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Mr. Baker resumed his clerical duties with Messrs. Chipman Bros. & Co., and remained with them until 1863.

November 23, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Angie, daughter of Hon. Peter L. Runyan, of Warsaw.

In 1863, he formed a partnership with John H. Rousseau, and engaged in the retail boot and shoe trade in Warsaw. From this business he retired in 1865, and accepted a traveling position with Van Uxum & Leeds, of Richmond, Ind., remaining thus engaged until 1866, when, in company with his kinsmen, Capt. P. L. Runyan and Capt. George Crouse, he engaged in mercantile pursuits at Bourbon, Ind. Eight months later, he resumed his life as traveling salesman, accepting an engagement with Comstock, Howard & Co., of La Fayette, Ind., with whom he remained until July 1, 1869. He then engaged a second time in the boot and shoe trade at Warsaw in company with Thomas Bryant, of La Fayette; but he was dissatisfied with the monopoly imposed by an establishment of this nature, and in March, 1871, sold his interest to Mr. Bryant, and again accepted a traveling engagement, this time with Taylor, Rodgers & Co., of Toledo, Ohio. On the 1st of June, 1873, he engaged with Emerson & Co., wholesale grocers, of the same city, and still represents that firm.

The various changes in his business relations have been made entirely by himself, and in each case his employers have accepted his resignation with unfeigned reluctance. His success as a salesman has been remarkable, and he has proven himself a valuable acquisition to the firms with whom he has been engaged.

In the fall of 1878, he became the Republican candidate for the office of Auditor of Kosciusko County, and such was the popular friendship entertained for him that men of all parties rallied to his support, and he was triumphantly elected.

He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having

united with that body at the age of fourteen years, and for many years has served in an official capacity in the Church.

He united with Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., in 1860, and after passing through the subordinate lodge, became a member of Hackleman Encampment. He subsequently transferred his membership from Kosciusko to Lake City Lodge, and represented that lodge at the grand session of 1874.

He was "made a Mason" in Warsaw Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in 1871, and took all of its degrees; he became a member of Warsaw Chapter, R. A. Masons, in 1873, and of Warsaw Commandery, No. 10, in the same year, and was a Representative from that Commandery at the grand session of 1877.

He is one who has gained friends wherever his lot has been cast, and none speak of him save in the warmest terms of friendship and respect.

That his life has been one of success and usefulness is beyond question.

His wedded life has been blessed by one daughter—Miss Blanche, and one son, George Bramwell; the light of home and the joy of their parents.

WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

William Zimmerman, son of Henry and Sarah Zimmerman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, on the 17th of June, 1830. He inherited from his parents the sturdy, robust frame, the steady perseverance and downright straightforward manner of speech, and action that characterizes the better portion of the German race. He was early inured to the labors of the farm, in all of which he has never been backward about doing his full share. His education was acquired at common schools during the winter season.

On the 5th of May, 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Reese, of Wayne County, Ohio. The fruit of this union was one son and five daughters. Mrs. Zimmerman departed this life on the 27th of October, 1876, mourned for not only by her husband and children, but a large circle of friends and acquaintances, to whom she had endeared herself.

Mr. Zimmerman came to this county October 1, 1853, and purchased a splendid farm in the heart of Big Turkey Creek Prairie, two miles west of Leesburg, where he resided until March 1, 1878, when he removed to Leesburg, and became engaged in the grain and warehouse business. On the 7th of December, following, he went out of that business and formed a partnership with Jerry E. Stephenson, for the sale of general merchandise, in which he is now engaged.

On the 28th of December, 1876, he was married again, this time to Miss Louisa M. Rippey, youngest daughter of Hon. David Rippey. They have one child—a son.

Mr. Zimmerman is very decided in his political opinions, but such is the confidence in him of those who know him best, that, although the township in which he lives gives always a large majority for the party to which he is opposed, he has been elected to the office of Township Trustee in it, which is the only office he has ever held. He is a member of Leesburg Lodge, No. 432, and of Leesburg Encampment, No. 139, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and each has conferred upon him the highest honors in its gift. He has represented both organizations in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the State of Indiana. He is a consistent member of the M. E. Church.

