

good practical education. In December, 1844, he removed with his parents to Kosciusko County, locating in Jackson Township, where he was engaged in the ordinary routine of farm life, varied by the experience of school-teaching in later years, in Kosciusko and Whitley Counties.

November 13, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha E. Welton. This union was blessed by two daughters and one son.

August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company K, Eighty-ninth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, remaining in the service until the close of the war, when he was mustered out with his regiment June 7, 1865. A the battle of Lookout Mountain, November 24, 1863, he received a severe wound in the side, whereby he was disqualified for service for several months. He rejoined his regiment August 5, 1864, at the siege of Atlanta, and took an active part in the subsequent movements of the army, and accompanied Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea. At the battle of Bentonville, March 19, 1865, he received another wound, and, shortly after, it was found necessary to amputate the injured limb, making him a cripple for life.

After his return from the army, he located at Piercetown, in this county, and, in April, 1869, was chosen Trustee of Washington Township, which position he held until October, 1874. At that time, he was elected Recorder of Kosciusko County, and re-elected in October, 1878, for a second term of four years. His official career has been marked by the strictest integrity and fidelity to the trust reposed in him. Of temperate habits, courteous manners and genial disposition, he has gained many friends, who pronounce him as upright a man as lives. For several years, he has assisted in his office by his daughter, Miss Effie, who is a very competent young lady.

A. M. SIMPSON, MONROE TOWNSHIP.

Aaron M. Simpson, son of Joshua and Betsey (Martin) Simpson, was born September 18, 1821, in Wayne County, Ind., where he remained until seventeen years of age. In 1838, he removed with his parents to Wabash County, Ind. Subsequently, he came to Kosciusko County, and was identified with the early settlement of Monroe Township, being the first Justice of the Peace in that Township.

In October, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann M. Hagemine, which union was blessed by five children, of whom all are now deceased, save one—Olive P.

He has been from choice a tiller of the soil, and, in this occupation, his labors have been crowned with success. The farm upon which he now resides was cleared by himself, and is now among the best in the township; and, by close attention to his calling, he has amassed a comfortable fortune. He has never been less generous than his neighbors in sustaining and encouraging enterprises for the advancement of the public good, and his acts of private charity are numerous.

His business transactions have always been characterized by freedom from any stains of dishonest or unfair dealing, and he has gained many friends. Both himself and wife have been active members of the Christian Church for more than thirty years, and in their daily lives have shown that "there is a reality in religion."

HON. E. V. LONG, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

E. V. Long was born in Old Salisbury, Wayne County, Ind., March 7, 1837. His father, Hon. Elisha Long, was a man of a good deal of prominence, being a member of the State Board of Internal Improvements during the time the State was trying to develop its resources by a system of canals and roads, from 1836 to 1840. Railroads were hardly thought of then, and gravel roads or turnpikes were almost as little known. What a contrast between then and now! The subject of this sketch had good opportunities for storing his mind with knowledge, and he being naturally of a studious disposition, eagerly improved them. He came to this county—his father having died not long before—in 1846; and in 1850 and 1851, attended an academy at Newcastle in Henry County, in this State. In 1854, 1855 and 1856, he taught school for three months each year, in New Paris in Elkhart County, or Leesburg in this, and with his earnings paid his expenses for a term at Fort Wayne College. In 1856, he commenced the study of law in the office of Stansfield & Anderson, of South Bend, and was admitted to practice in 1857. In the fall of 1858, he commenced the practice of his profession in earnest, in Warsaw, in partnership with his brother, Moses Edgar Haymond, Esq., which continued until 1865. In addition to his law practice, which had become quite extensive, he also edited the *Warsaw Union*, from 1860 to 1865. In the latter year, he sold out his practice in this county and went to Anderson in this State, where he practiced law and edited the *Anderson Standard* for one year, when he returned to Warsaw and resumed the practice of his profession. The Legislature of 1872 and 1873 abolished the practice of his profession. The Legislature of 1872 and 1873 composed of the counties of Kosciusko, Marshall and Fulton, was formed, and Mr. Long was commissioned as Judge of the same, by Gov. Hendricks, to hold the office until after the election to be held the succeeding fall. The Judge was elected by an overwhelming majority in October, 1873. The term of six years. The Legislature of 1874-75, changed the Circuit so that it is now composed of the counties of Kosciusko and Whitley, and the Judge was re-elected for the term of six years from October, 1875, in October, 1878.

