discharge of his duty. Mr. Schwieterman and family are Catholics in religion, and are highly respected by the community in which they reside.

JOHN R. FRYER.

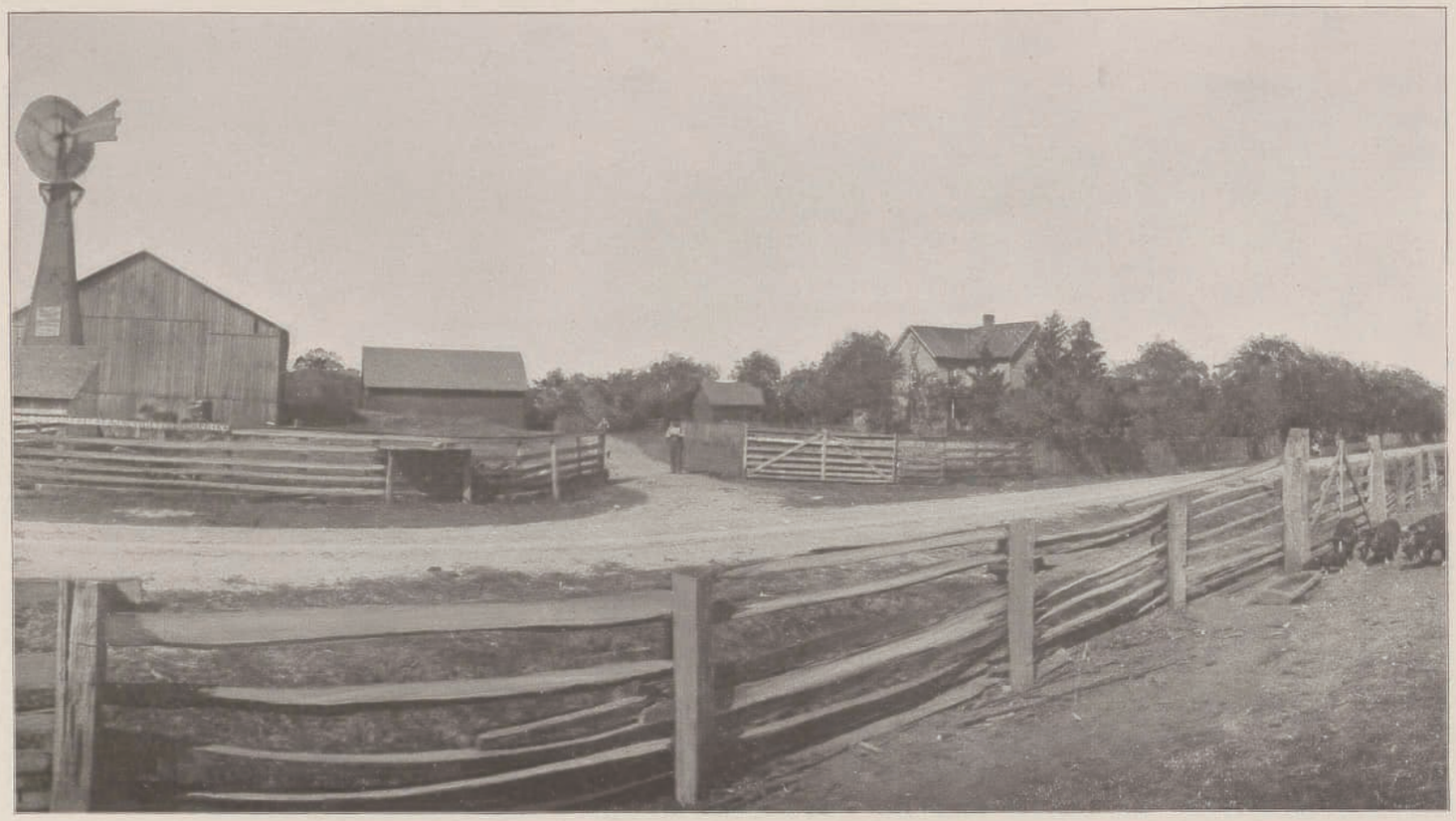
The parents of the subject of this sketch were John Q. and Jestinah Fryer. John Q. was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1808, and died in Mercer county in 1877. Jestinah Fryer was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in 1816 and is still living. Their son, John R., was born in Wayne county, Ohio, September 21, 1841, and moved to Mercer county with his parents in May, 1842, locating in Union township, one mile north of Mendon. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Company E, Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in October, 1861. In the battle of Pittsburg Landing, on April 6, 1862, he received a gun shot wound in the shoulder and was taken prisoner. In October, 1862, he was paroled and discharged a month later at Washington, D. C. He was married on December 14, 1865, to Hannah E. Griffin, who was born in April, 1841, in Union township. Her parents were Claudius, born November 28, 1813, and Elizabeth Griffin, born January 12, 1821. Both of Mrs. Fryer's parents are still living. Mr. Griffin has voted in Union township for sixty years.

To the union of John and Hannah Fryer three children were born, two of whom are still living, namely: Charles, September 28, 1866; and Frank F., January 6, 1871.

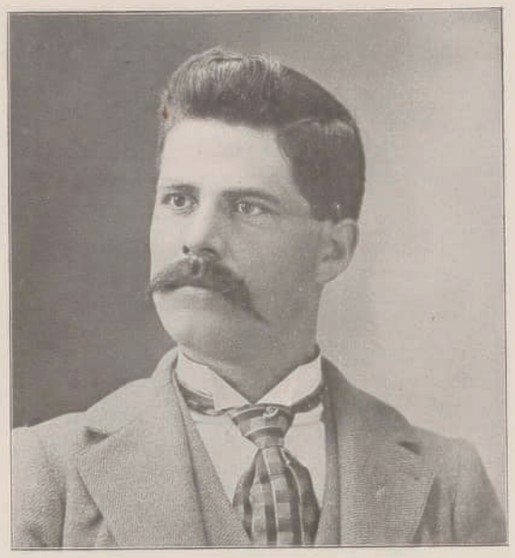
CHARLES F. KRUGER.

One of the successful farmers of Center township is Charles F. Kruger. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 4, 1854, and is a son of Carl and Fredaricka Kruger, *née* Miller. Carl and Fredericka Kruger were natives of Germany and came to this country in 1853, moving direct to Columbus, Ohio. The following children were born to them: Fredrick, Charles, John, Fredericka and Wilhelmina. In 1868, Mr. Kruger moved to Mercer county, settling on the farm where Charles Kruger now resides, and it was here in 1880 that Carl Kruger passed away. On December 28, 1888, Charles Kruger was united in marriage to Susan Custer. To this union the following named children were born: Minnie C., June 22, 1890; Edna E., October 8, 1892; Charles F., October 26, 1894; Harry Bryan, January 5, 1897; and William L., February 26, 1899, all of whom are living. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Kruger has sustained severe losses through the agencies of cyclone and fire, yet he has with pluck and perseverance built steadily upwards until now he has one of the best farms in his home township. In the eighties the cyclone, which swept through this county, leaving in its path desolation and destruction, visited Mr. Kruger and greatly damaged a fine orchard, buildings and fences; again, in 1894, fire totally destroyed his large barn and eight head of cattle, five horses and a number of sheep were killed. He rebuilt the barn finer and better than before. Mr. Kruger is a member of the Agricultural Society and was trustee of his township for nine years, also a member of the board of education for a number of years. Whether serving the public or himself, his actions have always been unquestionable and characterized by an unflinching discharge of the duties devolving upon him. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kruger have a host of friends in Center and surrounding townships, who speak in the highest praise of them as desirable and honored citizens, whom it is a pleasure to know.

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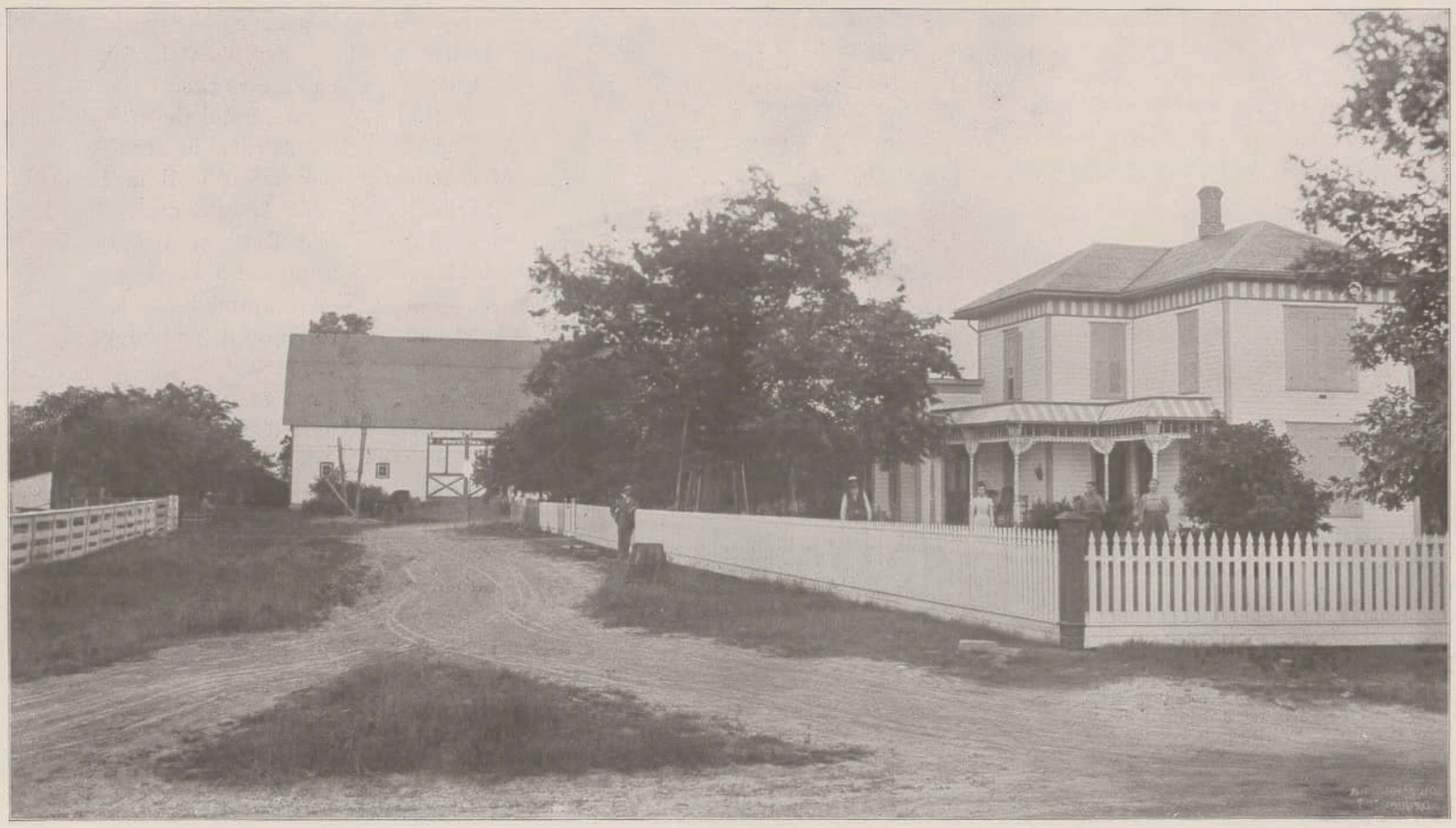
RESIDENCE AND FARM VIEW OF H. H. SWIETERMAN, SEBASTIAN, OHIO.



MR. L. S. DIBBLE.



MR. JOHN FRYER.



RESIDENCE AND FARM VIEW OF JOHN FRYER, UNION TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO.



MRS. JOHN FRYER.



RESIDENCE AND FARM VIEW OF CHARLES KRUGER, CENTER TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO.

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CHARLES BOLLENBACHER.

It is practically conceded by all men that the most important county office is that of commissioner. In this office, which calls for the exercise of sound business judgment and watchfulness to properly guard the rights of the common people, only men who are recognized as unswerving in their loyalty to their duty have been chosen, and one, who has made a deep impression upon the people of this county for his careful attention to the business is the subject of this sketch, Mr. Charles Bollenbacher, of Liberty township. He is the youngest son of George and Henrietta Bollenbacher *née* Alt, and was born at Reinpfalz, Beiern, Germany, October 18, 1845. When Mr. Bollenbacher was six years of age his parents came to America. After a voyage of twenty-six days they landed in New York and immediately moved to the farm in Liberty township, where Mr. Bollenbacher now resides. He attended school in district number four until fifteen years of age, when he took an active part in the farm work. When twenty-one years old he was united in marriage to Catherine E. Baker. This union was blessed by ten children, six of whom are still living. John C., September 12, 1865; Henry G., June 29, 1867; Caroline L., December 18, 1868; Anna H., August 5, 1880, she died September 6, 1872; Mary L., September 18, 1871, died September 14, 1897; Margratha H., September 18, 1873; Anna M., October 28, 1875, who died January 5, 1881; William F., September 21, 1878, who died October 10, 1882; Maria K., September 5, 1880; and Huldah L., June 6, 1883. The following children of Mr. and Mrs. Bollenbacher are married: John C. Bollenbacher was married to Phœbe Schaadt, October 13, 1891. The following named children were born to them: Hugo Charles, August 22, 1892; Theodore Frederrick, February 14, 1894; and Amelia Catherine, January 13, 1896. Henry G. Bollenbacher was united in marriage to Sophia Kessler, October 29, 1889. The following children have been born from that union: Ida Henrietta, December 5, 1890, and Edwin William, November 16, 1898. Caroline L. Bollenbacher was married to William Kessler, December 31, 1889. This union have been blessed with the following named children: Laura Ida, October 16, 1890; Charles Christian, September 5, 1892; George Henry, August 28, 1893, died in infancy; Clare Catherine, November 5, 1894, and Freda Phillipine, August 14, 1897. Margartha H. Bollenbacher was married to Adam A. Schaadt, November 29, 1894. Two children have been born to them, namely: Charles F. September 12, 1895, and Lawrence W., January 15, 1899.