He has always, owing to his energy and industry and care, been successful in business matters, and is now in the enjoyment of a very comfortable competence of this world's goods, which it is to be hoped he will long be spared to enjoy.

FREDERICK MYERS, LEESBURG.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Frederick Myers was born on the 6th day of April, 1834, in Lexington Township, Stark Co., Ohio. His parents were natives of France, and had left that country of revolutions (and, at that time, of discord and contending factions, for a more peaceful home). Frederick stayed at home, working on his father's farm, and going to school about three months each winter until he was fifteen years old. He then, with that irrepressible energy that has always characterized him, started out for himself, and went to work for a man driving a team and working in a saw-mill, where he continued until 1853, when he came to this county, and worked in a saw-mill for David Carr, where Elma Green is now. He remained there about three years, and then went to Huntington, in this State, to learn the trade of a millwright. That he accomplished in about two years, after which he returned to this county, and went to work by himself at putting up mills, setting up steam engines, etc., in this and in Noble, Marshall and St. Joseph Counties, at which he continued until the spring of 1860. He then took a contract for sawing lumber in German Township, Marshall County, which ran for two years. He finally bought a saw-mill of his own, and a large tract of timber-land, running in debt over two thousand dollars for it, and he went to work in earnest, with what success can be determined from the

fact that Mr. Myers now owns a fine dwelling, a large planing-mill and saw-mill and lumber-yard in Leesburg, in this county, a large lumber-yard and planing-mill in Janesville, Wis., from \$3,000 to \$4,000 worth of property in Plymouth, in this State, and 100 acres of good land in this county, and a good farm of 192 acres in Marshall County.

He was united in marriage with Miss Amy E. Kring, of Marshall County, on the 20th of October, 1858. They have two sons and one daughter.

They removed to Leesburg in 1871, and have resided there ever since. Mr. Myers is a man of powerful build, physically, is full of life and energy, and his success in life can be attributed only to those qualities and his disposition for hard work.

GEORGE W. FRASIER.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

George W. Frasier was born in Noblesboro, Herkimer Co., N. Y., July 12, 1824, where he lived until in 1835, at which time, his parents, with their family, removed to Huron County, Ohio. He had naturally a studious mind, a retentive memory, and was untingly industrious, and when he came to Indiana and located at South Bend, in December, 1845, he had a better education for practical purposes than many are able to acquire with collegiate opportunities that were denied him.

On the 28th day of September, 1847, he was united in marriage to Miss Mahala Bray, the daughter of Tyra W. Bray, Esq., who was for years the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Joseph County, in this State. A short time after his marriage he commenced the study of law in the office of Judge Thomas S. Stanfield, of South Bend, and, after close application for two years and a half to his studies, was admitted to the bar in 1850. In May, of that year, he removed to La Grange Center, in La Grange County, and where he resided, engaged in the practice of his profession until December, 1852, when he removed to Warsaw, where he continued to reside to the date of his death, April 2, 1872, falling a victim to that dread destroyer—consumption. Mr. Frasier was an active man in everything that he took an interest in, and was always ready to uphold his opinions. He was, consequently, a prominent figure in politics in this county for years. He was never ambitious for place for himself, but was an untiring worker in the interest of his friends. He was elected Joint Representative in the Legislature of this State for Kosciusko and Wabash Counties in October, 1860. He was elected by a majority of over 3,000 over his opponent, who was an excellent man. Mr. Frasier's course as a Representative was such as to win for him the warmest praise from his constituents. During the last years of his life, he traveled quite extensively, vainly seeking relief from the terrible disease that had settled on his vitals, finally going to California in 1871. He returned, after a long stay, to his untimely determination and indomitable energy was illustrated in his last effort in his profession, it being an argument to the Court in a case, delivered while he was reclining on a lounge brought into the court-room for that purpose.

He had an inexhaustible fund of humor and ready wit, and even now, his expressions are in frequent use by the older members of the bar of this county, that recall sadly pleasant recollections of him. He was a member of the Universalist Church, and died a firm believer in that faith, leaving a devoted wife (a lady widely known and universally respected for her works of charity and kindness, and her active work in the cause of temperance), and five children to mourn his loss. Their oldest daughter is the wife of Hon. H. S. Biggs, Mayor of Warsaw, and their oldest son, S. B. Frasier, Esq., is Register in Bankruptcy for this district.