He was married on the 20th of April, 1872, to Miss Alice R. Walton, daughter of Boaz Walton, Esq., of this county, by whom he has two children, an enviable reputation for legal knowledge and the strict impartiality of his rulings and decisions.

THOMAS WOODS, WARSAW.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Thomas Woods was born November 25, 1829, at Hunterdon, Adams Co., Penn., and removed with his parents to Champaign County, Ohio, in 1833, where he grew to manhood and acquired a good common-school education.

With him the disposition to "go West" was developed at an early age, and, in November, 1848, he left Ohio, and came to Kosciusko County, Ind., locating at Warsaw, where he has remained ever since.

Whilst living at home, he learned the tailor's trade, and, almost immediately after his arrival at Warsaw, he went to work for H. W. Upson, who was engaged at that business.

In 1852, he was elected Township Clerk, and his popularity is best attested by the fact that he has been continued in some public position, almost without intermission, from that day to this. In May, 1854, he was appointed Deputy Clerk by Samuel H. Chipman, then Clerk of Kosciusko

County, and was elected to succeed Mr. Chipman in October, 1855. He served four years, and was elected as his own successor in October, 1859. The law prohibiting any one from holding that office more than two terms in succession, his successor was elected in October, 1863, but Mr. Woods was retained in the office as Deputy Clerk for the next twelve years. From 1867 to 1875, he had entire control of the office, as much so as he would have, had he been principal instead of Deputy.

In October, 1874, he was again elected Clerk, and, at the expiration of his term of office, would have been re-elected had he not positively declined to be a candidate again, and his successor was elected in October, 1878. He is now filling the unexpired portion of his term, and, when he "steps down and out," can have the satisfaction of leaving behind him an office that is in so good condition in every respect as that of any Clerk's office in any county of the State.

November 5, 1854, he married Miss Catharine A. Smith, of this county; a lady universally respected for her works of charity and her labors in the cause of temperance.

Mr. Woods, in all his busy life, has found time to be a public-spirited, enterprising business man; and, as a member of the School Board of Warsaw in 1866 and 1867, helped lay the foundation of the splendid system of public schools with which Warsaw is favored.

He has been an upright, honest officer and man, and is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman to transact business with. That he may remain long with us is the sincere wish of his multitude of friends.

JESSE HIDY.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Jesse Hidy was born on the 20th day of October, 1827, in Fayette County, Ohio. His father was a substantial farmer, and his children early learned the lessons of industry and thrift, which were inculcated not only by precept, but by example.

In 1837, Jesse's father, with his family, removed to Wabash County, in this State. Here Jesse lived with his father, assisting in clearing up a large farm, and attending the district school during the winter seasons, until he became of age, in 1848, when he left home, and came to this county. He purchased, with what money he had been able to save for himself, and the patrimony he received from his father, forty acres of land in Jackson Township, which he at once, with strong arms and willing hands, commenced to clear of the timber with which it was covered. The effect was soon apparent, and, in 1850, he was enabled to sell it at a large advance over the original purchase money. The amount received was at once invested in 120 acres of splendid land in Clay Township, that he still owns, and he commenced anew.

Finding that it was "not good for man to be alone," and wanting some higher incentive to labor for than that of simply providing means for his own existence, on the 24th of October, 1852, he wedded Miss Martha Copeland of Jackson Township. This union has been blessed with five children, three of whom have "joined that innumerable caravan from whose bourn no traveler returns," leaving two—Margaretta J. and Mary A. to be the joy and pride of their parents.

Mr. Hidy is a man who is of decided opinions and firm in his beliefs in all matters, but has never been inclined to quarrel with those who differ with him. He has never aspired to any public position, but for years has held local positions in his school and road districts that were forced upon him by the people who knew him best—his neighbors. His thrift and industry is stamped upon everything under his control and management, and he and his excellent wife are blessed with a beautiful home and plenty of everything around them to make life pleasant. May they live long to enjoy it.