As a farmer Mr. Bollenbacher has been very successful. He has lived at his present place of residence ever since his marriage, gradually building it up until now he has one of the finest farms in that township. In 1876 he built a large barn. In 1886 he erected his present magnificent brick dwelling. His extensive farming operations soon required more space and in 1893 he was compelled to build another large barn. He manufactured brick from 1885 until 1893. Mr. Bollenbacher and his family are members of the Evangelical Protestant church. In politics Mr. Bollenbacher is a Democrat and has been honored by the people of the township to the office of trustee for six successive years, also township treasurer. While serving in this latter official capacity the people of the county recognized his sterling worth and elected him county commissioner in 1895 and re-elected in 1897. Mrs. Charles Bollenbacher was born in Shelby county, Ohio, July 1, 1845. She is a daughter of John and Barbara Baker *née* Witman. She attended country school and assisted her parents on the farm until her marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bollenbacher have a host of friends in their home township, where they are looked upon as generous and worthy citizens.

JACOB BOLLENBACHER, Sr.

Jacob Bollenbacher, Sr., was the son of George and Henrietta Bollenbacher *née* Alt. He was born September 23, 1837, at Bedesbach, Reinpfalz, Germany. His parents were frugal farmers and realizing that they could give their children but little in the way of lands, were careful that they should receive a good education. On April 1, in 1852, they emigrated to this country and purchased land in Liberty township. On October 6, 1862, he was married to Louisa Baker, daughter of John and Barbara Baker. Mr. Bollenbacher had well established himself on a farm, where he had prepared a comfortable home for his bride, who was only permitted to enjoy it for two years, passing away July 30, 1864. He served in the army from September 16, 1864, to June 22, 1865. On the 8th of September, 1866, he was united in marriage to Caroline Schaadt, daughter of Adam and Philipina Schaadt. To this union eight children were born: Catherine, September 13, 1867 (she died September 15, 1879); Philipina, December 18, 1868 (she became the wife of John Gehres, in 1889); Louisa M., born March 22, 1870, and in 1889 was married to Frederick Berron; Adolph, December 11, 1871 (he was united in marriage in 1884 to Wilmina Keiper); Frederick, born February 7, 1874; Henrietta K., born April 20, 1876 (she was wedded to Louis Gehres, in 1895); Emma, born April 1, 1878; Peter, born March 6, 1880, and died in the following June. Mrs. Caroline Bollenbacher died March 7, 1880. Mr. Bollenbacher was again married on September 6, 1881, to Magdelena Distler, daughter of John N. and Maria E. Distler. This union was blessed with the following children: Elizabeth, February 11, 1883; John D. and Willie C., twins, February 6, 1885; Daniel F., June 12, 1887; Jacob D., October 11, 1889; Amalia, March 16, 1892; Emilea M., August 29, 1894; Huldah, March 6, 1898. Mr. Bollenbacher is essentially a selfmade man. He has struggled against odds and breasted obstacles with a fearlessness that has accounted in a great measure for his success. Today he owns a fine farm with latest improved machinery and substantial buildings. He enjoys a large circle of friends, who greatly admire him for his sterling qualities.

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VIEW OF THE HOME OF COMMISSIONER CHARLES BOLLENBACHER AND FAMILY, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO.





VIEW OF RESIDENCE OF JACOB BOLLENBACHER, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COLDWATER, OHIO

During the year 1868 a half dozen honest, God-fearing families, living in and around Coldwater, met to take advantage of that constitutional right to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience and Holy Trinity parish was organized and preparations made for the erection of a house of worship. The lot on which the church now stands, was purchased from Tom Buxon for one dollar, and the erection of the frame church was begun in May, finished in November and dedicated by the Rev. John Purcell, D. D., Archbishop of Cincinnati. About this time there were ten families in the congregation and it can be easily surmised that they were justly proud of their frame church, which has witnessed its flock grow and expand from ten to one hundred and thirty families. The first baptism in the church was Anna Birkmeyer, on July 1, 1869. The first marriage was solemnized by the Very Rev. Father Henry Drees, C. PP. S., on November 21, 1872; the bride and groom were Alphonse Miller and Anna Sunderhaus. The first death to occur was on September 14, 1869, when Teresa Tobes, one year old, passed away. The priests who have been in charge of Holy Trinity parish since its organization are: Very Rev. Henry Drees, C. PP. S., from 1868 to November, 1880; Father Theobald Shock, C. PP. S., from 1880 to 1885; Father Paulinus Trost, C. PP. S., from 1885 to 1888; Father Alphonse Grussi, C. PP. S., from 1888 to 1890; Father Phillip Hartman, C. PP. S., from 1890 to 1895; Father George Hindelang, C. PP. S., from 1895 to 1897, and Father Lawrence Shirack from 1897 to the present date, who personally superintended the erection of the new edifice. As the years went quickly by and in passing showed a yearly increase in the congregation the frame church became too small, and an addition was added on the north end in 1886. The congregation soon realized that the house of prayer and worship had served its purpose well for nearly thirty years and that soon more commodious quarters would have to be erected. In 1896 extensive preparations were made for building a new church. The following year the foundation was laid and on Sunday, June 5, 1898, the corner stone was laid with impressive ritualistic ceremonies, by Rev. Francis M. Quatman, of Sidney, Ohio, and during the same year the structure was put under roof. In the year 1899 the edifice was finished and solemnly and impressively dedicated on October 8, 1899, by Rev. William Henry Elder, D. D., Archbishop, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Holy Trinity church is one of the most magnificent houses of worship in this section of the country. Its high and sharply pointed arches and clustered drop columns denote the Gothic style of architecture. It is built of pressed brick, with blue Bedford stone trimmings. The building is fifty-four by one hundred and forty feet; width of transpt sixty-six feet; heighth of towers: large one, one hundred and forty-five feet; smaller tower, eighty-five feet. The late John R. DeCurtains was the architect and his successors, the DeCurtains Sons, the contractors and builders. From an exterior view it presents an imposing spectacle and the spectator is filled with awe and wonder as he gazes upon the fine brick and stone building, with its lofty towers and slate roof and copper cornice. To heighten the feeling admiration one should enter and view the artistic decorations of the interior and feel that here indeed is the work of an artist. As one passes beneath the three Bedford stone arches, which mark the entrance, and steps from in under the choir gallery he stops to drink in the richness and brilliancy the interior imparts and feast the eyes for a moment on the work of a genius. The side walls are blended into terra cotta. The oramentations, of stucco work on which gold leaf has been profusely used, are strictly in keeping with the twelth century style of Gothic decoration. The ten symbolic emblems of the church, each and every one delineating their respective form with a vividness and beauty that defies description, are exquisite specimen's of workmanship. Diagonal arches are across each window. The groined ceiling, with three naves, one in the center and two on each side, terminating in drop columns, ornamented with gold leaf stucco work, is finished in light buff. The drop columns contribute a richness of effect and finish that is unsurpassable and is one of the finest features in the church. The sanctuary presents a beautiful picture. It is finished in blue and the upper part decorated with stars and appropriate monograms and emblems. That within thirty years from the organization of the parish to the dedication of an ecclesiastical edifice, magnificent in its architecture and an artist's triumph in interior decoration, is a religious triumph and a most fitting tribute of a people to the love and devotion of their religion.

The building committee consisted of John Hambert, John Hageman, John Birkmeyer, John Stukenborg, John B. Albers and Herman Knappschaeffer. The present church wardens are Henry Hoying, Sr., Theodore Tekamp, Joseph Desch and Clemence Ebbing.

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FRANK WESTGERDES.

Frank Westgerdes was born on the 9th day of August, 1866, in St. John, Maria Stein post office, Mercer county. He is the oldest son of Gerhard and Mary Westgerdes, *née* Leistenshneider. In his youth he assisted his father on the farm in the summer season, attending school in the winter, thereby gaining the rudiments of an education that he has taken advantage of in later years, and has materially aided him in establishing the prosperous business in which he is now engaged. At the early age of twenty-two he was accorded an honor few men have thrust upon them, when the voters of his township elected him justice of the peace. He did not dissappoint the confidence placed in his ability and served his constituents faithfully for three years. He was then elected to the office of township clerk, which office he filled for four years; he is also postmaster at Maria Stein, which he holds under a Republican administration, being a Democrat, politically. In his religious views he is a member of the Catholic church. He was united in marriage to Rosalia Goecke, a daughter of John and Mary Goecke, *née* Ashman.

Barney Westgerdes, a brother of Frank, was born on October 17, 1868, near St. John, Mercer county, Ohio. He received a good common-school education in his youth. After finishing school he learned the trade of tinner with Wust & Winters, at Celina, Ohio. After working two years he formed a partnership with his brother Frank at Maria Stein. They were soon recognized as hustling young men and their success was assured from the beginning. Politically, he is a Democrat, but broad in his views, looked upon as a public-spirited and popular citizen. He is a member of the Catholic church and is regarded as an earnest worker in the cause of his religion. On November 14, 1875, he was married to Miss Christine Ranly, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ranly, *née* Grunkemeyer. To them was born a daughter, whom they named Amelia.

Barney and Frank Westgerdes are doing business at Maria Stein under the firm name of B. Westgerdes & Brother. They are dealers in hardware, tinware and stoves, and make a specialty of roofing and spouting.

JOHN BERNARD HASLINGER.

Coldwater is noted for its hustling business men, who never let an opportunity go by to advance the interests of that enterprising and interesting little city. Among its leaders, although young in years, but displaying ability and wisdom of a man of maturer age is John Bernard Haslinger, the popular young merchant. He was born April 26, 1872, in Maria Stein, Mercer county, Ohio. He is a son of William and Catherine Haslinger *née* Schmiesing. Here he received his early education and laid the foundation for his future brilliant career in the business world. He took a special course of penmanship, bookkeeping, typewriting and stenography, at the Coldwater Academy. After graduating here he entered his father's store at Maria Stein for a short time, when he returned to Coldwater and entered the general store of John L. Phellis, as an assistant. After a brief experience in this business he formed a partnership with his father, and they purchased the business of Mr. Phellis. The store, under the management of John Bernard Haslinger, soon came to be recognized as one of the leading business houses in that part of the county. Though a young man, his sterling worth was recognized by the people of that little city, who chose him corporation treasurer, which official position he has filled with great credit and honor for three successive terms.

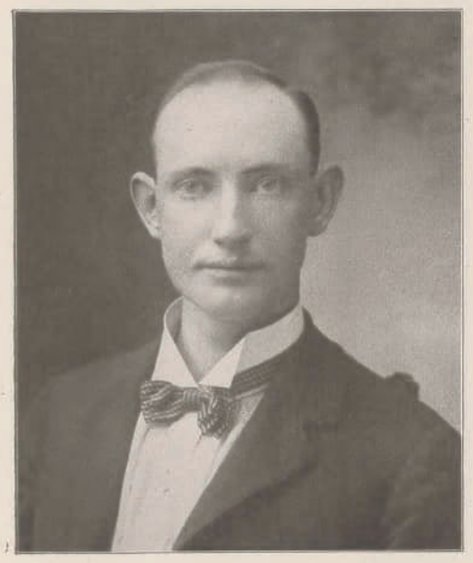
JOSEPH TEBBEN.

Joseph Tebben was born in St. Rosa, Marion township, Mercer county, Ohio, April 6, 1874, and is the eldest son of Henry and Mary Tebben *née* Klinghamer. When he was six years old his parents moved to St. Joseph, 'Victoria postoffice,' Recovery township, purchased property and erected a store room and engaged in running a general store. Here Mr. Tebben received his early education. In the fall of 1887, his parents moved to Celina, where he learned the trade of telegraphing. After a service of five years in both branches of the telegraphic trade, he assisted the clerk of the courts in discharging the arduous duties of that office. At present he is the genial and obliging deputy recorder of this county.

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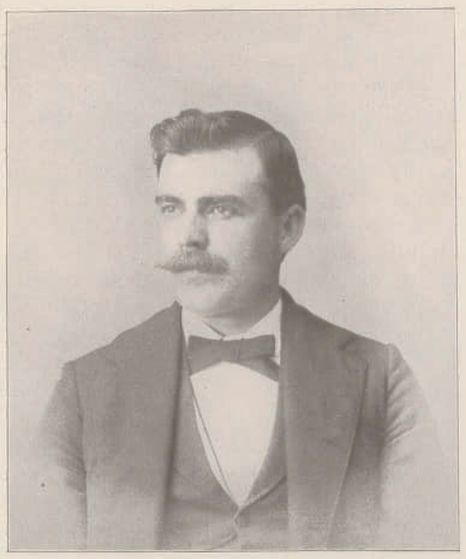
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FRANK WESTGERDES.



STORE OF WESTGERDES BROS., MARIA STEIN, OHIO.



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EDWARD A. DIBBLE.

Edward A. Dibble, a prominent farmer of Mercer county, Ohio, and an ex-soldier of the Union army, was born in Essex county, New York, December 1, 1831. He is the eldest son of Lyman and Eliza Jane (Smart) Dibble, the former of whom was born in the state of New York March 2, 1804.

Lyman Dibble was a son of Levi Dibble, who was born in Vermont, of French parents, who emigrated to America in the eighteenth century and settled in New England. The name Dibble, it should be noted, was originally spelled "De Bell," but was changed after the original American founder of the family emigrated from his native country.

Eliza Jane Smart, mother of the subject, was born in Vermont February 7, 1813, and was married to Lyman Dibble February 17, 1831, and to this marriage there were born four children as follows: Edward A., Charles F., Rebecca and Francis M. Lyman Dibble was reared in the state of New York, but received his education in the schools of his native state. By occupation he became a farmer and after his marriage resided upon the farm of his brother.

With his family he removed to Champaign county, Ohio, about 1837, and there resided about seven years. While living in that county he purchased eighty acres of land in Center township, Mercer county, of his brother Luman, this purchase being part of the tract originally entered by the latter. To this new farm he removed in 1844, and subsequently purchased forty acres adjoining the same upon which he resided until his death, which occurred July 24, 1869, aged sixty-five years. Upon this farm his widow resided until her death which occurred August 6, 1898, aged eighty-five years.

For many years prior to his death Lyman Dibble was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was a life-long adherent of the Democratic party, although he was not an active participant in the councils of that party. He was everywhere recognized, however, as a man of sound judgment and of the most honorable character and career.

Edward A. Dibble grew to manhood on his father's farm, a part of which he now owns. He was educated in the country schools of the neighborhood in which he lived, and November 30, 1854, married Miss Mary Kumpf, eldest daughter of George J. and Catherine Kumpf, he a native of Germany and she of France. To this marriage there have been born ten children, as follows: Alton, Annie M., Susan Jane (deceased), Levi (deceased), George Stephen, Ida Bell, William Henry, an infant that died unnamed, Le Roy S., and Catherine (deceased).

