

WILLIAM B. FUNK.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

William B. Funk, or, as he is better and familiarly known, "Bram" Funk, was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, June 4, 1840. His parents removed to Indiana when he was quite young, arriving in Warsaw in October, 1843. He has a very active mind, a retentive memory, and a habit of observing closely everything that is around him. At an early age, he acquired an education at the common schools, that fitted him to take an active part in almost any kind of business, and, in 1857, he went into the County Auditor's office as Deputy Auditor, which position he filled until October, 1862, when he was elected Auditor, and was re-elected to the same office in October, 1866, retiring from office in 1871. He was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Moon, youngest daughter of Hon. George Moon, June 18, 1862. She departed this life December 25, 1872, mourned by all who knew her, leaving her husband and one son, Charles, to deplore their loss.

On the 29th of September, 1874, he and Miss Florence F. Sapp, youngest daughter of S. C. Sapp, M. D., and Mrs. M. A. Sapp, were married, and they have two children, a son and daughter, that will some day be ornaments to society if they emulate the graces and accomplishments of their mother, and the sterling qualities of their father, as they doubtless will.

After Mr. Funk's retirement from office, he and his brother, Hon. Joseph A. Funk, formed a partnership for the sale of dry goods, which still continues. He has always been a very active man, decided in his opinions, although never trying to obtrude his views upon others. This has naturally forced him to take an active part in politics. At the Republican State Convention, in February, 1872, his name was presented as a candidate for Auditor of State, and he received a very complimentary vote, and it was believed by those who had an opportunity to know at the time, that he would have been nominated if he had not have withdrawn his name at an inopportune moment. Since then, he has been Chairman of the Republican Central Committee of this county nearly all the time, and his management has contributed, to a very large extent, to the uninterrupted success of his party in this county.

He has been connected with the County Agricultural Society for years, either as President or Secretary, and he is the present Secretary. He has been an Odd Fellow for years; was one of the founders of Lake City Lodge, No. 430, I. O. O. F., at Warsaw, and is an old member of Hackleman Encampment, No. 37, I. O. O. F. He has received the highest honors either organization can confer upon him, and he has represented both of them repeatedly in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State.

He is, and has been for years, connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the interests of his church and himself are identical with him. There is scarcely a man in this county so well and favorably known as he is. Always kind and obliging, pleasant and agreeable, he is one of the few men that "the better you know them, the better you like them." Always ready and willing to help those who need assistance, by every means in his power, he has hosts of friends. He is now just in the prime of life, and if the future can be predicted from the past and from appearances, it is full of prosperity in everything that makes life enjoyable.

BRADFORD G. COSGROVE.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Bradford G. Cosgrove was born on the 31st day of January, 1815, in Deckertown, N. J. His father, John Cosgrove, was a carpenter by trade, and, when the subject of this sketch was only two years old, loaded his family into a wagon, and started for what was at that time almost a terra incognita, the Great West, which long and tedious journey finally ended at what is now known as New Carlisle, in Clark Co., Ohio. Bradford remained at home until he was sixteen years of age, assisting his father, and attending school, when there was any within reach, which was but seldom.

In 1831, he commenced to learn the trade of carriage-building, in Dayton, Ohio, where he remained for the next three years. In 1834, he came with his father's family to South Bend, in this State, where he remained about two years, engaged in work at his trade.

In 1835, he went to Cincinnati, to take instructions in architecture and draughting, where he remained about two years. While there, he had the misfortune to fall from the second story of a building, in consequence of the breaking down of a scaffold, and received injuries from which he never fully recovered. He returned to South Bend in 1838, and, in partnership with his brother, William Cosgrove, followed the carpenter trade until 1843, when they took the contract for building the present Court House in this county, which was finished in 1845. His health had almost entirely failed at this time, so that he was obliged to go into some other business, and, in 1847, he moved to Newville, DeKalb County, in this State, and went into the mercantile business.

In 1851, he sold out his stock of goods, and moved to Auburn, in the same county, and took the contract for building a jail. That completed, he removed to Warsaw in 1853, where he resided at the time of his death, and followed his business of an architect and builder. The "Cosgrove" Block, the *Indianian* building and the Centre School building, in Warsaw, and the Pierceston and North Manchester School buildings are all monuments to his proficiency in this art.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Phelps, of South Bend, on the 8th of September, 1841. They have five children living—one son, A. P. Cosgrove, of Warsaw, who served three years and three months in Company D, Forty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, during the war of the rebellion. Mr. Cosgrove died very suddenly on the 18th of May, 1875, and was followed to the grave by a very large concourse of citizens, and the Orders to which he belonged.