JOSEPH WARNER, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

Joseph, son of Amasa Warner, was born May 30, 1820, in Wayne County, Ohio. His father was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1789, and subsequently removed to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he remained several years. From there he removed to Wayne County, in the same State, and settled near Wooster, when that city was scarcely more than an opening in the wilderness, containing but a few small cabins. In 1819, he married Miss Cynthia Walton, by whom he had six children, four of whom now survive. He was a farmer, and, in connection with that pursuit, was engaged in milling operations. He continued to reside in Wayne County until his decease, in 1850. His son Joseph is the eldest of the family. He attended the common school of his neighborhood, where he acquired a good English education, and, in later years, turned his knowledge to practical account, in the capacity of teacher. He began to teach school at the age of nineteen years, and was thus engaged seven terms.

January 1, 1846, he was united in marriage, in Wayne County, Ohio, with Miss Ruth S. Jilloston, a native of New York. In the fall of 1848, he came with his wife to Kosciusko County, Ind., and located upon the farm where he now resides. Prior to his arrival, a small cabin had been erected, but beyond this no improvements existed, and he was confronted by 160 acres of wilderness. This was to be cleared, and he was confronted attention at once to that object. In the years that followed, the entire tract was cleared by him, with but little assistance, and is now in the best state of improvement. In 1853, he purchased a mill site in Whitley County, Ind., and, in addition to farming, has been extensively engaged in the milling enterprise.

In early life he was united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is still an active and consistent member of that denomination. His wife is a member of the same Church, and both are worthy laborers in the cause they represent. He was made an Odd Fellow in Piercetown Lodge, No. 257, in 1866, and was among the first members initiated in that Lodge.

He is a man of strong character and firm integrity, and in his business transactions has always adhered closely to the principles of fair dealing. A life of labor has brought its reward, and he is the possessor of a comfortable fortune. Liberality has always been a trait of his character, and he has been a generous contributor toward all enterprises having for their object the good of the county or township. He has been a father to the orphan, and his home has been shared by many who, under the kind treatment and Christian teachings of himself and excellent wife, have grown to honorable and useful maturity.

OLIVER PERRY JAQUES

was born in Wood County, Ohio, on the 18th day of April, 1834. His father, John M. Jaques, was a native of New Jersey, and of French extraction. His mother, Mary Cox, was born in West Virginia. She was distinguished for their bravery and during the border Indian wars. Mr. Jaques came to Kosciusko County with his father's family in 1849, and settled in Tippecanoe Township. Owing to the lack of educational facilities, he acquired but a limited education, and, after he grew up to

manhood, this was much enlarged upon. He grew up, however, strong and vigorous physically, knowing how to work and possessing a large share of what is denominated in the West as "grit."

He was married on the 28th day of October, 1862, to Lanny Jane Lepper, a daughter of Abraham S. Lepper, an old citizen of the county. Five children were born to them—Emma Jane, Mary Ella, Libby Ann and William F. and Elmore P.

In 1859, Mr. Jaques removed to Warsaw, and engaged in the heavy business, commencing in a small way, and enlarging from time to time as means were accumulated.

When the country became involved in war, and an appeal was made to her patriotic sons, Mr. Jaques promptly responded to this appeal, and went out as an enlisted man in Company A, Seventy-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, 1862, and such was the esteem in which he was held by his comrades, that, upon the organization of the company, he was appointed Orderly Sergeant. On the first vacancy in the company, he was promoted to the Second Lieutenantcy. Serious sickness in his family called him home in the latter part of the autumn of that year. Elmore P., his youngest child, died on the 27th day of November, 1862. No man living was more devoted to his family, or more tenderly loved them; but so strong was his conviction of duty, and such his devotion to his country, that soon after the remains of this loved child were committed to the tomb, he returned to his post of duty in the army, leaving his wife, with greatly impaired health, to care for the four little ones that remained. His wife, a most excellent woman, died on the 4th day of January, 1863. He now feels that duty required him to come home and care for the children that had been left motherless, and he resigned his commission and returned home. In April, 1864, Mary Ella, his second daughter, a most interesting child, died.