Edward A. Dibble enlisted in the service of his country in Company F, Fifty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, October 8, 1862. While serving in that capacity he participated in the following battles: Port Gibson, Champion Hills and siege of Vicksburg, passing through them all without receiving serious injury. As a result, however, of the exposure to which he was subjected, he incurred rheumatism and scurvy, and from these diseases he has suffered more or less ever since being discharged. As a consequence of his sufferings he is a pensioner on the bounty of the government to the extent of eight dollars per month. Mr. Dibble is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and ever since his early manhood has been a zealous worker for the interests of the Democratic party. As a partial reward for his zeal in this direction, he has been elected as a member of the board of county infirmary directors; he has also served as township trustee, as supervisor, as school director, a member of the board of education and in other minor offices. He is thus recognized as a man of affairs and as worthy of confidence and trust. His record thus appears to be a most enviable one and worthy of emulation by younger men.

J. B. MAURER.

J. B. Maurer is the senior member of the well known hardware firm of Maurer & Partner, of Mendon. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 27, 1856. His parents were Jacob and Marguerite Maurer *née* Baad. Jacob Maurer was born in Werttemberg, Germany, October 27, 1824, and moved to Tuscarawas county in June, 1840. He was united in marriage to Marguerite Baad, in August, 1854. She was born near Harrisonburg, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1837, and moved to Coshocton county, Ohio, with her parents in 1838. Their son, J. B. Maurer, the subject of this sketch, moved to Mercer county in 1879. He was united in marriage to Miss Callie M. Hagloch, who was born January 4, 1859, in Tuscarawas county. To them were born eight children, three boys and five girls, all of whom are still living. Mr. Maurer embarked in the general hardware business at Mendon in 1885, and has been very successful, being known as a thorough painstaking and careful business man.

CHARLES W. HALFHILL.

Thorough the persistent and tireless efforts of Charles W. Halfhill, the Mercer County Agricultural Society has attained a sound footing financially and the annual Mercer county fair has reached that pinnacle of success, when it is looked upon and known as "the fanner fair, of Ohio." Suffice it to say that since Mr. Halfhill has had charge of the fair, as secretary, the growth has been rapid and even surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine. The highest compliment that can be paid Mr. Halfhill has introduced many special features which were in part copied by the entire Northwestern Ohio Fair Circuit, which he was one of the principle organizers.

Charles W. Halfhill was born on the old Halfhill homestead in Dublin township on December 12, 1863. He is a son of Moses and Maria Halfhill, who were among the early residents of this county. Educated in the public schools Mr. Halfhill was called upon at the early age of twelve years to the management of the farm, at the death of his father. That he has been successful is attested by the fact that the Halfhill farm is looked upon as a model. In 1874 he began teaching and for the following five winters was equally as successful in the educational fields as in farming. In 1891 he became identified with the Agricultural society and has served it ever since in the capacity of secretary; he has been re-elected every year since 1891. In February, 1893, he was one of the principal organizers of the Northwestern Fair Circuit, and has been its secretary and treasurer ever since the organization. He is a Republican in politics and has occupied a high place in the councils of the party. Mr. Halfhill is a member of Shanes lodge, No. 293, Knights of Pythias, and has held a number of responsible positions in this organization. He is at present engaged in the grain business at Mercer and has been deservedly successful.

JOHN FREDERICK HASIS.

John Frederick Hasis was born in Oberhausen, county of Reitlingen, Wirttenberg, Germany, October 25, 1831. His parents were prudent, honest German farmers, who early instilled into the youth the meaning of the word thriftiness in its fullest significance. As was the case with all German youths at that time he took up the burden of making his own living at an early date. He was scarcely six years of age when his father hired him out to help herd. Every other day he was permitted to go to school for two hours, and thus the rudiments of an education were obtained. He herded horses and cattle until the age of seventeen. He received for each head of cattle the munificent sum of two cents per month, and to this sturdy German youth this was regarded as a vast sum. When he attained the age of seventeen, his father, with the forethought of these stolid German fathers, looking towards the welfare of their children, determined that he should learn a trade. Accordingly he was apprenticed to a tailor for three years, his father paying his tutor thirty dollars per year and furnishing the clothing and food. Frederick desired to be either a blacksmith or a wagonmaker, but bowed to the wish of his father, and on November 11, 1848, reported to his new master. But not satisfied with his master's manner's he left and went to the county seat and worked diligently to earn thirty dollars to repay his father for the amount invested with the tailor. From the county seat he went up to Uhlm and worked on the railroad. He was connected with the construction of this road from Uhlm to Stuttgard. For his arduous labor he received twenty-four cents a day and paid twenty-two cents for board. After the construction of the road he hired out to farmers to assist in threshing at six cents per day and board. The following year he decided to seek his fortunes in the new world. He borrowed forty-five dollars from his father and with a stout heart turned his face from his boyhood home and dear ones. March 15, 1852, was the date on which he departed for America, and hew iil ever remember it as one of the turning points in his life when he cast lot in the struggling mass of humanity, who were striving to gain a home in a free land. On account of the irregularity of the sailing vessels he was detained at Havre for two weeks, but at last set sail on a sailing ship and was forty-two days on the ocean. The journey was uneventful and all arrived safe and in good health and spirits. After landing at New York he started for Tuscarawas county, Ohio. He arrived there in May and worked on a farm for three years. On November 27, 1855, he was united in marriage to Barbara Schenk, of Tuscarawas county. From this union three children were born, namely: John, February 4, 1857; Mary Ann, September 4, 1858; and Fred, July 4, 1861. The two first children were born in Tuscarawas county and the latter in Mercer county, where Mr. Hasis had moved in February, 1861. He rented a farm east of Mendon and remained there one year. He then moved on the Joseph Palmer farm, which he tilled for two years. He removed to Dublin township, and there on August 2, 1863, his faithfnl wife, who had shared in his early struggles with a patience, loyalty and steadfastness that was beautiful to witness, passed away to her reward.

February 16, 1864, he was joined in holy wedlock to Caroline Gerber. Of that union they have been blessed with the following children: Elizabeth, born December 2fi, 1864; Jacob Henry, September 7, 1866; Katherine, December 19, 1868; George, November 4, 187 ; Emma Rebecca, October 15, 1873; Lidia, August 20, 1874, died August 20, 1895; Carl Reuben Whilelm, May 2, 1876, died at the age of eleven months; Andrew, January 24, 1878, and Olive Dilila, August 3, 1881. These children have all prospered, thanks to the careful training received from their parents. John was united in marriage to Catherine Henne, March 14, 1889, and is a prosperous farmer of Center township. Mary was married to Andrew Stroble, October 20, 1879, and lived on a well-tilled farm in Union township. Frederick married Mary Ann Smith, on March 19, 1885; they live in Center township on a farm. On June 9, 1891, Elizabeth was joined in matrimony to B. F. Bogart, a prominent farmer of Center township. After a year of connubial bliss death carried the young bride away, on May 3, 1892. Catherine was united in marriage to L. R. Snavely, on June 11, 1891; they reside on a farm in Center township. Jacob married Angeline Spicer, March 23, 1893, they live in Union township. Emma was united in marriage to L. Spicer, September 15, 1896; they reside in Union township.

On April 5, 1864, Mr. Hasis moved back to Union township, where he lived for two years on a rented farm. By prudent and economic management he had saved enough money to purchase some land, and on November 5, 1866, he moved to his present residence in Union township, having purchased forty acres. From this forty he has by careful attention to business prospered and now owns besides his present farm of one hundred and ninety-nine acres, thirty-nine more in Union and one hundred and twenty in Center. Thus has the sturdy German youth, who landed in America with nothing but his strong hands and indomitable will, succeeded. One incident in his life clearly indicates and establishes his honor and integrity. The forty-five dollars he received from his father were returned with interest from the day he received it up until the time he had earned a sufficient amount to discharge the debt, for such he regarded it. That he is regarded as a man of good judgment is attested by the fact that his neighbors have elected him to the office of supervisor for eleven years and the school board for six years, which offices he has filled with great credit, not only to himself but to his constituency. Upon this beautiful home place he has erected a magnificent brick dwelling, with all the modern improvements. Here, after aiding him in accomplishing his desired ends, his faithful wife passed away on August 1, 1899, and here in the twilight of his life, surrounded by loving children, Fred Hasis lives respected and loved by all who knew him.

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HOME OF EDWARD DIBBLE, CENTER TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO.



JOHN B. MAURER.



CHARLES HALFHILL

RESIDENCE AND FARM VIEW OF FREDERICK HASIS, MENDON P. O., OHIO.

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BIOGRAPHIES.

G. J. C. WINTERMUTE.

G. J. C. Wintermute, the subject of this sketch is one of the leading physicians of Celina and senior member of the firm of Wintermute & Hattery. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 22, 1841, and is a son of Arason and Virenda Wintermute *née* Wayland. He spent his early days on his father's farm, attending school as opportunity and spare time would permit until 1860, when he entered Ohio Wesleyan University, remaining two years. During his attendance here he taught school three terms and thereby earned the money to defray his expenses. It was while at this college that the Doctor together with a number of companions enlisted in the army, on May 26, 1862, joining Company C, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered in at Camp Chase on June 5, and served until honorably discharged September 28, 1862. During the winter of 1862 he taught school. In April of 1863 he was appointed to a position in the commissary department, being commissary of the railroads with headquarters at Nashville, until October, 1865. He spent the winter of 1865–66 at his home in Ohio and in the following spring moved to Howard county, Missouri, where he purchased a farm and took up the occupation of farming, which he succcssfully carried on until the fall 1879, when he purchased a mercantile business in a mining town near his farm, in partnership with a capitalist and physician. Dr. Wintermute took charge of the business as manager and for two years successfully conducted it. During the spare time in the store the Doctor became interested in the study of medicine, reading his partner's books to profitably put in the time. He thus became deeply interested in the subject and determined to prepare himself for the medical profession, studying with his partner for three years. He took his first course of lectures in the winter of 1874 at the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis and in 1875 attended the Cincinnati college of medicine and Surgery, from which he graduated the same year. He then returned to Howard county to dispose of his business interests and after remaining there a year, practicing as opportunity afforded, sold his farm and business and returned to Ohio. He located at Lewis Center, Delaware county, in the fall of 1876 and practiced there until 1880. He moved to London, Madison county, Ohio, but remained there but a short time, locating at Celina, November 10, 1880. Here he soon became recoganized for his social and professional qualities and now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Wintermute attended the Post Graduate school and hospital at New York in 1892. He belongs to the following fraternal organizations: Masonic, and is a Knight Templar, being a member of the Mount Vernon Commandry, No. 1; also 32° Scottish Rite of Columbus, Ohio; and Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Methodist church.

On October 5, 1880, he was united in marriage at Covington, Kentucky, to Mary Ella Darrah, who was born near Hannibal, Missouri, August 4, 1862, and is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James A. Darrah. Four children have been born to them: Georgia, July 20, 1883; Leta, October 18, 1885; Catherine, February 7, 1888; and Aneilke born June 10, 1897.

JOHN POWELL.

John Powell, owner of the Wabash Valley Stock Farm. A man to whom can be attributed in a great measure the success and prominence attained by Washington township, as a recognized leader of fine stock raising, is John Powell, owner of the Wabash Valley Stock Farm. He was born January 24, 1836, in Butler county, Ohio. Until sixteen years of age he attended the common schools of that county. When at the above named age his father moved to a farm in Washington township, Mercer county, which is now, in part, the property of John Powell. In the year 1861, he went to Shelby county, Illinois, where he remained for seven years, working as a farm hand. He then came back to Mercer county and located on the home farm. On January 5, 1868, he was united in marriage to Fannie Jenkins. On March 23, 1870, a daughter was born, whom they named Eliza. Her death followed within the month. Scarcely had the bereaved husband recovered from the shock of his daughter's death than a deeper and sadder bereavement befell him in the death of his faithful wife, who passed away April 14, 1871. On September 20, 1872, he was married to Maggie Wile. To them a daughter, Barbara, was born September 15, 1873. On October 3, 1873, Mrs. Powell died. Before the month had passed infant Barbara followed her mother to her last resting place, passing away on October 20. Mr. Powell was again united in marriage on the 8th day of August, 1875, to Amelia Kutsch. The following children were born of this union: Catherine, June 11, 1876; Maggie E., November 29, 1877, she died in infancy; Pearl M., June 19, 1880; Benjamin F., January 11, 1883; Steven G. C., August 27, 1885; Alma Leona V., May 27, 1889. November the 3d witnessed the nuptials of Catherine, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, to John L. Menchhofer. During these years Mr. Powell devoted his time to farming, being very successful. He is at present the owner of a hundred and ninety-one acres, in Washington and Liberty townships, and which is nearly all rich botton land, especially adapted to the raising of all kinds of grain, fruit and stock. All the roads leading to this farm are well improved pikes. During Mr. Powell's pioneer days the people of this vicinity depended largely on venison for their meat supply. On many occasions Mr. Powell returned from his hunting expidetions with one deer across the horse's back and another attached to the horse's tail, the horse apparently as proud as his owner of their success. Mr. Powell has become famous for the fine breeding of horses, having the English sires. Among his cattle can be found thoroughbred Poll Durham, and short horns. Of sheep thoroughbred Shropshire and Auster Down are prize winners, exhibited with much pride by Mr. Powell. His stock farm is one of the most complete in the county, as nothing but the finest breeds are kept, and he takes a pardonable pride in showing the visitor his fine stock. Mr. Powell has always affiliated with the Democratic party.

Mrs. Amelia Powell *née* Kutsch, the present wife of John Powell was born on a farm in Liberty township, Mercer county, Ohio, on November 29, 1859. Her parents were Jacob and Catherine Kutsch *née* Conrad. Mrs. Powell was the eldest daughter, consequently was called upon to care for her brothers and sisters. When sixteen years of age she was married to John Powell.

EMERY LOUDENBECK.

The visitor or traveler who stops at the beautiful city of Wabash, Mercer county, is generally domiciled at the Hotel Emery. The proprietor, Emery Loudenbeck, is the subject of this sketch. Known to his many friends as "Emery," he is aptly termed a genial, accommodating host.