He was a man of very decided opinions, and took an active part in politics. He was elected Recorder of this county in October, 1864, and filled the office for four years in a manner that was acceptable to the people. He was an honored member of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62, and of Hackleman Encampment, No. 37, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Warsaw Lodge, No. 73, Free and Accepted Masons. He was a kind, genial, companionable man, and as such was greatly endeared to the people of the community in which he lived. He was affiliated with no religious organization, but his life of sobriety, morality, charity and kindness, was one that all should imitate.

WILLIAM COSGROVE.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

William Cosgrove was born November 25, 1812, at Hanover, N. J.; his father, John Cosgrove, was a carpenter by trade, and, in 1817, he loaded his family, consisting of his wife and three children, of whom William was the oldest, and a few household goods, into a one-horse wagon and started for the West; after a long, tedious journey of weeks in duration, they arrived at Lebanon, Ohio, tired and worn; there they stopped to recuperate

both physically and financially, Mr. Cosgrove securing employment at his trade and receiving \$1 per day for his wages; after staying there about two months, he moved on to what is now known as New Carlisle, in Clark County, Ohio, and took up his home; William remained at home until he was sixteen years of age, assisting as much as he was able in the labors of a farm, attending school when he could be spared, which was but a very small portion of the time; he then went to Dayton, Ohio, and commenced work with a carpenter, in order to learn that trade, working at Dayton and Piqua until in September, 1834, when he removed to South Bend in this State, where he continued working at his trade, and contracting for the erection of houses and other buildings until in the fall of 1843; the Commissioners of this county having advertised for bids for the erection of the present Court House, Mr. Cosgrove and his brother Bradford G. put in a bid, and they were successful in securing the contract, and they commenced work on it at once. The building was not completed until 1845; in the meantime, he had moved his family to Warsaw. In the spring of 1844, he formed a partnership with George Moon, at present Collector of Internal Revenue for this District, for the sale of general merchandise, which was continued until the spring of 1851, when it was dissolved; since that time, Mr. Cosgrove has been the most of the time heavily engaged in business of different kinds, selling goods, dealing in grain and pork, and, for a number of years, he owned the brick flouring-mill near the depot of the P., Ft. W. & C. Railroad, in Warsaw, and manufactured very large quantities of flour; unfortunately for him his business matters were so extended that others took advantage of him, and he has seen the accumulations of a long and industrious life swept away in spite of all his efforts during the storm of financial disaster that has been passing over the country during the past few years. He was united in marriage with Miss Lydia A. Carry, of South Bend, on the 31st of May, 1838; they have five children living—William H. H., lives in Warsaw; Ann Eliza is married and lives in Philadelphia; Josephine L., who is the wife of Col. N. N. Boydston, of Warsaw, and Cornelia A., and Fremont C., who are unmarried. Mr. Cosgrove has always taken an active part in politics; in 1844, he was a candidate for Sheriff of St. Joseph County, in this State, on the Whig ticket, and was defeated by one vote; he has held a number of town and township positions at different times, having been Trustee of Wayne Township in this county for quite a number of years, and in May, 1879, was elected Mayor of the city of Warsaw, which position he now fills. He is a member of Warsaw Lodge, No. 73, A. F. & A. M.; of Warsaw Chapter No. 48, R. A. M.; of Warsaw Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, and has been a member of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for over thirty years; in all of these organizations, he has been honored with the highest positions in their gift. The Church of his choice, the New School Presbyterian, not having any organization in Warsaw at present, he is not affiliated with any religious organization, but his life has always been that of a Christian. Temperate and moral in his habits, exemplary in his deportment, one of the most charitable of men to the poor, when it was in his power to be so, his example is one to be followed by all.

JOEL HIDY, JACKSON TOWNSHIP.

Joel Hidy was a native of Fayette County, Ohio, and the son of William Hidy. He came to Kosciusko County in 1844, and proceeded to clear a farm from the heavy timber which covered the site of his purchase. He was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth, daughter of George Lipps, of this county, which union was blessed by six children, viz., Sarah Catharine, William E. F., Charles Slossen, Melissa, Belle Ann and Frank M., all of whom now survive save Melissa. Sarah and William are married, and reside in the State of Kansas.

