

1846. In addition to these positions, he was elected Trustee of his township whenever he could be prevailed on to accept, the office, which he did a number of times. In all the various public positions he held, and in all the private trusts that were confided to him, he proved faithful; no one was ever deceived or betrayed by him. He was that noblest work of God—an honest man. He came to this county in April, 1835, and pre-empted the tract of land known for years as the "Rippey farm," adjoining the town of Leesburg, where he lived until May, 1871, when he moved to Warsaw, where he died on the 14th of February, 1874, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, respected by all who knew him. He was admitted to the M. E. Church March 3, 1863, and was a faithful member of the Church at the time of his death. He was initiated as a member of Leesburg Lodge, No. 181, Free and Accepted Masons, December 19, 1855. On his removal to Warsaw, he withdrew from his old Lodge and became a member of Warsaw Lodge, No. 73, F. & A. M., July 26, 1871, and was an honored member of that organization at the time of his decease.

JOEL LONG (DECEASED), PLAIN TOWNSHIP.

Joel Long was one of the pioneers of Van Buren Township; one who entered its wilds with the "advance guard of civilization," and lived many years within the territory which he and his contemporaries were instrumental in developing and improving. He was born in March, 1797, in the State of Virginia, and was reared to farm life, and accustomed to labor from his youth.

At the age of sixteen years, he removed, with his parents, to Jackson County, Ohio, where he remained until he attained his majority.

At the age of twenty-one years, he married Miss Jane Boggs, sister of A. H. Boggs, of this county, and continued to reside in Jackson County, Ohio, for a period of eight years thereafter, at the end of which time he removed to Henry County, Ind., making his home in that county until 1835. In that year, he came to Kosciusko County, and settled in Van Buren Township, where he continued to reside until 1867. In that year, he removed to Leesburg, and there made his home until his decease, in September, 1869.

He was twice married; his first wife died in 1839, and a few years later he married Mrs. Eby, who still survives, and now resides with her daughter, in Warsaw.

He was one whom every one respected and honored; was a man of sound judgment and firm principles, and, in 1836, was chosen by the residents of this district to represent them in the State Legislature—a position which he filled with honor to himself, and satisfaction to his constituents. His son,

ROBERT B. LONG,

was born May 4, 1831, in Henry County, Ind., and came with his parents to Kosciusko County at the age of four years. He attended the common school in the neighborhood of his home, where he acquired a good English education. Out of school hours, a large portion of his time was spent in assisting his father at the necessary labors of the farm.

In 1851, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Rippey, daughter of David Rippey, Esq., of this county, and in the following year purchased a farm of forty acres in Van Buren Township, where he made his "start in the world." He continued to reside upon this farm until 1874, during which time he made many substantial improvements.

In 1873, he purchased the farm near Leesburg, upon which he now resides, and in the same year erected his present handsome residence, to which he removed his family in 1874.

He has always been a tiller of the soil, in which occupation he finds his chief delight; and in connection with this, has been extensively engaged in raising and selling fine cattle. These occupations, while quite congenial to him, have also proved of financial profit; and by close attention to business, he has amassed a handsome fortune.

He is not a politician; and, although he has repeatedly been urged to accept county offices, has invariably declined the proffered honor.

He has ever been a generous friend to the honest poor, and a liberal supporter of enterprises, having, for their object, the advancement of the county's interests. During his long residence in this county, he has gained many friends, who are unanimous in pronouncing him a man of irreproachable integrity and honor.

HIRAM HALL, PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

Hiram Hall, son of Samuel D. and Catherine Hall, was born October 22, 1826, in Harrison County, Va. He came to Kosciusko County with his parents when but eight years of age, and passed his youthful days amid scenes of pioneer life which surrounded his home. His educational privileges were limited to a short term during the winter at a neighboring log schoolhouse; but, by careful study in leisure hours, he prepared himself for a more advanced course, and, at the age of twenty-two years, entered Franklin College, where he remained during the fall and winter, and subsequently engaged as a school teacher. In early childhood, he learned the art of farming, and, as he reached manhood, the pursuit of that occupation became his fixed choice. His thorough knowledge of the art enabled him to make a success of his calling, and he is accounted one of the wealthiest farmers of the township in which he resides. December 21, 1851, he was united in marriage with Miss Cassie A. Powell, daughter of John and Dorothy Powell, of this county.