Emery Loudenbeck was born on April 19, 1848, at Springfield, Clark county, Ohio. His parents were Jacob and Sarah Loudenbeck *née* Kesler. When Mr. Loudenbeck was about one year old his parents moved to Saint Paris, Champaign county, Ohio. Mr. Loudenbeck attended school in Champaign county until he arrived at the age of sixteen when, in the fall of 1864, he moved with his parents to Richland county, Illinois. While in Illinois he farmed and devoted his spare time to mastering the carpenter trade. In 1869 he was united in marriage to Savilla Peebles. Remaining in the state of Illinois ten years they moved to Wabash, Mercer county, Ohio. Here he took up the work of carpentering and contracting. In 1880 he erected the Hotel Emery.

Besides keeping a first class hotel, Mr. Loudenbeck follows contracting. He has been very successful in this specialty and is known for his thoroughness and completeness. He has attained a reputation second to none for the quality of work turned out. Mr. Loudenbeck was elected township clerk in the spring of 1895 and discharged the arduous duties connected with this office in such an acceptable manner that he was the unanimous choice of the people at the polls two years later. He is a Democrat politically and is known as an honest and ardent worker. He belongs to the Christian church, also to the fraternity of Knights of Pythias, and for the past sixteen years has been an active member of Lodge No. 129, of Celina, Ohio.

Mrs. Emery Loudenbeck was born in Richland county, Illinois, on March 24, 1847. Her parents were Henry and Lucy Peebles *née* Pope. Mrs. Loudenbeck attended school at Maxburg until she arrived at the age of seventeen, when she assisted her parents on the farm until she was twenty-two years of age. She was then married to Emery Loudenbeck.

Mrs. Loudenbeck is a member of the Christian church, where she is an earnest and conscientious worker in the cause of Christianity. She has charge of the hotel and the cuisine is all that an expert chef could produce.

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VIEW OF RESIDENCE OF G. J. C. WINTERMUTE, M. D., CELINA, OHIO.



VIEW OF WABASH VALLEY STOCK FARM, OWNED BY JOHN POWELL, WABASH P. O., OHIO.



VIEW OF HOTEL EMORY, WABASH, OHIO, EMORY LAUDENBECK, PROPRIETOR.

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BIOGRAPHY.

JOSEPH NUDING.

Joseph Nuding is one of Hopewell township's prosperous farmers. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 17, 1845, and is a son of Frederick and Barbara Nuding *née* Engle. When Joseph Nuding was three years of age his parents moved to this county and located in Hopewell township. Here he was reared and attended school at district number one, acquiring as good an education as the facilities at that time would permit. Mr. Nuding remained on the home farm in Hopewell township until his marriage, November 14, 1878, to Miss Effie Roberts, a daughter of John and Harriet Roberts *née* Hainline. Mrs. Nuding was one of three children born to John and Harriet Roberts. They were: Unity, who died in infancy; Emma A., born September 6, 1851, and who is the wife of Henry Berry, a farmer in Center township; and Effie P., born October 10, 1855, and who is the wife of the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts were united in marriage in 1852, Mr. Roberts having moved to this county from Fairfield county in 1842. Mr. Roberts was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist church. He died in 1875. Mrs. Roberts was born in Mercer county in 1829 and died in 1856, her parents having been among the earliest settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nuding the following named children were born: Fred and Edna, twins, both of whom died in infancy; Grover Stanley, born March 9, 1885, and May, born May 10, 1892.

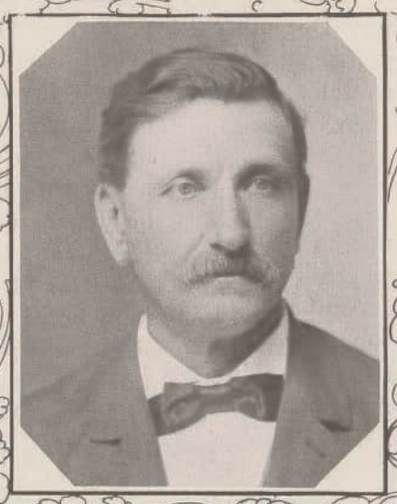
When Mr. Nuding settled on his present farm it was only partly cleared and in a very poor condition. That he has wrought a great transformation can be seen by the magnificent residence, fine barn and the high state of cultivation of the land. Besides general farming he has been engaged in stock buying and feeding, at which he has been equally successful. He has served as township trustee two terms and clerk of the board of education for about six years and director eight years. He is a sterling, reliable Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist church, together with his entire family. On Mr. Nuding's farm is a natural fountain, one hundred and ten feet deep, which furnishes water for the stock and general use. Mr. Nuding is a progressive, public spirited citizen who is ever ready to lend assistance and devote his time to the up-building of the township and county, or for the welfare of the public.

Mrs. Joseph Nuding is a woman of exceptionally fine qualities and attainments. A true wife and companionable woman, always quick to sympathize with the sorrowing and ready to alleviate the sufferings of the needy, in truth a helpmate in every sense of the word.

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JOSEPH NUDING, FAMILY AND RESIDENCE, HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP.

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PERRY KNOX.

Washington township can boast of a number of strong and well-to-do citizens who have fared well in the contest for this world's goods. One of its leaders and foremost residents is Perry C. Knox. He was born on a farm, near Wabash, Washington township, Mercer county, January 19, 1861. He attended school at district number two in his home township in the summer time, and helped his father and brothers on the farm in the winter season. When seventeen years of age he launched out for himself. He bought and cut timber for the Standard Oil Company and other large concerns until February 16, 1882, which date was the occasion of his marriage to Miss Phebe Cordelia Runyon, daughter of Rev. J. B. and Tobithia Catherine Runyon *née* Anderson. On the eleventh of November, 1882, their hearts were gladdened by the appearance of a baby boy, whom they named Dallas Luzern. In 1887 the dread disease of measles swept over that portion of the county and viisted the Knox household. Their only son fell a victim to the terrible disease, dying at the age of five years, three months and nineteen days. Mr. Knox was elected to the office of constable, discharging the duties of that office in an acceptable and praiseworthy manner for five years. He was also chosen director of the Mercer County Agricultural Society, filling this position of trust and honor with credit, not only to himself but to the township which he represents. He is now serving as justice of the peace, to which office he was elected in 1896. He has filled this official position in an acceptable manner, discharging the duties and meeting out justice with a strong and uninfluenced hand. In the summer season he follows farming and butchering.

Mrs. Perry Knox is one of Washington townships noblest women. Bright, vivacious, combining all the many graces and charms of manner, she has won for herself an enviable position in the social circles in which she moves. When not devoted to the discharge of her household duties, she, together with Miss Maggie Smoyer, the youngest daughter of John Smoyer, have at the home of Mrs. Knox a dressmaking establishment, where the ladies of Wabash and vicinity are elegantly gowned, in the latest and most stylish creations of the prevailing fashions.

OTTO SUMMERS.

One of the leading and prominent citizens of Ft. Recovery is Otto Summers, who was born on the 15th day of February, 1867, in Maria Rein, Beiern, Germany. His parents were John G. and Rosa Summers *née* Lochbuehler. Mr. Summers received a good German education. When sixteen years of age he came to America and immediately after his arrival here learned the tailor trade at Wauseon, Fulton county, Ohio. So proficient had he become in his trade that his employer would not hear of his leaving and he remained with the one man for seven years. Mr. Summers finally moved to Delphos, Ohio, where he worked for Joseph Jettinghoff for four years. On the 14th day of February, 1894, he moved to Ft. Recovery and embarked in business for himself. On February 1, 1892, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Harrietta Anna Mowbray, whose parents were Joseph F. and Lucy Mowbray *née* Roller. To the union of Otto and Harietta A. Summers there were born two children: Rosa L., born December 25, 1892, who died in infancy; and George Joseph, February 1, 1899. Mr. Summers has, by careful application to his business, built up a lucrative trade.

HERMAN HARTER.

There lives at Cassella an aged man who has had a wonderful experience in his seventy-five years of life. To-day he is known to every man, woman and child in that section of the county and his little home presents the scene of an aged toiler eking out a living making baskets, at which he has become very proficient. Whenever sickness visits his neighbors, Mr. Harter can be found at the bedside, a patient and vigilant nurse. He was born February 25, 1825, at Allersbach, Baden, Germany. He attended the schools in his native country, receiving a fair education, until he was fourteen years of age, when he served as an apprentice in a rope factory. At the end of three years' service he was given charge of the hemp roll. This machine revolved over the bed of hemp to make it finer, and was constructed of a large stone, weighing nearly two thousand pounds, attached to a large shaft. While turning the hemp Mr. Harter's clothes were caught by the shaft and he was thrown under the roll, which passed over him three times. The last time he was pressed against the border of the bed which stopped the machinery, driven by a forty-horse power water wheel. When Mr. Harter was rescued from his perilous position and medical aid summoned he was found to be literally crushed into a pulp. Miraculous as it may seem he recovered from his injuries, which were broken limbs, arm and ribs. He returned to the factory and finished his apprenticeship. In 1864 he came to America and located at Cassella, where he now resides. He assisted in farming and learned to make baskets, which trade he now successfully follows. In politics Mr. Harter is a Democrat and a member of the Catholic church.

JOHN E. HAMBURGER.

John E. Hamburger is the youngest of four children born to Conrad and Margaret M. Hamburger. He was born September 5, 1854, in Engen, Baden, Germany. He acquired a preliminary German education in his native country. When ten years of age the family emigrated to America, and after a voyage of twenty-six days they landed in New York on November 1, 1864. They remained in New York a short time and then moved directly to Cassella, Mercer county, Ohio, where they purchased a house and lot. At that place Mr. Hamburger attended school until he was fourteen years of age. Until seventeen he worked for various farmers, when he entered the employment of a sawmill in the winter season and in the summer worked on the farm. When nineteen years old he attended college at St. Mary's Institute, of Dayton, Ohio. On his twenty-first birthday he commenced teaching school in district number six, Marion township. During his summer vacations he carried on a huxter business. On January 7, 1879, he was married to Catherine P. Kreusch, daughter of Henry and Catherine Kreusch. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hamburger, the following named children were born: Margaret J. V., February 14, 1881; August F., September 28, 1882; Rosa P., August 9, 1884; Louisa Clara, February 13, 1886; Leonard, September 17, 1887; Mary F., June 30, 1889; Francis M., September 15, 1891; Emma A., December 8, 1893; Edmond, June 15, 1895; Godfrey, August 11, 1897; Victor A. R., October 25, 1899. All of these are living except Rosa, Louisa Clara, Leonard, Mary F. and Emma A.

A short time after their marriage Mr. Hamburger purchased a store room at Celina, and on June 1, 1879, they located at this place, where he entered the general contracting and cigar business. Together with L. D. TouVelle he was given a contract of macademizing Main and other prominent streets in Celina. Mr. Hamburger has also built many miles of pike in the county. He was a partner with Joseph Schmitt, and afterwards with William Stelzer, in publishing the Bote, a German newspaper at Celina. Mr. Hamburger was elected county recorder and served as such six years and eight months, his term of office expiring September 4, 1898, when he entered into partnership with Martin Lutz as publishers of the Mercer County Atlas.

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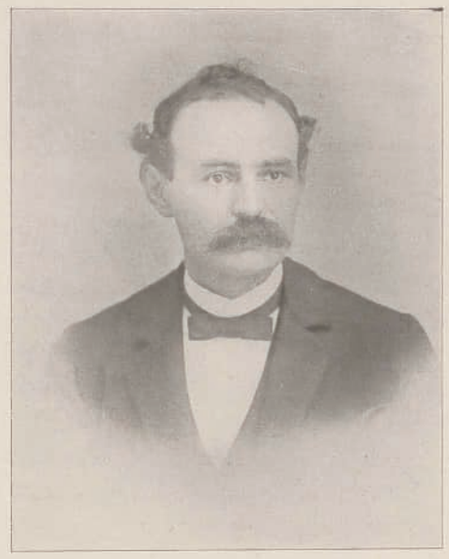
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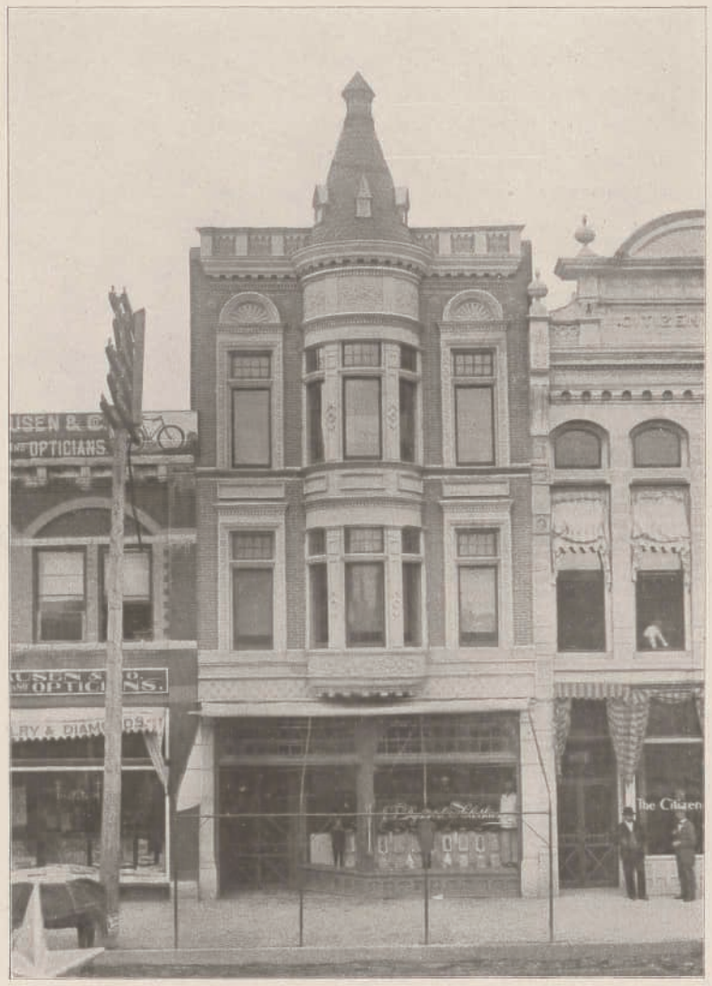
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OTTO SUMMERS.



HOME OF HERMAN HARDER, CASSELLA, OHIO.