He was a successful farmer, and during his life was known as a man of unimpeachable honor. He was long identified with the history of Jackson Township, and was never less liberal than his neighbors in contributing toward enterprises for the advancement of its interests. He died in 1871, honored and respected by all. His widow and two sons now conduct the farm, and have proven themselves equal to the labor involved.

JOHN H. VANDEMARK, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.

John H. Vandemark was born in the year 1839, in the State of Illinois, and came to Kosciusko County, Ind., in 1844. He was reared on a farm, and when he started in life for himself it was as a farmer. His marriage with Miss Livona, daughter of John Tucker, of this county, has been blessed by four children, named respectively, Amelius, Mary A., Nettie S. and Hollis E., all of whom now reside with their parents at home. In 1871, he opened a hotel at the old homestead of John Tucker, and has proven himself a model landlord. He and his amiable wife are peculiarly fitted for making their home a pleasant place for the traveler. In connection with this occupation he cultivates 154 acres, and from the combined enterprises derives a handsome annual revenue. He is a scientific farmer, and has profited by the experience of a life-time in this art. His farm is tastefully laid out, and throughout its various departments exhibits the skill of its proprietor. He has done much during his life to encourage public enterprises and private industry, and has been a generous friend to the honest poor by providing them with work, and paying them liberally for their services. Both himself and wife are earnest and consistent members of the Baptist Church, and, by their many acts of Christian charity, have endeared themselves to all with whom they have been associated.

HON. JAMES S. FRAZER.

BY J. F. EVERHART.

James S. Frazer was born on the 17th day of July, 1824, in Hollidaysburg, Penn. His parents were of Scotch descent. His grandfather came to America as a British soldier, at the commencement of the Revolutionary war; but, in a short time, *resigned*, without the consent of Britain. His parents, James and Martha Frazer, were thrifty people, owned a good farm, and gave their only son the best available opportunities for education, which were so eagerly improved that it is said there was not a book that could be procured but was eagerly devoured by him. His mother died when he was quite young. In 1837, his father removed to Wayne County, Ind., then comparatively a wilderness. In 1840, the subject of this memoir entered the office of Moorman Way, Esq., at Winchester, and commenced the study of law. He taught school during the winter season to defray expenses, and was admitted to the bar, in Wayne County, in March, 1845, and, in April, opened an office in Warsaw, where he has resided ever since, except during brief periods when professional and official relations required his absence. He was married October 28, 1848, at Goshen, Ind., to Miss Caroline Defrees, daughter of James Defrees, deceased, and whose brothers were Hon. John D. Defrees, Government Printer, and Hon. Joseph H. Defrees, ex-Member of Congress from this district. Six children have been born to them; the eldest, William D., is associated with his father in the practice of law, and is regarded as one of the most promising young men of the county. The family is held in high esteem in the community.

In politics, he was originally a Whig; but since the dissolution of that party in 1852, he has been a Republican, and no political contest has taken place in this county since 1846 in which he has not taken part and been an acknowledged leader and power; his party look to him as the standard-bearer. In 1847, 1848 and 1854, he was a member of the State Legislature, Lower House. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney for this Judicial Circuit in 1851. He was appointed Assessor of Internal Revenue for this Revenue District in 1862, and served two years. He was one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State from 1865 to 1871. Under the treaty of May 8, 1871, with Great Britain, the President of the United States appointed him the Commissioner on the part of the United States. In order to comprehend the magnitude of the duties devolving on the Commissioners, Article XIII of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain is here set forth:

"The Commissioners shall then forthwith proceed to the investigation of the claims which shall be presented to them. They shall investigate and decide such claims in such order and such manner as they may think proper, but upon such evidence or information only as shall be furnished by or on behalf of the respective Governments. They shall be bound to receive and consider all written documents or statements which may be presented to them by or on behalf of the respective Governments in support of, or in answer to, any claim, and to hear, if required, one person on each side, on behalf of each Government, as counsel or agent for such Government, on each separate claim. A majority of the Commissioners shall be sufficient for an award in each case. The award shall be given upon each claim in writing, and shall be signed by the Commissioners assenting to it. It shall be competent for each Government to name one person to attend the Commissioners as its agent, to present and support claims on its behalf, and to answer claims made upon it, and to present it generally in all matters connected with the investigation and decision thereof."