A warm and true friend, a talented and honest lawyer, ever watchful of the interests confided to his care—such a man was George W. Frasier, whom to know best was to admire most, in whose life there was much to admire and little to condemn.

HENRY HOOVER (DECEASED).

Henry Hoover was born September 22, 1788, in the State of North Carolina, and removed, with his father's family, to Warren County, Ohio, in 1802, where he resided until 1807. He then came to Indiana Territory, settling at Whitewater, near the present city of Richmond. He married like many pioneer lads, he had grown up where educational advantages were extremely limited, and possessed but a meager knowledge of any branches save reading, writing and the elements of arithmetic. He began life for himself on a new farm—a condition generally deemed unfavorable to intellectual development; but he had recourse to home reading and study, and found in this more than a substitute for the circumstances of the schoolroom. His researches were extensive and varied, and he acquired a rich fund of knowledge and integrity, and was chosen to represent his county in the State Legislature at various times. He continued to reside in Wayne County until his death, which occurred in 1868.

His son, Alfred Hoover, was born in Wayne County, Ind., in the year 1811, and grew to manhood amid scenes of pioneer life. His education was acquired at the common school of that period, assisted by careful and patient study at home during his leisure hours. He early learned to appreciate and value the virtue of industry, and proved of valuable service to his father in the routine of labor incident to farm life; and, by his experience in youth, was peculiarly fitted to perform his part in the early settlement of the township in which he now resides.

In 1837, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Alhead, of Orange County, N. C. In 1853, he came to Kosciusko County and settled on the farm where he now resides, in Washington Township. It was then covered by a heavy growth of timber, and possessed but little to entitle it to the name of home; but he entered with vigor upon the labor of clearing and outfitting it, and within a few years had accumulated a sufficient sum to add more land to his original purchase. He was always ready to encourage any measure inaugurated for the improvement of the township, feeling that what enhanced its value promoted the interests of each of its citizens.

He has devoted his time and attention to the art of farming, and by this means has acquired a competence in worldly goods. Like many of our early settlers, he started in life comparatively poor, and the reward of his labors came to him only after years of economy and toil.

He was reared under the influence and teachings of the Society of Friends and throughout his life has been a devout Christian. Socially, he occupies a high position, and in his business transactions has established a reputation for fair dealing with all men. He has been a useful citizen in the community, and is respected and honored by all who know him. His wedded life was blessed by ten children, named, respectively, Anne, Franklin, Thomas A., Martha, John C., Mary L., Gertrude, Henry, Alfred and Lily, all of whom are now living save Alfred.

DANIEL HOOVER, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

Daniel, son of Henry Hoover, was born June 19, 1827, in Wayne County, Ind., and passed his early days after the ordinary manner of farmer lads, attending the common schools during the winter and working on his father's farm during the remainder of the year. Here he acquired a practical knowledge of the art of farming, which art, in later years, proved his road to wealth. March 11, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Heagy, daughter of John and Sarah Heagy, of Wayne County, Ind. Two years later (fall of 1854), he removed to Kosciusko County, and purchased 160 acres of unimproved land in Washington Township, from which he developed his present farm. As the product of his farm began to return him a good income, he wisely invested his means in other land, and at present is the possessor of 218 acres, of which 175 acres are in the finest state of cultivation. He has been industrious and enterprising all his life; and, while never less generous than his neighbors in contributions to deserving objects, has yet been careful to provide a "good foundation against the time to come," and has accumulated a fine fortune to maintain him in his old age, and an inheritance for his loved ones who shall survive him.

He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has lived a life above reproach. He was "made an Odd Fellow" in 1866, in Pierce Lodge, No. 2571, and, after passing through the various degrees and charts of that lodge, became a member of Enterprise Encampment.