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VIEW OF RESIDENCE OF J. E. HAMBURGER, CELINA, OHIO.

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BIOGRAPHIES.

MATH. GAST of Maria Stein, was born February 19, 1858, and is a son of Math. and Catherine Gast *née* Hagedorn. On June 17, 1885, he was united in marriage to Liss Gast *nee* Dirkes; to them were born ten children, eight boys and two girls. He is at present engaged in dry goods and gents' furnishing goods, at Celina, Ohio.

C. J. HEMMERT was born in Bodkin, December 23, 1857, and is a son of Aquiline and Augusta Hemmert *nee* Werner. On May 23, 1881, he was united in marriage to Mary Frances McFarland; to them were born six children, whose names are Mary (deceased), Clara, Bertha, Anton, Cora and Helena. Mary Frances, wife of C. J. H., died June 19, 1897. He is at present engaged in the saloon and restaurant business at Celina, Ohio.

F. W. NEDDERMAN was born in St. Marys, February 21, 1847, and is a son of Charles and Minnie Nedderman *nee* Beckman. March 13, 1874, he was united in marriage to Dora Dammeyer *nee* Dee. To them were born eight children, whose names are Martha, Lizzie, Emma, Emil, Corlin, Theodore, Charlie, and Elvin. He is at present engaged in farming.

JAMES H. DAY was born in Hancock county, February 10, 1840, and is a son, of Ezekiel P. and Margaret Day *nee* Barr. On June 10, 1863, he was united in marriage to Frances O. Small. To them were born five children, whose names are Margaret R., Anna L., Mary E. (deceased), Elizabeth S., and Frances Edna. He is at present judge of Third Circuit court.

ANTHONY RATHWEG, was born in Auglaize county, November 16, 1859, and is a son of Henry and Mary Rathweg *nee* Streaker. On February 9, 1886, he was united in marriage to Anna Mary Romer, of St. Henry. To them were born seven children, whose names are H. J., J. H., Elizabeth Gabriella, J. C., Agnes H. F., Clarence F., and Leona A. H. He is at present dealer in general hardware and harness, also agent for fire and life insurance, and agent for the Deering Harvesting machines, Coldwater, Ohio.

JOSEPH HAGEDORN was born in St. Rosa, Ohio, August 2, 1846, and is a son of John and Gertrude Hagedorn *nee* Gertrude Mesher. On May 27, 1879, he was united in marriage to Catharine Hemelgarn. He is at present engaged in farming and is president of the Marion Mutual Fire Insurance company.

S. H. WEAVER was born in Fairfield county, August 18, 1849, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Weaver *nee* Crider. On October 7, 1869, he was united in marriage to Anna Wagner. To them were born six children, whose names are Charles A., Irena M., Clara E., Bertha B., Letta E., and Gracie A. Weaver. He is at present engaged in carpentering and lumber work.

J. W. BIRT was born in Darke county, November, 1850, and is a son of Thomas and Lidian Birt *nee* Scimer. On November 18, 1871, he was united in marriage to Maggie Blakely, to them were born eight children, whose names are Frank, James, Ada, Emma, John Hoza, Jessie and Harry. Two of which are dead, John and Emma. He is at present engaged in general merchandising and saw milling, Burkettsville, Ohio.

CHARLES F. WENKER was born in Washington township, June 24, 1865, and is a son of Frank W. and Catherine Wenker *nee* Fahrweg. On April 29, 1884, he was united in marriage to Philomena Seeger.

GEORGE GREEN was born in Crawford county, November 29, 1844, and is a son of Frederick and Regena Green *nee* Myers. On April 22, 1869, he was united in marriage to Mary Heily. To them were born three children, whose names are Emma W., Eliza and Elizabeth C.

J. V. SIDENBENDER was born in Rockford, February 24, 1841, and is a son of Joseph and Ann Sidenbender *nee* Vangundy. On February 15, 1866, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Whitley; to them were born four children, whose names are Carrie, Dallas, Etta and Frank.

ISAAC N. KISER was born in Mercer county, Ohio, June 8, 1849, and is a son of Jesse and Martha Kiser *nee* Yost. On December 3, 1871, he was united in marriage to Jennie Welsh. To them were born five children, whose names are Eva, Martha, Kinzee, Elza and Boney. He is at present engaged in farming.

CHARLES R. BOHRER was born in Celina, Ohio, April 15, 1874, and is a son of Remigis and Thekla Bohrer *nee* Leifield.

HARRY M. McDANIEL was born in Gibson City, Illinois, May 5, 1868, and is a son of W. F. and Minnie McDaniel *nee* Robbins. On June 24, 1895, he was united in marriage to Verna A. Marsh. To them was born one child, whose name is Minnie Theta, born October 1, 1896, at Fort Recovery, Ohio. He is at present engaged in photograph business at Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

LENA SANDRELL was born in Dubois county, Indiana, February 17, 1856, and is a daughter of Peter and Maria Anna M. Reuschman nee Baad. On October 10, 1865 she was united in marriage to Aloys Sandrell, and to them were born eleven children, whose names are Catherine A., Peter, John Joseph, Adolph Joseph, Mary, deceased, George Joseph, Henry A., Clarence, William, Mary and M. E. Mr. Sandrell died April 6, 1896.

GEORGE P. DURBIN, of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, was born in Muskingum, county, March 16, 1850, and is a son of Basel and Eliza Durbin nee Axe. On November 6, 1873, he was united in marriage to Bridget Durbin nee McAlvoy, and to them were born eleven children, whose names are Thomas, Elizabeth, William, Mary, James, Angeline, Catherine, Edgar, Teresa, Russell and Leo. He is at present engaged in a general store at Recovery, Ohio.

ALBERT YEOMAN, of Mendon, was born in Fayette county, Ohio, March 16, 1841, and is a son of E. J. and E. E. Yeoman nee Baughn. On April 3, 1864, he was united in marriage to E. A. Yeoman nee Colvin, and to them were born three children, whose names are Sherman, John and Armetha. On December 3, 1882, he moved to Mercer county, where his wife died July 10, 1888. On February 12, 1889, he was united in marriage to Mrs. E. A. Clark. He is at present engaged in farming.

ALVIN LACY was born in Franklin Twp., Mercer county, September 13, 1855, and is a son of William and Amelia Lacy nee Beauchamp. On November 23, 1876, he was united in marriage to Mehala C. Lacy nee Long, and to them were born four children, whose names are Willis, born April 19, 1879, died June 18, 1879; Millie L., August 11, 1886; George M., June 9, 1888; Dora A., November 30, 1893. He is at present engaged in farming and is a justice of the peace.

HENRY J. SCHMITT was born in Celina, Ohio, April 23, 1877, and is a son of Michael and Mary Schmitt *nee* Swartz. On September 25, 1897, he was united in marriage to Millie M. Yaney. Is engaged in manufacture of bicycles. General repairing done, at Celina, Ohio.

JOHN M. WILLHOFF was born in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, December 5, 1876, and is a son of Martin and Katharine Willhoff *nee* Lithard. On the 16th day of November, 1897, was united in marriage to Emma Witter; to them was born one child, whose name is Richard M. Willhoff. He is at present engaged in the saloon and restaurant business at Coldwater, Ohio.

HENRY KEVELDER was born in St. Rosa, July 4, 1865, and is a son of Anton and Katharina Kevelder *nee* Harmann. On the 19th day of January, 1887, was united in marriage to Mary Kevelder *nee* Hartings; to them were born four children, whose names are Tonie, Millie, Edward and Alvera Kevelder. He is at present engaged in the general store and saloon business.

J. H. ASHMAN was born in Cassella (Marysville,) May 10, 1869, and is a son of Henry and Agnes Ashman *nee* Heitkamp. On the 9th day of October, 1895, was united in marriage to Elizabeth Ashman *nee* Steinke; to them were born two children, whose names are J. Otto and Herbert H. He is at present engaged as a dealer in all kinds of farm implements, buggies, etc.

PETER DODANE, of Coldwater, was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 22, 1869, and is a son of F. J. and Justine Dodane *nee* Monot. On the 12th day of January, 1886, was united in marriage to Mary Giardot; to them were born seven children, whose names are Isabelle, Alma, Bertha, Lena, Lelian, William, Zoa. He is at present engaged in the restaurant and saloon business.

ALOYS ROESNER, of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, was born in St. Peter, Mercer county, June 27, 1857, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Roesner. On the 13th day of January, 1881, was united in marriage to Mary Vanden Brock; to them were born four children, whose names are Albert, Aloys, Flora and Otto. He is at present engaged in the hotel and saloon business.

W. C. STUBBS was born in Butler county, Ohio, September 13, 1861, and is a son of Joseph and Esther Stubbs *nee* Cooper. On April 12, 1888, he was united in marriage to Ida Zeller; to them were born two children, whose names are Elmer J. and Carroll A. Stubbs. He is at present engaged in the practice of medicine at Celina, Ohio.

CHARLES BAKER, of Coldwater, was born in Clinton county, New York, March 15, 1858, and is a son of Abraham and Basa Baker *nee* Wool. On October 21, 1894, he was united in marriage to Bernerdina Hein. To them was born one child, whose name is Anna Angela. Mr. Baker came to Mercer county, Ohio, in October, 1876, and has been in the timber business ever since. He is at present engaged in the saw milling and saloon business.

J. H. WENDELN, of Maria Stein, was born in Minster, Ohio, January 26, 1864, and is a son of Fred and Mary Wendeln. On the 6th day of October, 1886, was united in marriage to Mary Wendeln *nee* Schulte; to them were born four children, whose names are Fred, Anna, Rosa and Dina. He is at present engaged in operating a saw mill and farming.

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H. A. MILLER was born in New Lisbon, Ohio, February, 1858, and is a son of Cornelius and Caroline Miller *nee* Storandt. On the 20th day of December, 1884, was united in marriage to Dora A. Miller *nee* Herbert. He is at present engaged in the practice of law at Celina, Ohio.

H. S. SCHAEFER, of Chickasaw, Ohio, was born in Marion township, November, 1865, and is a son of Bernard and Anna Schaefer *nee* Bils. On the 22d day of January, 1889, was united in marriage to Christina Schaefer *nee* Heyne; to them were born four children, whose names are Elizabeth, Anna, John and Stephen. He is at present engaged in monumental and tombstone work, and is a notary public.

JOHN G. HEIBY was born in Crawford county, Ohio, April 4, 1860, and is a son of Valentine and Magdalina Heiby *nee* Greinlich. On April 13, 1882, he was united in marriage to Carolena Heiby. To them were born four children, whose names are Theresa, Clarence, Karl and Lena. He is at present engaged as agent for the Hoster Brewing Company, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

J. A. HUNTER, Esq., was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 19, 1844, and is a son of Robert and Nancy Hunter *nee* Alexander. On May 19, 1869, he was united in marriage to Martha A. Hunter *nee* Bailey. To them were born three children, whose names are Ella E., Charles Austin and Esther W. He is at present attorney at law at Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

J. K. HEAP, of Ft. Recovery, was born at Dayton, Ohio, September 19, 1848, and is a son of Henry Heap, of Oldham, England, and Olivia Heap *nee* Reed, of Washington, D. C. On September 19, 1872, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Heap *nee* Ferguson, and to them were born four children, whose names are: Harry, deceased, Le Roy, Maud and Edna. He is at present engaged in the grain business and flour exchange.

F. B. TRENARY was born in Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, April 4, 1836, and is a son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Trenary nee Handel. On December 29, 1868, was united in marriage to Catherine Kumpf, who died February 27, 1880. To them were born four children, whose names are Lucy M., Mary J., Warren L. and Frorah C. On December 25, 1892, he again was united in marriage to Clara Elsas. He is at present engaged in farming.

MRS. JOHN W. BERRY was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, May 16, 1853, and is a daughter of Samuel and Catherine Johnson. On October 25, 1866, she was united in marriage to John W. Berry. To them were born six children, whose names are Arthur H., Charles W., Arieta M., Edmon F., Sheldon C. and Orvil S. She is at present engaged in farming.

H. J. REICHERT, of Wendelin, Ohio, was born in Cassella, Mercer county, Ohio, January 16, 1878, and is a son of John and Anna Reichert *nee* Kremer. He entered college in 1895, and graduated from same in 1898. He is at present engaged in the work of teaching school.

HERMAN KOHNEN was born in St. Henry, November 10, 1856, and is a son of Bernard and Elizabeth Kohnen *nee* Wubker. On the 12th day of May, 1886, was united in marriage to Catherine Weber; to them were born four children, whose names are Frank, John, Joseph and Bernard. He is at present county infirmary director.

S. W. RUNKEL, of Macedon, Ohio, was born in Macedon, July 17, 1859, and is a son of Joseph and Mary E. Runkel *nee* Mary E. McDowell. On the 26th day of February, 1882, was united in marriage to Martha Jane Runkel *nee* Martha Jane Boyce; to them were born six children, whose names are Nathaniel N., Rachel E., Willey G., Fermin I., Ammai M., William Jenning. He is at present engaged in farming and is a J. P.

FRANK C. STARK was born in Celina, Ohio, June 14, 1874, and is a son of John and Elizabeth Stark *nee* Sacher. He is at present engaged in the sale of clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps, etc., at Bretz & Co.'s.

REUBEN SIELSCHOTT was born in Celina, Ohio, February 12, 1852, and is a son of Fred and Mary E. Sielschott *nee* Hagerman. On the 25th day of September, 1885, was united in marriage to Minnie Copeman; to them were born five children, whose names are Charles C., John H., Martin W., Laura J. S. and Lawrence F. He is at present engaged in farming.

BERNARD ALBERS was born in Augaize county, Ohio, August 27, 1851, is a son of Anton and Bernardina Albers *nee* Fortman. On the 5th day of May, 1874, was united in marriage to Josephine Wehrman; to them were born ten children, whose names are Bernardina, Clemence, Catherine, Anton, Christina (deceased), Frances, Rosa, Cecelia, Aloys, Josephine. He is at present engaged in farming, breeding thoroughbred Poland China hogs, also a director of Mercer County Agriculture Society.

JOHN CUMMINS, of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, was born in Darke county, Ohio, February 11, 1835, and is a son of James and Mary Cummins *nee* Watkins. On the 16th day of April, 1857, was united in marriage to Caroline P. Dilworth; to them were born four children, whose names are William H., Addie M., Benjamin F. and Mary C. He is at present engaged in farming.