He has traveled extensively in the United States, having visited various portions of Wisconsin and Iowa, and stood upon some of the places in Virginia made memorable as the fields of battle during the late rebellion. In 1876, he visited the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, also Baltimore, Washington, Harper's Ferry, and other places of interest, and, in 1878, made an extended tour through Missouri and Kansas.

He has gained by experience, a practical knowledge of the world, and his memory is stored with much useful information.

As a member of the United Brethren Church, he has lived a consistent life, and has ever been a generous contributor to the maintenance of religious institutions. His wife is a member of the same denomination, and an earnest laborer in the cause of religion.

Both are widely known, and universally respected.

CRAWFORD KNOWLES, WAYNE TOWNSHIP.

Crawford Knowles was born July 16, 1830, in the State of Pennsylvania. In 1832, he removed with his father's family to Ohio, and two years later, came with them to Kosciusko County, Ind.

He was early instructed in the details of farm labor, and proved himself of valuable service to his father, by assisting him in the performance of his daily duties, and relieving him of much care and responsibility. March 1, 1851, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Parker, daughter of John and Mary Parker. He continued to reside at the old homestead, and, several years after his marriage, assumed the management

and control of the farm, and the support of his parents. This trust he faithfully performed during their life. His mother died April 11, 1858; his father survived until March 24, 1876, when he, too, was called from earth. Possessing a thorough knowledge of the art of farming, and, being unfamiliar with other occupations, the subject of this sketch always confined his attention to that art, and never engaged in speculations or uncertain enterprises of any kind; and, by his close attention to that with which he was most familiar, and his prudent management of his income, secured a competence in worldly goods, and, at the time of his sudden decease, left to his family a valuable and unnumbered estate. His financial success is the more commendable from the fact that he assumed control of his father's estate in this county at a time when it was mortgaged for its full value; and, in addition to maintaining his parents, and providing for the necessary expenses, he discharged the entire indebtedness of the farm within a few years. He felt a love for the cultivation of the soil, and entered into his labor with enthusiastic energy, to which was doubtless due his success.

He was highly esteemed wherever known, and no one, perhaps, ever possessed more fully the confidence and respect of his fellow-men. He was never a politician, and never served in a public capacity; but he was a man of influence and marked ability, and would have graced any county office, had his inclinations led him to seek it.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, and his memory will long be cherished by his brethren of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62.

In all the walks of life, and in all his dealings with men, he established an imperishable reputation as a man of integrity and honor.

His wedded life was blessed by six children, viz.: Irene, Allas P., Elias N., Amanda J., Laura A. and Charles, of whom Laura A. and Charles alone now survive.

WILLIAM C. STEPHENSON.

BY COL. J. B. DOBBS.

Was born in Jackson County, Ohio, on the 6th day of March, 1831. His parents were originally from Virginia, and were industrious, honest and thrifty people. There are but few that have lived in this county for twenty years or over but remember Samuel Stephenson, the father of William C., a man who was universally respected. He removed to this county in October, 1834, about two years before the organization of the county, and, consequently, was one of the very first settlers. He commenced making an improvement on a tract of land in what is now Van Buren Township, and when, two years afterward, as the result of a treaty made with the Potawatomie Indians, the land in this county was thrown open to entry, he purchased it of the Government. The subject of this sketch is to-day one of the very oldest settlers of this county living. When he came to what is now Kosciusko County, it was thickly inhabited by Indians. The "trail," or Indian road, from the Indian villages near where Leesburg, Galveston and Monoquet are now, to the villages at the upper end of Bone Prairie, and near where Syracuse is, passed across his father's farm, thus making it a prominent highway, and, for a number of years, it is safe to say, he saw ten Indians to where he saw one white person. The children of pioneers were early trained to perform the labor necessary to clear up lands, and raise sufficient grain and vegetables for food, and William was no exception. Facilities for gaining an education of any kind were, as a matter of necessity, almost unknown, and, when he, after arriving almost to manhood, mastered the mysteries of reading, writing and arithmetic, he, for the opportunities he had, did well. On the 1st day of January, 1853, he married Miss Emeline Hayden, daughter of John W. Hayden, now of Ft. Wayne, formerly of Washington Township in this county, and they started out on the voyage of life. About three years after, while living in Plain Township, he had the misfortune to lose his entire personal property by fire, and he found himself with nothing in the world except the clothes he and his wife had on, and a pair of horses, a wagon and harness. Nothing daunted by this, they at once resolved to redouble their exertions. He then bought a tract of land in Prairie Township, in the thick woods, mostly on credit, and remained there about seven years, during which time he cleared up a fine farm and erected good buildings. During the time he lived on that farm, he had the great misfortune to lose his wife by death, and, about fourteen months afterward, he was married to Miss Frances Dunlap, who only survived a little over ten months, leaving her husband and one child, Emma F., to mourn their loss. On the 12th day of April, 1860, he was again united in marriage to Miss Sarah Engle. They have one child, a son, Elton W. In 1862, Mr. Stephenson sold his farm in Prairie Township, and purchased the farm of James Ervin in Plain Township, which farm he sold in 1869, and purchased the farm of Moses Emerson, two and a half miles southwest of Warsaw, comprising 160 acres of the very best of land, and on which he had. He is a member of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62, and of Hackleman Encampment, No. 37, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has filled the highest positions to be attained in either. He is also a member of Lako City Lodge, No. 371, Free and Accepted Masons.