Politically, he is a Republican, and has always acted with that party. In 1860, he was chosen Trustee of his township, and filled that office with honor for three consecutive terms of one year each, but he has never sought political favors, and never permitted himself to be a candidate for any other office. He is one who has few enemies, and is universally esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

His wedded life was blessed by three children—Emma J., Minnie H. and Ellen Grace, all of whom are now living at home.

SAMUEL M. HAYES, EX-TREASURER KOSCIUSKO COUNTY.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Samuel M. Hayes was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, on the 6th day of August, 1839. He had all the advantages of a common-school education, and improved them well. His parents came to Pierceion in this county with their family in 1854. His father, Dr. William Hayes, was an active practitioner, with a large practice, and the subject of this sketch made up his mind to adopt the medical profession, and the breaking-out of the rebellion found him reading medicine in his father's office. He volunteered at the first opportunity, and on the organization of the Thirtieth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, he was mustered into that regiment as Hospital Steward. He performed every duty assigned him promptly and conscientiously, and March 5, 1864, he was promoted to Assistant Surgeon, which position he held until September 29, 1864, when he was mustered out of the service with his regiment. On his return home, he went into the business of selling drugs and medicines with his father, at Pierceion, which he continued until 1873. On the 20th of May, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Virginia Leedy, of Mansfield, Ohio, which proved to be a happy union for both of them. In October, 1872, he was elected Treasurer of this county, and was re-elected to the same position in October, 1874. Before his term of office had expired, on the 18th of January, 1876, he departed this life, a prey to consumption, beloved by all who knew him, and leaving his wife and four children to mourn their irreparable loss.

He was a member of Warsaw Lodge, No. 73, Free and Accepted Masons; of Warsaw Chapter, No. 48, Royal Arch Masons, and of Warsaw Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar. He was also a charter member and one of the founders of Pierceion Lodge, No. 266, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of Hackleman Encampment, No. 37, I. O. F., at Warsaw. His funeral was attended by all the Orders named, and an immense concourse of people. Such, in brief, was Samuel M. Hayes, an officer in the army, brave, skillful and humane; as a county officer and man, scrupulously exact, honest and obliging; as a friend, as true as steel; as a citizen, enterprising and public-spirited, and as a husband and father, without a fault.

EZEKIEL MILLER, MONROE TOWNSHIP.

Ezekiel, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Miller, was born March 13, 1826, in Stark County, Ohio, and was reared on a farm. He acquired a good English education at the common schools of his native county, and out of school hours was engaged in the usual pursuits of farm life on the homestead of his father.

In 1844, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Summers, of Columbiana County, Ohio, and resided in that county from that date until the spring of 1853, at which time he came to Indiana to make for himself a home from the wilderness that covered the site of his purchase. He bought a tract of land containing 160 acres, and to this subsequently added 120 acres, also heavily timbered. Almost alone, he has cleared the entire tract, with the exception of forty acres, and now has it under a fine state of improvement. His industrious nature has ultimately in his own good and to his financial advantage, and he is looked upon as one of the successful and prosperous farmers of this county.

He is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and has ever been an open-hearted contributor to the support of religious and educational institutions. Politically, he has long been identified with the Republican party, and, although not a politician, has always been a zealous worker for the success of the cause which he has espoused. He is a man whose deep-laid principles and firm integrity have induced the respect and admiration of all with whom he has been associated, and he occupies a high social position in the community.

Six children crowned the happiness of his married life, viz., Emeline, Lyman D., Hannah, Clementine, Mary E. and Cora L., of whom Mary E., Cora L. and Clementine alone now survive.

DANIEL MILLER, MONROE TOWNSHIP.

Daniel Miller was born December 13, 1819, near Paris, Stark Co., Ohio. His father, Jacob Miller, was born in Pennsylvania December 2, 1795, and married Elizabeth Marsh January 19, 1817. They had twelve children, all of whom are now living.

Jacob Miller removed with his parents to Stark County, Ohio, when quite young, and there acquired his education, grew to manhood and reared a family, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second-born. Daniel was a boy upon whom nature had not bestowed her choicest gifts. He was small of stature for one of his age, and was not distinguished for his ability to learn readily. However, as he neared the age of eighteen years, his physique began to develop, and with it his intellectual powers; so that