JAMES CLOVER was born in Franklin county, Ohio, April 12, 1843, and is a son of Elkanah and Susannah Clover *nee* Gardner. On January 1, 1867, was united in marriage to Sarah Clover *nee* Gross. To them was born one son, whose name is Austin Birchard Clover. Enlisted September 5, 1861, in Co. A, 40th O. V. I.; discharged October 7, 1864, at Atlanta, Georgia, on expiration of term of service. Was engaged seven years in service of the P., C. & St. L. Ry. Co. He is at present engaged in farming.

DAVID H. EVANS was born in Columbus, Ohio, October 11, 1858, and is a son of Richard E. and Mary Evans, a native of North Wales. On September 3, 1880, was united in marriage to Catherine Grissila Rees, a native of South Wales, Great Britain. To them were born five children, whose names are Margaret Mary J., Felix Vinson, David B., Katy G. and Flora B. He is at present engaged in farming, manufacture of carriages and wagons, in addition to horseshoeing, blacksmithing and general repairing, in Union Township, Mercer County, Ohio.

A. H. BARBER, Esq., was born in Union township, Mercer county, Ohio, February 10, 1862, and is a son of Warren and Sally Barber *nee* Hamilton. On the 2d day of August, 1888, was united in marriage to Clara Murlin; to them were born four children, whose names are May, Merle, Robert H. and John W. Barber. He is at present engaged in the merchandise business, known as Hussey & Barber.

C. V. HOOD, Elgin P. O., was born in Allen county, Ohio, June 29, 1863, and is a son of G. W. and Elmyria Hood. On November 28, 1891, was united in marriage to Miss Ida Griffin. He is at present engaged in farming.

HENRY FORTMAN, of Padua, Ohio, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 28, 1839, and is a son of John H. and Mary A. Fortman. On the 26th day of November, 1861, was united in marriage to Frances Biggs; to them were born five children, whose names are Mrs. Mary A., Hannah, Joseph F. John H. and Engelbert. He is at present engaged in farming.

JOHN DESCH was born in St. John, Maria Stein P. O., August 5, 1852, and is a son of Ferdinand and Catherine Desch *nee* Anthony. On the 27th day of April, 1875, was united in marriage to Catherine Miller; to them were born eight children, whose names are Lewis, Anton, Anna, Frederick, Ida, Pauline, John H. and Leo. He is at present engaged in farming and breeding of registered stock, near Celina, Ohio.

THEOBALD LEININGER was born in Chattanooga, Mercer county, July 20, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine Leininger *nee* Kettring. On the 21st day of January, 1886, was united in marriage to Caroline Kaple; to them were born four children, whose names are Henry L., Edward A., Bertha C. and Samuel J. He is at present engaged in farming, and is also serving as justice of the peace in Black Creek township.

JAMES HOWICK was born in Neptune, June 15, 1873, and is a son of Stephen and Mary J. Howick *nee* Bice. On the 26th day of December, 1897, was united in marriage to Anna M. Kistler; to them was born one child, whose name is Harold S. (deceased). He is at present engaged as deputy county treasurer.

W. A. COCHRAN was born in Sebina, Fayette county, Ohio, May 29, 1886, and is a son of Wm. and Amanda Cochran *nee* Harrison. On the 21st day of September, 1891, was united in marriage to Anna Swarts; to them were born three children, whose names are Glen (deceased), Elsie (deceased), Victor. He is at present engaged in buying and selling fish and grain.

JOHN J. McGEE was born in Marion county, Ohio, June 8, 1841, and is a son of James and Jane McGee *nee* Johnson. On the 8th day of March, 1867, was united in marriage to Mary E. Buxton; to them were born eight children, whose names are Ellen M., James F., Emma F., Jennie, Maggie, Joseph W., Thomas B., and William. He is at present engaged in farming and also a breeder of thoroughbred cattle, hogs and sheep. Post Office, Celina, Ohio.

A. D. GEMMILL, V. S., was born in Wingham, Canada, March 7, 1899, and is a son of David and Annie Gemmill. On September 15, 1895, was united in marriage to Etta Piper; to them was born one child, whose name is Aleck. He is at present engaged in veterinary surgery, Celina, Ohio.

JOHN BEIERSTORFER was born in Pusheta township, Auglaize county, Ohio, August 20, 1849, and is a son of John and Katherine Beierstorfer *nee* Scheep. On October 2, 1873, he was united in marriage to Mary Breminger. To them were born eight children, whose names are: Emilia K., Lizzie, Charles F., Albert, Edwin A., William, Paul C., and Ernest. He is at present engaged in buying and shipping stock; also in partnership in Beiersdorfer Bros.' meat market, Celina, Ohio.

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CHRIST KESSLER was born in Walshaim, Beiern, Germany, September 19, 1844, and is a son of Christian and Margaret Kessler *nee* Kable. On December 29, 1869, he was united in marriage to Margaret K. Heffner. To them were born eleven children, whose names are: Magdelena, Anna S., Mary J., Edward R., Lulu C., George H., Ida D., Fredrick W., Clara H., John O., and Frances D. A. He is at present engaged in farming.

ANDREW SCHUNCK was born at Cranberry Prairie P. O., Mercer county, Ohio, April 10, 1863, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine Schunck *nee* Meyer. On January 12, 1883, he was united in marriage to Margaret Parker. To them were born two children, whose names are Helen C. and Mary L. He is at present engaged in farming.

ROBERT ELLSWORTH RILEY was born in Celina, Ohio, March 12, 1863, and is a son of Calvin E. and Gabrilla Riley *nee* Brandon. On April 29, 1894, he was united in marriage to Addie Brandon. He is at present engaged in the drug business and the practice of medicine.

A. PURTSCHER was born in Peoria, Illinois, December 25, 1858, and is a son of Christian and Barbara Purtscher *nee* Weily. On October 31, 1879, he was united in marriage to Mary Beiersdorfer. To them was born one child, whose name is Lucius (deceased). He is at present engaged in the restaurant business. Meals or lunches at all hours. East Main street, Celina, Ohio.

FRANK V. SHORT was born in Shelby county, Ohio, November 8, 1867, and is a son of William J. and Mary E. Short *nee* Swallow. On October 27, 1896, he was united in marriage to Margaret Rhodes. To them were born two children, whose names are Lela D. and Ralph C. Short. He is at present engaged in the practice of law in Celina, Ohio. He graduated from the Ohio Normal University June 17, 1896.

JOHN LEIFELD was born in St. Henry, March 29, 1863, and is a son of William and Rosa Leifeld *nee* Bohrer. On February 15, 1887, he was united in marriage to Jennie Harper. To them were born three children, whose names are: Ethel, Clarence, and Aderine. He is at present engaged in the manufacture of carriages and doing general blacksmithing.

J. D. SCHIERHOLT, Chickasaw P. O., was born in Franklin township, Mercer county, August 18, 1839, and is a son of Christian and Margaret Schierholt *nee* Hesper. February 15, 1862, was united in marriage to Catherine Schierholt *nee* Davies. To them were born seven children, whose names are Louis, Anna, Daniel, Augusta, Minnie, Franklin and John. He is at present engaged in farming and breeding pure blood polled Durham cattle, in section 1, Franklin township.

BENJAMIN F. BODKIN was born in Montezuma, Franklin township, March 11, 1856, and is a son of S. K. and Eleviza Bodkin *nee* Miller. On October 2, 1881, was united in marriage to Malinda Sayers. To them were born two children, Leroy and Russell. He is at present engaged in farming.

H. F. DAMMEYER, New Bremen, was born in Auglaize county, September 17, 1840, and is a son of Henry and Margaret Dammeyer *nee* Meyer. On January 24, 1867, was united in marriage to Auguste Dammeyer *nee* Thiemann. To them were born eleven children, whose names are Julius, Gustave, Theodore, Edward, William, Amanda, Levi, Otto, Adelia, Oscar and Frieda. He is at present engaged in farming.

JOSEPH A. DEPWEG was born in Minster, Ohio, August 21, 1866, and is a son of C. D. and Mary Ann Depweg *nee* Kramer. He is at present conducting a sample room and billiard parlor, Celina, Ohio.

AUGUST H. DICKE was born in New Bremen, Ohio, June 24, 1855, and is a son of Frederick and Willhelmine (Meyer) Dicke. On May 5, 1879, was united in marriage to Caroline Bertke. To them were born seven children, whose names are Ellis, Franklin (deceased), Minnie, Florence, Lafe, Charles and Emma. He is at present engaged in farming.

L. L. SHEELEY, Montezuma, was born in Green county, Ohio, June 27, 1870, and is a son of Isaac W. and Susan F. Sheeley *nee* Richardson. On November 23, 1892, was united in marriage to Laura Belle Watkins. To them were born two children, whose names are Beulah Elizabeth and Lysle Lee. He is at present engaged in farming and as a breeder of thoroughbred Poland China hogs.

JOHN SAYERS was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, February 22, 1829, and is a son of John and Abigail Sayers *nee* Badgley. On August 24, 1854, was united in marriage to Elizabeth Shelby. To them were born six children, whose names are Brittan, Mary Jane, Malinda, Abigail, Euphemia and Wilson. He is at present engaged in farming.

CHESTER MELVIN SMITH was born in Richland township, Darke county, October 30, 1867, and is a son of Milo O. and Annie E. Smith *nee* Ehrhart. On December 22, 1892, was united in marriage to Miss Zerilda F. Findly. To them were born three children, whose names are Milo O., Myrtle D. and Sanford S. He is a contracting engineer.

ROBERT BLAKE LANDFAIR was born in Coldwater, Ohio, June 5, 1868, and is a son of Edward and Adarene Lanafair *nee* Blake. On October 16, 1889, was united in marriage to Nellie F. Cox. To them were born seven children, whose names are Ellsworth Blake, Helen A., Edward E., Lucille A., John Lisle, William McDaniel and Margaret. He is at present engaged in the practice of law, being associated with Hon. F. C. LeBlond.

D. W. FRICK, of Coldwater, was born in Richland, county July 4, 1838, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret Frick *nee* Jones. On November 8, 1866, he was united in marriage to Margaret A. Frick *nee* Snider, and to them were born five children, whose names are Laura G. Jaspers, Mary M. Paul, Joanna R. Fritz, Adda B., and Jacob D., who is deceased. He is at present justice of the peace and notary public.

JACOB HUFF, of this city, was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 22, 1840, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Huff *nee* Emmerich. On June 10, 1879, he was united in marriage to Christina Bauer, and to them were born ten children, whose names are Mary, Philipina, Ludwig, Clara, Jacob, Carl, Frederick, Christina, Louisa, George Dewey. He is at present engaged in the saloon and restaurant at Celina, Ohio.

J. J. SCHELICH was born in New Reigel, Seneca county, February 25, 1852, and is a son of John Joseph and Barbara Schelich *nee* Gross. On November 6, 1879, he was united in marriage to Ella Schelich *nee* Trim, and to them were born seven children, whose names are Laura, Barbara (both now deceased), Finley W., Carl J., Robert A., Ruth M. and Maria H. He is at present engaged as traveling salesman for the McCormick Harvesting Co.

JOHN B. ALBERS was born in Philothea, September 17, 1865, and is a son of J. F. and Elizabeth Albers *nee* E. Droffleman. On August 7, 1895, was united in marriage to Katie Moeller. To them were born two children, whose names are Herbart Frederick and Olive. He is at present engaged in teaching and as organist in church.

W. N. MONROE was born in Mercer county, July 26, 1867, and is a son of J. H. and E. A. Monroe *nee* Duffey. On November 14, 1889, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Clayton, and to them were born three children: Orvil, Willard, and Edwin, who is deceased. On March 2, 1896, he was united in marriage to Emma Nolan. Two children were born to the second marriage, namely: Goldie (deceased), and Opal. He is at present engaged as carpenter and serving as justice of the peace, Montezuma, Ohio.

J. F. NELSON, of Mendon, was born in Mendon, Mercer county, September 20, 1855, and is a son of James and Alvira Nelson *nee* Townsend. On September 18, 1879, he was united in marriage to Maria A. Nichols, and to them were born two children, whose names are Eber S. and Louis W. He is at present engaged in farming.

LEWIS N. JOHNSON was born in Barbour county, West Virginia, February 22, 1860, and is a son of Peter and Sarah Johnson *nee* Stemple. On July 28, 1883, he was united in marriage to Sarah Addy, and to them were born five children, whose names are John Ray, Walter L., Rhetta A., Addy D. and Nellie B. He is at present engaged as deputy clerk of courts.

JOHN B. LEHMAN, Esq., was born in Darke county, Ohio, April 15, 1851, and is a son of Isaac and Barbara Lehman *nee* Barbara Beanblossom. On the twenty-first day of August, 1873, was united in marriage to Sarah B. Lehman *nee* Miller. To them were born four children, whose names are Isaac, Abraham M., Harley Jacob and Gouldy M. He is at present engaged in farming and raising of thoroughbred stock viz.: fine cattle, Duroc Jersey hogs, best type, and breeding choice young stock for sale. Visitors welcome. Erastus, Ohio.

W. H. WENDEL was born in St. Peter P. O., Mercer county, August 4, 1866, and is a son of Jacob and Mary Wendel *nee* Frey. On the twenty-fifth day of April, 1887, was united in marriage to Catherine Wendel *nee* Schmith. Mr. W. H. Wendel was again united in marriage on the fourth day of February, 1889, to Christina Suthoff. To them were born five children, whose names are Jacob, Edward, Herbert, Nettie and Sylvester. He is at present engaged in grocery and poultry business, at Macedon, Ohio.

HENRY NEIHAUS was born on the twenty-fourth day of September, 1854, in Amt Wildeshausen, Germany. On the twenty-fifth day of January he was united in marriage to Anna (Rohrer); to them were born the following named children: Katie (deceased), Waldburga, Agnes, Anna, Bertha and Caroline. He is at present serving as street commissioner of the village of Celina, Ohio.

WILLIAM E. BAILEY was born in Jay county, Indiana, September 16, 1872, and is a son of George W. and Catherine Bailey *nee* Burch. On the 24th day of January, 1893, was united in marriage to Martha Burdge *nee* Yaney; to them were born three children, whose names are Hurshel, John and Blanch. He is at present engaged as a laborer.