ANDREW JACKSON BATES, Esq.,

was born January 15, 1830, in Sarahsville, Noble Co., Ohio, then a part of Guernsey County. His parents were Isaac Clark Bates and Sarah (nee Powell). His father was fond of the chase, and led a nomadic life, and acted as a spy for the United States Government during the struggle of 1790, succeeding the Revolution. He left Ohio in 1834, and settled near Marion, Grant Co., Ind., and, in April, 1835, removed to Kosciusko County. As might be expected, the educational advantages enjoyed by his children were very limited. The subject of this memoir had to struggle for the education he obtained, by walking from two and a-half to three miles to school, and then had no opportunity to attend, except during the winter, and generally only every other winter at that. He attended school as opportunity afforded, until about sixteen years of age. It is well to pause here and consider the true grit, the dogged determination that our subject manifested in those *darle days*. No gas-lights, nor kerosene, nor candles to be had. Under such circumstances it is more than probable that the majority of boys of his age would have sought any other pursuit or pastime than books. Not so with Andrew. At the close of the day's labor for his widowed mother, he procured shell-bark, and made sufficient light to see to read, and there, sometimes until the midnight hour, in the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties, he would study the few books at his command, and when his teacher could not help him, which was not an uncommon occurrence, he would seek out a neighbor who could; and in that way mastered the subject of arithmetic and other branches sufficiently to be qualified as a school-teacher, which position he was engaged to fill. He also became a good speller, and was known as such wherever there was a spelling match.

In 1854, he came to Warsaw, and attended Mrs. Jane Cowen's Seminary, where, for several years, he spent the spring terms. He taught school during winter, and worked at farming during summer, after leaving school. His inclinations in the direction of an occupation were not very decided.

He, however, generally sought the counsel and company of the aged, finding in their society more pleasure than in the frivolities of youth. Avoiding bad company, he has tried to lead a pure life. He spent most of his time farming, until 1862, when he entered the United States Army as a private soldier in Company C, Fourth Indiana Cavalry. He was detailed with his company to do escort duty for Gen. Lew. Wallace, then guarding the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, against the threatened invasion of the rebel General Bragg. After the retreat of the Confederates, he was sent with his company on guard duty, about fifteen miles in Kentucky. There he was taken prisoner, but was paroled soon after and returned home. February 11, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, a very estimable lady, daughter of Rev. Lyman T. and Margaret Wheeler. Her father, a minister of the M. E. Church, and herself a devoted Christian. The ceremony was performed at Warsaw. This union was blessed by seven children, of whom only Margaret J., Mattie and Mabel now survive.

On the 22d day of February, 1863, he returned to his company, then serving on escort duty at Miliken's Bend, La., and remained with them during the campaign of Vicksburg. After its surrender, he was again placed on scouting duty, and, in consequence of fatiguing marches, his health became impaired, and he was sent to the hospital at Louisville, Ky. On account of ill-health, he was discharged from the service in June, 1865.

In February, 1854, he was converted and united with the Baptist Church at Warsaw. Soon after uniting with the Church, he was elected a Deacon, and still occupies that position. His wife is a member of the same Church.