On Mr. Jaques' return from the army, he was appointed by the Provost Marshal of this Congressional District as a Government Agent, and served in that capacity until near the close of the war. The intrepidity and nerve shown in making numerous arrests of desperate men during this time, did much subsequently to aid him in procuring the nomination for Sheriff. In the early part of 1864, he again engaged in the heavy business, and prosecuted it most successfully. On the 5th day of December, 1874, he was married to Lucretia Jane, the accomplished daughter of Samuel E. and Catherine M. Loney. As the fruits of this marriage, three children have been born to them—Louie L., Eddie Gordon and Carrie M., the eldest of whom died on the 1st day of January, 1870. At the regular election in 1864, Mr. Jaques was elected Coroner of Kosciusko County, and was re-elected continuously until 1872. At the regular election of that year, he was elected Sheriff of the county, which office he filled the full time allowed by the Constitution of Indiana—four years. To say that he was a first-class officer, would but be expressing the sentiments of almost every citizen of the county. For gentility and kind treatment to all he was most remarkable. At the close of his term of office, he engaged in the ice trade, and subsequently, in company with Samuel W. Oldfather, in the fall of 1876, built four large ice-houses on the east margin of Center Lake, and put up about 700 car-loads of ice. He also erected, at the foot of Butler creek, an ice-house to accommodate the retail trade, and filled it with ice.

Mr. Jaques is a Republican in politics. He has never been a member of any church, but his inclinations have been toward the Methodist Church, of which his first wife was a member. His present wife is a member of the Christian Church, as are also some of his children.

On the 27th day of December, 1877, the family of Mr. Jaques suffered a most afflictive bereavement in the accidental death of his daughter, Libbie A. She was a most amiable young lady, of pleasing appearance and manners, much loved and esteemed by all, and her untimely death was greatly regretted; the whole after-life of the family was darkened by this calamity. Of the children of Mr. Jaques living, all are at home with him excepting his eldest daughter, Emma Jane, who is the wife of J. A. Calkins, and resides in California.

Mr. Jaques, during the years that he was in business, repeatedly suffered serious losses by fire and otherwise; and yet his hand has always been open to those in need. A subscription paper for any charitable or public enterprise has never passed him without his name and contribution. He commenced in life with nothing but his strong hands and determined purpose to accomplish success. In this he has not failed, as he is now comfortably situated, with a pleasant and attractive home and a well-established business. His success demonstrates what can be accomplished by industry, energy and perseverance, and the exercise of a kindly bearing and a gentlemanly demeanor toward others.

JOHN KEITH LEEDY, M. D.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

John Keith Leedy was born on the 15th day of May, 1830, in the town of Bellville, Richland Co., Ohio, to which place his parents, John and Elizabeth Leedy, emigrated from their old home at Lewisburg, Penn., early in the nineteenth century; there they commenced the hoes and toils, and endured the vicissitudes of a pioneer life, with their nearest white neighbor six miles distant, and with the steady perseverance, industry and thrift that invariably distinguishes their race and denomination, they being of German descent, and members of the Tunker Church, accumulated a handsome competence of this world's goods, and raised a large family of sons and daughters who were a credit and a source of pride to them in their declining years. The opportunities for acquiring an education were somewhat limited, but with that indomitable energy which always distinguished him, the subject of this sketch improved them to the utmost. He remained at home attending the district school in the winter, and assisting his father in the labor of the farm during the summer season until he became of age. He at once went to work to complete his education, using the patrimony his father had given him for that purpose, and, after four years' hard study, selected the medical profession as the one most congenial to his disposition and tastes; he entered the office of ——— Smith, M. D., of Bellville, where he read medicine, and assisted his preceptor by every means in his power in order to gain all the practical knowledge possible. On the 19th of February, 1849, he graduated at Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, at the head of his classes, in both medicine and surgery; in May, 1849, he came to this county, and located in Warsaw, and commenced the practice of his profession. He at once took his place in the front rank, and those who remember those old-time physicians—Stacy, Child and Whiting—can appreciate the fact that, judging from that fact alone, he was no ordinary man. On the 22d day of October, 1850, he was united in marriage with Miss Regina M. Chipman, only daughter of the Hon. John B. Chipman, one of the oldest citizens, and for many years one of the most prominent men of this county. In March, 1863, the Doctor was appointed Surgeon of the Seventy-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which position he filled to the satisfaction of all for two years, when he was compelled to resign on account of his hearing having been injured by concussion from the explosion of a shell at the battle of Jonesboro, in Georgia, in September, 1864.