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JOHN LINK was born in Cassella, Mercer county, Ohio, in April, 1851, and is a son of Valentine and Rosalia Link. On the twenty-eighth day of April, 1874, was united in marriage to Christina Droxler; to them were born ten children, whose names are Catharina, John A., Rosalia M., Mary C., Frank W., Alex J., Charles J., August M., Anna P. A. and Philomena C. He is at present engaged in saw mill, planing mill and farming at Casella, Ohio.

L. M. KRANER was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 10, 1860, and is a son of William H. and Sophia Kraner *nee* Crider. On the 27th day of January, 1889, was united in marriage to Effie Dell *nee* Klinger. He is at present engaged in breeding blooded stock, Duroch Jersey hogs, and poultry, and farming.

J. H. ROMER was born in St. Henry, Ohio, January 31, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Mary A. Romer *nee* Trimpe. On the 26th day of February, 1867, was united in marriage to Rebecca Romer *nee* Beckman; to them were born seven children, whose names are William H., Herman H., John G., George B., Edward F., Elizabeth A. and Matilda.

He is at present engaged in general mercantile business. Started in St. Henry in general store business in spring, 1867.

HENRY LOCHTEFELD was born in St. Rosa, Mercer county, Ohio, October 6, 1851, and is a son of Henry and Benardina Lotchefeld *nee* Gresshoff. On October 24, 1876, was united in marriage to Miss Piekenbrock; to them were born nine children, whose names are Henry, Bernard, Joseph, Lidwina, Ellenora, Mary, Dicke, August and Josephine.

He is at present engaged in farming and is a breeder of red poll cattle and thin Rhine swine—all thoroughbred, at St. Rosa, Ohio.

C. L. BRANDON was born in Montezuma, Mercer county, Ohio, March 14, 1877, and is a son of John and Malinda Brandon *nee* Knox. On the 13th day of March, 1898, was united in marriage to Edah *nee* Petrie, to them was born one child, whose name is Ople. He is at present engaged in the grocery business at Montezuma, Ohio.

S. S. SCRANTON was born at Ft. Recovery, Ohio, April 23, 1848, and is a son of Nathan S. and Elizabeth Scranton *nee* Cummins. On the 11th day of March, 1879, he was united in marriage to Mattie A. Miller; to them were born two children, whose names are Zoa V. and Beryl L. He is at present engaged as attorney at law, Celina, Ohio.

J. E. HATTERY M. D., was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, July 25, 1857, and is a son of Josiah and Elizabeth Hattery *nee* Ritter. On the 25th day of November, 1886, was united in marriage to Mary Hattery *nee* five children, whose names Nicholas; to them were born are John S., Florence A., Bernie L., Russell R. and Sidney D. He is at present engaged in the practice of medicine, Celina, Ohio.

MARY A. WELLMAN was born in Padua, St. Anthony P. O., Mercer county, Ohio, June 27, 1863, a daughter of Henry and Franciska Fortman *nee* Biggs. On September 28, 1880, she was united in marriage to Anton Wellman. To them were born six children, whose names are Henry P., Fronica (deceased), Bernard J., Aloysa M., Englebert (deceased), and Ferdinand (deceased). She is at present engaged in keeping general store at Padua.

WM. WADE was born in Clinton county, Ohio, July 15, 1868, and is a son of Washington and Mary Wade *nee* Harrison. On the 13th day of October, 1891, was united in marriage to Elizabeth Wade *nee* Springer; to them were born four children, whose names are Leroy, Lewetta, Hazel P. and Ioma. He is at present engaged in fishing at Montezuma, Ohio.

L. P. LISLE was born in Columbus, Ohio, March 27, 1851, and is a son of William and Sarah Lisle *nee* Williams. On the 24th day of June, 1886, he was united in marriage to Lida Cunningham; to them was born one child, whose name is William Stanley Lisle. He is at present engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Celina, Ohio.

ABRAHAM MOTT, Ft. Recovery, was born in Darke county, November 1, 1838, and is a son of Abraham and Abigail Mott *nee* Coats. On the 8th day of October, 1874, he was united in marriage to Sarah M. Travis, and to them were born four children, whose names are Russel T., Delphos E., Minnie O. and Arlie W. He is at present engaged in stockraising and farming.

HENRY HAGEMANN was born in Hanover, January 26, 1837, and is a son of Joseph and Anna M. E. Hageman *nee* Hemsaat. On the 5th day of June, 1860, he was united in marriage to Caroline Boekman, and to them were born twelve children, whose names are Joseph (deceased), Henry, John, Mary (deceased), Elizabeth, Joseph, Catherina (deceased), Catherine, Bernard, Franciska(deceased), Anna and Caroline. On the 15th of February, 1881, Caroline, wife of Henry Hagemann, died and on the 7th of August, 1883, he was united in marriage to Josephine Rose, and to them were born eight children: Herman, Lewis, Urban, Etta, Dina, Alonzo, Caroline and Clara. He is at present engaged in farming.

J. E. DUMBAULD was born in Wabash P. O., December 1, 1863, and is a son of Jacob and Matilda Dumbauld *nee* Boyer. On the 30th of August, 1885, he was united in marriage to Letitia Jane Runyon; to them were born four children, whose names are Carry M., Hazel C., Dessie S. and Wanda Gay. He is at present engaged as a dealer in timber and contracting in public work.

WILLIAM A. SIEBERT was born in Hopewell township, Mercer county, March 10, 1869, and is a son of John H. and Wilhelmina S. Siebert, *nee* Feldhaus. He is at present engaged in threshing, making of tile and farming. Officially, he is a justice of the peace of said township.

JOHN ISENHART, Esq, of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, was born in Monterey, Ohio, April 8, 1848, and is a son of George and Elizabeth Isenhart *nee* Nickerson. On February 19, 1871, he was united in marriage to Almira Dehays. To them were born two children: William and Cressa. He is engaged in the livery bnsiness at Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

WILLIAM STELZER was born in Maria Stein, Mercer county, Ohio, in September, 1840, and is a son of Christian and Barbara Stelzer *nee* Leistenschneider. On April 3, 1866, he was united in marriage to Margaretha Barbara Schwab. To them were born seven children. whose names are: Victoria W., Aloys J., Catherine A., J. Eduard, Josephine M., Alma C., and Alfred E. He is at present engaged in the insurance business, fire, cyclone, and life and casualty.

HENRY J. STELZER was born in Cassella, Mercer county, Ohio, August 14, 1866, and is a son of Reinhart and Elizabeth Stelzer *nee* Bose. On June 1, 1892, he was united in marriage to Agnes Stucke. He is at present engaged in teaching and is a notary public.

N. P. HUNTWORK, of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, was born in Jay county, Indiana, December 26, 1868, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth J. Huntwork *nee* Kimble. On June 23, 1891, he was united in marriage to Lucinda C. Fox. To them were born four children, whose names are Gracie M., Elmer G., Mary E. and John A. He is at present engaged in manufacturing excelsior.

JOHN A. HOAGLAND was born in Hoagland township, Van Wert county, Ohio, October 3, 1860, and is a son of John W. and Margaret Hoagland *nee* Bird. On January 8, 1889, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Beiersdorfer. He is at present in the restaurant business on Main street, Celina, Ohio.

NOAH DENNEY was born in Jay county, Indiana, April 10, 1850, and is a son of Ransom and Eliza Denney *nee* O'Keley. On March 22, 1888, he was united in marriage to Barbara Kautzer. To them were born three children, Bessie F., Eliza F., and Walter Z. He is at present engaged in farming; is also a breeder of short horn cattle. He is township treasurer.

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I. N. MEDFORD, P.M., was born in Licking county, December 24, 1890, and is a son of James and Sarah Medford (Miller). On September 21, 1876, he was united in marriage to Annie V. Waggoner. He is at present engaged as postmaster, notary public and general collector of Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

F. W. CLARK was born in Ft. Recovery, Mercer county, July 13, 1857, and is a son of William H. and Elizabeth Clark *nee* Collins. On October 13, 1881, he was united in marriage to Emma Warnock. To them were born two children, whose names are Carry B., and Minnie E. He is at present engaged in buying and selling hay, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

DR. FRED MILLER was born in Jay county, Ind., February 19, 1867, and is a son of Henry and Margaret Miller *nee* Stoltz. On May 3, 1891, was united in marriage to Mary S. Huey to them was born one child. He is at present engaged as a veterinary surgeon, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

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B. W. ROOP was born in Ft. Recovery, March 27, 1852, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Roop *nee* Junot. On December 26, 1875, he was united in marriage to Jenetta Bourell. To them were born four children, whose names are Thomas R., C. Edward, E. Gertrude and Sarah A. He is at present engaged in blacksmithing and horseshoeing in Recovery, Ohio.

JAMES L. MOTT, Esq., was born in Darke county, July 12, 1841, and is a son of Abraham and Abigail Mott *nee* Coats. On November 28, 1856, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Grant. To them were born six children, whose names are Silas H., Clarence J., Anna V., George M., Leniel R. and Harry W. He is at present engaged in farming.

JOHN B. ROOP was born in Fort Recovery December 5, 1848, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth *nee* Junot. On November 24, 1875, he was united in marriage to Hannah Alexander. To them were born three childden, whose names are Nellie B., Zema B., Walter I. He is at present engaged in farming.

HON. R. B. GORDON was born near St. Mary's, August 6, 1855, and is a son of Robert B. and Catherine R. Gordon *nee* Barrington. He was elected county auditor in 1890 and served two terms. He was elected to congress in 1898.

H. J. SCHUNCK was born in Cassella, July 31, 1864, and is a son of Lorenz and Gertrude Schunk, *nee* Johe. He is at present engaged in the jewelry business and keeps on hand a full line of diamonds, watches, jewelry, bicycles, sewing machines, kodaks and photograph supplies, Celina, Ohio.

GEORGE INEICHEN, Esq., was born in Ottawa county, Ohio, March 13, 1864, and is a son of Joseph and Anna Ineichen *nee* Zurcirch. On the thirtieth day of October, 1888, was united in marriage to Catherine D. Puthoff; to them were born five children, whose names are Franklin J., Harverd S., Albert H., Nettie A., Henrietta M. He is at present engaged in farming and stockman.

REV. JOSEPH HEITZ was born in Sherman, Ohio, June 9, 1854, and is a son of Jacob and Frances Heitz *nèe* Meng. On the eleventh day of June, 1881, was ordained. He is at present engaged in Burkettsville, Ohio.

JOHN LEWIS was born in Mercer county, Ohio, November 29, 1860, and is a son of L. L. Lewis and Labrina Lewis. On the twenty-fifth day of November, 1884, he was united in marriage to Ida Wright. To them were born six children, whose names are Emma, Gracie, Fred, Frank, Guy and Willie. He is at present engaged in farming and bailing and shipping hay and straw, Celina, Ohio.

C. B. COLLINS, of Mendon, was born in Mercer, Mercer county, Ohio, August 18, 1841, and is a son of Moses and Emalia Collins *nee* Shellenberger. On the ninth day of July, 1865, he was united in marriage to Jerushia L. Murlin, who died July 2, 1866. He was married to Mahala L. Davis, October 9, 1869. To them was born one child which died in infancy. He is at present engaged in the clothing business, at Mendon, Ohio.

J. E. HART, Esq., Ft. Recovery, was born in Washington Court House, May 8, 1869, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine Hart *nee* Ennis. He is at present engaged in manufacturing standard brick one and a half miles west of Burkettsville.

W. B. FRISINGER was born in VanWert county, Ohio, August 27, 1862, and is a son of David and Rebecca Frisinger *nee* Roop. On October 28, 1887, he was united in marriage to Nora E. Frisinger *nee* Kern, and to them were born two children, whose names are Herbert Leroy and Mary Lucretia. He is at present engaged as a wholesale produce shipper, Rockford, Ohio.

JOHN M. SCHLOSSER was born in Maria Stein, March 3, 1859, and is a son of John and Anna Maria (Butch) Schlosser. He was admitted to the United States court by Walter Q. Gresham, and to the supreme courts of Ohio and Indiana. He is at present engaged in a general practice of law at Celina, Ohio. Office opposite city hall, in the McGriff block.

P. W. DEITSCH, Chattanooga, was born in Liberty township, Mercer county, Ohio, January 1, 1862, and is a son of Philip and Catharine Deitsch, *nee* Hoffman. On the 16th day of October, 1884, he was united in marriage to Louisa Deitsch *nee* Becher. To them were born four children, whose names are Walter Henry Conraud, Laura Caroline, Etha Fredaricke and Roma Theador. He is engaged in the grocery business, Chattanooga, Ohio.

THOMAS J. BLAKE was born in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, October 12, 1854, and is a son of John G. and Catherine Blake *nee* Meek. On January 14, 1882, was united in marriage to Lizzie F. Blake, *nee* Gillespie. He is at present engaged in farming.

H. C. FOX, of Coldwater, Ohio, was born April 26, 1860, and is a son of Mathias and Barbara Fox *nee* Weigel. On the 19th day of October, 1885, was united in marriage to Rosa Fox *nee* Schockman; to them were born six children, whose names are Elnora, Urban, Leo, Frances, Anna and Agnes. He is at present engaged in general merchandising and is proprietor of the flour mills, Coldwater, Ohio.

OLIVER PUTMAN, of Rockford, Ohio, was born February 13, 1859, and is a son of John and Martha J. Putman. On the 24th day of June, 1880, was united in marriage to Matilda Marks; to them were born two children, whose names are Nellie Pearl and Lloyd. He is at present engaged in farming and live stock dealing.

P. A. ELLIS was born in Dublin township, Mercer county, Ohio, November 11, 1845, and is a son of Oliver and Elanora Ellis *nee* Stannard. On the 14th day of June, 1874, was united in marriage to Harriet Ellis *nee* Fetters; to them were born one child, whose name is Frank Luzern Ellis. He is at present engaged in the livery feed, and sale stable business at Celina, Ohio.

JOHN LINK, of Chickasaw, Ohio, was born in Baden, Germany, June 24, 1855. On January 13, 1881, was united in marriage to Rosa Koch; to them were born nine children, whose names are Anna, Katy, Francis, Ellenora, Rosa, Mary, Julius, John and Ottile. He is at present engaged in the saw mill business.