Politically, he was classed with the Whigs, although he was never an active politician. Since the organization of the Republican party, he has been identified with it. He was always opposed to slavery, though not an Abolitionist.

His connection with public office has been confined to the office of Justice of the Peace, to which he was first elected December 22, 1855, and has held that position continuously, except during the period of his absence in the army. This long-continued service in one capacity is a forcible expression of the confidence entertained for him by his fellow-citizens. Good men of all parties have united in offering to him this recognition of meritorious services. He is well read in the law, and his decisions are sound; but few of them have ever been reversed or appealed to a higher court. His legal ability was recognized by the bar of Kosciusko County, and, on the 26th day of December, 1873, he was admitted as a member of that body.

He became a member of Warsaw Lodge, No. 73, A., F. & A. M., September 22, 1871; passed to the middle chamber October 6, 1871, and has filled some official position ever since, and, for the past two years, has served as W. M. He has a deep appreciation of the beauties of Masourey, and is one of the most zealous and active members of the Order.

As the business man, he has always been upright and honorable; and, as the citizen, has always enjoyed the confidence of the community.

A. H. BOGGS, PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

Andrew Hamilton Boggs was born March 7, 1821, in Jackson County, Ohio. His parents, Andrew and Susanna Bowen Boggs, were natives of Greenbrier County, Va. They came to Indiana at an early day, where the father served as Justice of the Peace, in the counties of Delaware and Blackford, and subsequently as one of the Associate Judges of Blackford County. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Their son enjoyed very limited educational advantages in childhood, acquiring his education in later years by individual effort. His earliest education was in the art of farming; and, when but a mere child, he was able to perform almost any part of the labor incident to farm life. One of his earliest aspirations was, to own a farm and be an independent farmer; and every step in his life was taken with that end in view.

In 1825, he removed with his parents to Wayne County, Ind., where he resided ten years, assisting his father to clear and cultivate a farm. In March, 1833, he came with his brother to Kosciusko County, and located in the township where he now resides. He first engaged as a farm-laborer, but husbanded carefully his earnings, and remained thus employed, until he had accumulated a sufficient amount to purchase a farm. This accomplished, he entered upon the labor of clearing with great earnestness; and by his industrious labors, has since been able to realize the dream of his youth. He is the possessor of a fine farm, well improved and well stocked, and is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of this county.

December 14, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha A. Thomas, a native of Union County, Ind. This union was blessed by nine children, viz.: Achsa S., Wayne, John L., Lucinda, Samuel, Clinton, Jennie, Harvey D. and Rozzeana.

WILLIAM DAVIS, SEWARD TOWNSHIP.

William, son of James L. and Mary Garvin Davis, was born in the year 1820, in Fairfield County, Ohio. In 1835, he came with his parents to Kosciusko County. They settled in Prairie Township, where the subject of this sketch grew to manhood, and where the father continued to reside until his decease, in 1870.

William Davis is one who has literally "grown up with the country." He was a lad, fifteen years of age at the time of his arrival, and being young and strong, was a prominent participant in the "wood choppings" and other labors incident to pioneer life. His educational privileges were limited; but a naturally bright intellect, assisted by patient researches in later years, placed him far above the level of the uneducated.

He was married, in 1844, to Miss Margaret, daughter of Samuel and Catharine Magner, of Franklin Township, this county. This union was blessed by five children, viz.: Amos M., John M., Algernon S., Arthur W. and Florence R.—all of whom are living, save one.

In 1850, Mr. Davis purchased the farm upon which he now resides, and upon which he has effected many improvements. The most ardent desire of his youth was to possess a farm; and every penny was saved with that end in view, and all honorable means employed to accomplish his purpose.

In 1854, his wife died; later in the same year he was a second time married, choosing for his companion, Miss Margaret, daughter of David and Julia A. Vandemarker, of Harrison Township, who bore him five children, viz.: Emma A., Otis B., Cora W., Julia and William B.

In 1848, Mr. Davis became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and passed through the various degrees of the subordinate Lodge to the rank of Past Grand.

In politics he is a Republican; in religion, Liberal. He is a cordial friend to public improvements, and never withholds his encouragement from enterprises, having, for their object, the good of the community. A man who occupies a high social position, and is respected and honored by all who know him.