"The high contracting parties hereby engage to consider the decision of the Commissioners as absolutely final and conclusive upon each claim decided upon by them, and to give full effect to such decisions without any objection, evasion or delay whatsoever."

The other members of this Commission were: The Right Hon. Russell Gurney, representing the interests of England, and Count Louis Corti, of Italy, as neutral, chosen by England and America. The Commission was appointed in pursuance of the treaty named to adjust claims against this Government by English subjects, and against the English Government by American citizens, arising from the war of the rebellion.

He was in the employ of the Treasury Department at Washington from 1873 to 1875, in the adjustment of claims for cotton captured or destroyed by the Government during the war. These positions were of the highest responsibility known to an agent of the Government, and involved the consideration of claims amounting to about \$220,000,000. The duties required the highest order of talent, financial and diplomatic, and were performed to the satisfaction of both nations. As a jurist, he is well known throughout the State, and decisions made by him while on the Supreme Bench have gained for him a more extended reputation. He was appointed by the Supreme Court of Indiana one of three Commissioners, consisting of Hon. David Turpie, of Indianapolis, Hon. John H. Stotzenberg, of New Albany, and Hon. James S. Frazer, of Warsaw, Kosciusko Co., Ind., to revise and codify the laws of Indiana, under an act of the Legislature, approved March 28, 1879.

He was one of the charter members of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62, Independent Order Odd Fellows, organized at Warsaw February 7, 1849. He has had all the honors within the gift of his Lodge conferred upon him, and retains his membership.

He was reared a Presbyterian, and is such by conviction, although not a communicant; he advocates the doctrines, and is a strong supporter of the Church. He is now in the prime of life, and, owing to his temperate habits, is in good preservation physically and mentally; a man of well known probity and affability, whom to know is to esteem.

JOHN ELDER.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

John Elder, or "Uncle John," as he is familiarly known—and it is safe to say that two-thirds of the people of this county know him—was born April 8, 1811, in Bedford County, Penn. His father was a thrifty farmer of German descent, and he early instilled into the minds of his children, both by precept and example, the necessity of practicing industry and economy. The subject of this sketch was a willing listener and an apt scholar at those lessons, as the result of his life has proved. His life, until he became of age, was, in the summer-time, passed in the labors of the farm at home, and, until he left Pennsylvania, the winters, or three months of each year, at school. When he was eighteen years of age, his father, with his family, removed to Richland County, Ohio. Here a new field opened before him. That now populous and well-filled county was then a wilderness, to a great extent, and it occupied all the time of the stout hearts and strong arms that had penetrated into it, to clear the land sufficiently to enable them to raise enough of the necessaries of life on which to live. John stayed with his father until he was twenty-one years old, assisting him in all his labors. On the 18th day of October, 1832, he was married to Miss Catherine Poorman, who, for near a half century, has been a helpmeet indeed, and who is still in the enjoyment of good health, and can put to shame, as far as work is concerned, a large majority of the girls of to-day. In the spring of 1833, they moved on a tract of land that he had purchased, and commenced life for themselves. In the spring of 1845, having cleared up a good farm, but being cramped for room, Mr. Elder sold out and removed to this county, and purchased 160 acres of land about two and a half miles east of Warsaw. He has since added 160 acres more to the original purchase, so that he now owns 320 acres, all lying together. The accompanying illustration is a fair representation of his beautiful home, and affords a good contrast between the "old time and the new." They have four children living—two sons and two daughters. Samuel, the oldest child, died November 25, 1878. His death was deeply regretted by all who knew him. Mr. Elder and his wife have for years been staunch members of the Tunker (or Dunkard) Church. He has been connected with the Kosciusko County Agricultural Society from its formation to the present day, having been President of the Society two years during the time. He is a man of great determination of mind, of sound judgment, and of unimpeachable integrity; in short, one of the very best citizens we have in this county, and one whose place it will be hard to fill.

JOHNSON B. ROBERDS, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Johnson B. Roberds was born February 4, 1834, in Morgan County, Ind. During childhood, his educational advantages were limited to the common schools of the neighborhood in which he resided. He improved all such opportunities as he enjoyed, and, by diligent study, acquired a