MICHAEL A. SCHLEGEL was born in Buffalo, New York, September 28, 1850, and is a son of John A. and Theresa Schlegel *nee* Schmid; he was married to Maria Catherine Romer, May 29, 1877, who died. On the 13th day of November, 1894, was united in marriage to Catherine A. Riegelsperger, to them were born three children, whose names are Jesse Hero, Immanuel Hughlysses and Ida Harriette Theresa. Mr. Schlegel is the successful proprietor of a job printing office and editor and publisher of "The Economist." He is also a notary public. He is at present engaged in the furniture and kindred branches at St. Henry, Ohio.

FRANK J. SONDERMAN, of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, was born January, 1870, and is a son of Antony and Agnes Sonderman *nee* Harter. On the 12th day of November, 1895, was united in marriage to Mary A. Schunck; to them was born one child, whose name is Catherine Agnes Sonderman. He is at present engaged in dry goods, clothing, hat and shoe business at Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

CHARLES J. ARNOLD, Ft. Recovery, was born in Auglaize county, October 4, 1865, and is a son of Valentine and Anna C. Arnold. On October 23, 1892, he was united in marriage to Flora E. Arnold, *nee* Baker, and to them were born two children, whose names are Minnie M. and Hazel M. He is at present engaged in farming.

BERNARD DUES, of Philothea, was born in Cincinnati, in April, 1853, and is a son of Gerhart and Elisabeth Dues, *nee* Nieman. He was united in marriage to Elisabeth Windker, and to them were born eight children, whose names are George, Katie, Rosa, Bernard, Herman, Joseph, August and Paulina. He is at present engaged in farming and operating a saw mill and planing mill at Philothea, Ohio.

W. J. WHITE, of Durbin, was born in Scioto county, May 29, 1860, and is a son of John and Emmarelda White *nee* Wilson. On July 20, 1879, was united in marriage to Almira L. White *nee* Canary, and to them were born four children, whose names are Sarah L., born Sept. 25, 1880; Mary May, September 30, 1883, died March 16, 1896; Martha A., July 23, 1886; Edna Ora, January 14, 1889. He is at present engaged as a contractor in oil and gas well drilling.

J. S. SPRINGER was born in Mercer county, September 11, 1856, and is a son of Abraham and Mary Ann Springer *nee* Zartman. On December 21, 1878, was united in marriage to Phebe A. Fast, and to them were born ten children, whose names are Clarence W., Elnora E., Dennis S., Ashie B., Walter L., Russell C., Mary E., Barbara A., Lawrence N. and Elsie H. He is at present engaged in sawmilling and the manufacture of drain tile.

PHILIP SAUER was born in Kiefersheim, Germany, August 28, 1856, and is a son of John Peter and Mary Sauer *née* Zimmerman. On November 23, 1880, he was united in marriage to Mary Sauer *née* Fox, and to them were born two children, whose names are Clarence and Paulina. He is at present engaged in the restaurant and saloon business at Celina, Ohio.

HENRY BECKSTADT was born in Amt. Fechtern, Germany, November 1, 1860, and is a son of Charles and Gertrude Beckstadt *née* Fortman. On May 26, 1886, he was united in marriage to Mary Will, and to them were born seven children, whose names are Charles, Francisca, Helena, Aloys, Alvina, Xavier and Emma. He is at present engaged in farming.

M. J. HEMMERT was born in Botkins, Shelby county, August 24, 1864, and is a son of Aquiline and Augusta Hemmert *née* Werner. On November 23, 1892, he was united in marriage to Emma H. Schmitt, and to them were born three children, whose names are Margarite, Albina and Maria. He is at present engaged in the saloon and restaurant business.

WILLIAM SPRIGGS was born in Wabash, Mercer county, November 9, 1859, and is a son of Thornton and Jane Spriggs *nee* Wilson. He is at present engaged in general contracting, Wabash, Ohio.

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HENRY R. RUNNEBAUM, of Sebastian post office, is one of Franklin township's enterprising farmers.

G. A. PARCHER was born in Lewistown, January 7, 1854, and is a son of Royal and Rebecca Parcher *née* Shakey. On November 25, 1886, was united in marriage to Katherine Presho, and to them were born three children, whose names are Roy who is deceased, Alma and John. He is at present engaged in general blacksmithing at Celina, Ohio.

JOHN HENRY GREIWE was born in Franklin township, Mercer county, September 30, 1855, and is a son of John C. and Sophia Greiwe *nee* Dicke. On May 8, 1891, was united in marriage to Sarah L. Kunning, and to them were born four children, whose names are Etuel, Oran, Normah and Verona. He is at present engaged in farming.

JOHN GIERE, Esq., was born in Maria Stein, July 17, 1866, and is a son of Bernard and Mary Giere *nee* Knoeber. On May 22, 1888, was united in marriage to Frances Hamburger. To them were born six children, whose names are Eddy, Alex. Robby, Johnny, Markus and Carl. He is at present engaged in the saloon business at Chicasaw, Ohio.

NICHOLAS JOHNSTON was born in County Almare, Ireland, 1839, and is a son of James and Martha Johnston. He is at present engaged in farming.

J. W. DESCH was born in Carthagena, June 30, 1864, and is a son of Christ and Mary Desch, *nee* Schmitt. On April 17, 1888, was united in marriage to Emma *nee* Bange. To them was born one child whose name is Beulah. He is at present engaged in the grocery, provisions and feed, country produce, cement and plaster at Celina, Ohio.

ELMER BRANDON was born in Versailles, May 9, 1862, and is a son of John and Cordelia Brandon *nee* Miller. On June 16, 1884, was united in marriage to Nettie Allen. To them were born three children, whose names are Lester, Lola and Mable. He is at present engaged in the grocery, queensware, cigars and tobacco at Celina, Ohio.

HENRY ROMER was born in St. Henry, Ohio October 11, 1845, and is a son of Henry and Agnes Romer *nee* Sunderhaus. On November 28, 1872, was united in marriage to Mary Frances Panning *nee* Woeste. To them was born one child whose name was Henry Ludwig, died at the age of two years. He is at present engaged in drugs, stationery, books, etc., and is also township official of Granville township, Mercer county, Ohio.

W. A. J. McDANIEL was born in Lima, Ohio, June 30, 1861, and is a son of M. and Nancy McDaniel *nee* McFall. He is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He keeps on hand a full line of furniture of all kinds, and is located on Main street, Celina, Ohio.

E. E. HUSSEY, of Mendon, Ohio, was born in Union township, in March, 1863, and is a son of Henry H. and Sarah Hussey nee Shepherd. On November 26, 1885, he was united in marriage to Bell Griffin, and to them were born two children, whose names are Russell C. and Harold E. He is at present engaged in the merchandise business at Mendon, Ohio.

PETER H. SCHUNCK was born in Cranberry Prairie, October 14, 1858, and is a son of Adam and Anna Schunck *nee* Fleck. On January 18, 1880, was united in marriage to Frances Ungerer. To them were born three children, whose names are Lloyd (deceased), Maud and Leo. He is a dealer in boots and shoes at Celina, Ohio.

W. F. SCHUNCK, city, was born in Celina, Ohio, April 6, 1866, and is a son of Adam and Anna Schunck *nee* Fleck. On June 20, 1897, was united in marriage to Katie Faller. He is at present engaged and connected with the well known firm of A. Schunck Sons in the harness business, who keep on hand a full line of harness, saddles, trunks, robes and blankets, Celina, Ohio.

JOSEPH S. METZNER was born in Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio, April 10, 1862, and is a son of Joseph and Mary Metzner nee Garzinke. On February 10, 1885, he was united in marriage to Mary Anna Hoheisel, and to them were born seven children, whose names are Herman J., Edward C., Albert C., Rosa M., John A., Emma (deceased) and Hilda E. He is at present engaged as dealer in farm implements and heavy machinery. He was elected and is also serving as mayor of the village of Celina.

WILLIAM CRON was born in Cassella, Ohio, December 25, 1848, and is a son of John and Theresia Cron nee Meyer. On January 9, 1871, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth T. Hierholzer, and to them were born nine children, whose names are John A., Florentina, Frederick J., Joseph Ed., Otto William, Herman F., Carl C., Hubert (deceased), Edward (deceased), and Hildagard. He is at present engaged in the manufacture of carriages and farm wagons at Celina, Ohio.

D. H. RICHARDSON, M. D., was born in Ft. Recovery, Ohio, August 25, 1848, and is a son of Dr. J. C. and Mary Richardson nee Grey. On January 14, 1869, he was united in marriage to Mary L. Lehmkuhl, and to them were born two children, whose names are Earnest Albert and Minnie A. He is at present engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Celina, Ohio.

J. G. FAST was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, June 18, 1840, and is a son of Abraham and Mary Fast nee Ginter. On March 6, 1864, he was united in marriage to Sarah A. Kiser, and to them were born ten children, whose names are C. M. deceased; S. I., E. R., Martha M., Amanda F., J. M., Orah B., C. V., Laura Ethel and O. F., deceased. He is at present engaged in the sale of farm implements at Rockford, Ohio.

JOHN W. MEYER, of Ft. Recovery, was born in Mercer county, Ohio, November, 1847, and is a son of Jacob and Rachel Meyer. On January 1, 1879, he was united in marriage to Christina B. Rantz, and to them were born four children, whose names are James Earl, Mary Elnora, Burl Abraham, Oral Jacob. He is at present engaged in farming.

FRANK E. AYERS, M. D., was born in Celina, Mercer county, Ohio, November 13, 1876, and is a son of George W. and Mary R. Ayers nee Morrison. On August 9, 1898, he was united in marriage to Anna M. Carter, and to them was born one child, whose name is George. At the age of sixteen Mr. Ayers graduated from the Celina high school and at the age of twenty graduated from the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio. He is at present engaged in the practice of medicine at Wabash, Mercer county, Ohio.

J. B. MAURER was born in Bolivar, Ohio, December 27, 1856, and is a son of Jacob and Marguarite Maurer nee Baad. On December 27, 1881, he was united in marriage to Caroline M. Haglock, and to them were born eight children, whose names are Anna M., Monroe F., Frederick W., Marguarite B., Clara C., Lucy G., Jacob H. and Frances D. He is at present engaged in the general hardware business at Mendon, Ohio, where he located in 1879.

VALENTINE FORTMAN was born in Padua, Ohio, October 6, 1850, and is a son of John and Mary Fortman *nee* Wickelman. On May 26, 1874, was united in marriage to Mary Anna Schmitt. To them were born four children, whose names are Josephine, Philip, Fred and Nora. He is at present engaged in the grocery business and keeps on hand a full line of groceries, tobacco and cigars, on Market street, Celina, Ohio.

J. H. WINKELJOHANN was born in Voltlage, Germany, August 21, 1863, and is a son of Mathias and Catherine Winkeljohann *nee* Tebbe. On June 27, 1894, was united in marriage to Rebecca Romer. To them were born three children, whose names are Agnes, Charles and Lucillia. He is at present engaged in the lumber business, and manager of the Kuntz & Herr Lumber Co., Celina, Ohio.

JOHN WILKER was born in Hanging Rock, Lawrence county, Ohio, February 2, 1853, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wilker nee Woenmyer. On February 17, 1876, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Schmitmeyer, and to them were born twelve children, whose names are Anna, Bernard, Rosa, Ludwig, Henry, Joseph, Elizabeth, John, Nora, Catherine, Louisa and Lorenz. He is at present engaged in farming.

HENRY WILL, JR., was born in Franklin township, Mercer county, Ohio, October 26, 1862, and is a son of Henry Will, Sr., and Caroline Will nee Kremer. On November 6, 1889, he was united in marriage to Veronica Buehler, and to them were born five children, whose names are Julia, Lorenz, Aloys, Ferdinand and Ottillia. He is at present engaged in farming and serving as trustee of Franklin township.

REV. M. A. HAMBURGER was born in Cassella, January 30, 1869, and is a son of Charles and Louisa Hamburger nee Kuhn. He received his education in classical and theological course in the seminary at Carthagena, Ohio, Sanquinist Fathers. He was ordained priest, June 21, 1893, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is at present engaged in teaching at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana.

A. W. COPELAND, of Mendon, was born in Mercer county, Ohio, August 1, 1860, and is a son of Wesley and Mary Copeland nee Perkins. On November 16, 1887, he was united in marriage to Enola M. Murlin, and to them were born two children, whose names are Georgia, deceased, and Arland. He is at present engaged in the hardware business, doing also roofing and spouting at Mendon, Ohio.

JOSEPH SCHMITT was born in Sidney, Ohio, September 5, 1854, and is a son of Philip and Anna Schmitt *nee* Hemmert. On January 12, 1886, he was united in marriage to Mary Bang. He is a dealer in groceries, provisions, china and crockery on South Main street, Celina, Ohio.

JACOB HEYNE was born in Sebastian, September 22, 1869, and is a son of John and Christina Heyne *nee* Stachler. On September 30, 1891, he was united in marriage to Katie Schmitt, and to them were born three children, whose names are Bernard, Regina and Loretta. He is at present engaged in livery and feed stable business, also buying and selling horses, Celina, Ohio.

GEORGE H. HEFFNER was born in Chattanooga, July 21, 1857, and is a son of Conrad and Margaret Heffner *nee* Miller. On September 14, 1879, he was united in marriage to Lucinda Karch, and to them were born four children, whose names are Etha Carolina (deceased), Edward Frederick, Ralph Rufus, Frank Clarence. He is at present engaged in the manufacturing of cigars at Celina, and makes a specialy of the Diamond Garter.

AUGUST BEHRINGER was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 12, 1852, and is a son of Ignatius and Mary Behringer *nee* Graff. On July 30, 1878, he was united in marriage to Anna M. Perwessel, and to them were born eight children, whose names are Grace, Ralph, Frank, Rudolf, Charles, Arthur, Albert and Luke. He is at present engaged in painting and paper hanging.

CHARLES MUETHER was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, February 27, 1855, and is a son of Charles and Sophie Muether *nee* Frahm. On March 29, 1880, he was united in marriage to Willhelmina Harndt, and to them were born ten children, whose names are Adolph (deceased); Maria (deceased); Rosa; Anna (deceased); Charley; Emma; Fred; Lillie; Lewis; and Bertha (deceased). He is at present engaged in the saloon business, Celina, Ohio.

W. M. MILLER was born in Mendon, Ohio, December 17, 1873, and is a son of Harry P. and Hattie A. Miller nee Moore. On February 16, 1898, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Norris, and to them was born one child, whose name is Elsa Norris. He is at present engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Mendon, Ohio.

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