The Doctor is United States Examining Surgeon for this county, and is a member of the American Medical Association, and of the State and County Medical Societies. He is a member of Lake City Lodge, No. 371, F. & A. M., of Warsaw; Chapter No. 48, Royal Arch Masons, and of Warsaw Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar. The Doctor is now in the prime of life. He has a large practice, which is constantly increasing, and a long life of usefulness is apparently before him.

T. J. HEAGY, Washington Township.

Theodore J. Heagy, son of John and Sarah Heagy, was born October 6, 1832, in Cumberland County, Penn. His father was a well-to-do farmer, and the subject of this sketch was early instructed in the details of that occupation. During the winter, he attended the common school near his home, where he acquired a good English education. At the age of seven years, he removed with his parents to Montgomery County, Ohio, and, several years later, again removed with them, settling in Wayne County, Ind., where he grew to manhood.

In 1855, he rented a farm in that county, saving a little each year, until he had accumulated a sufficient sum to purchase a farm for his home. August 17, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Barnes, a native of Wayne County, Ind., and, in 1858, purchased a farm in that county, upon which he continued to reside until the fall of 1872, when he came to Kosciusko County and purchased the farm upon which he now resides.

He has always been a good manager, and, by industry and economy, has accumulated a comfortable estate. In 1878, he was "made an Odd Fellow" in Pierceton Lodge, No. 257, and is an active member of that fraternity. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and a consistent Christian. During his residence in the township, he has gained many friends, by whom he is known as an upright and honorable man.

His wedded life was blessed by seven children, viz., Sarah E., Henrietta E., John F., William M., George E., Homer E. and Minnie O., all of whom now survive.

JOHN D. WIDAMAN, ESQ.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

John D. Widaman was born in Westmoreland County, Penn., on the 15th of June, 1851. His father, Michael Widaman, was the son of an eminent German military officer, who, for ten years previous to his coming to this country, had charge of the French military school that corresponds to our West Point. He came to this country and settled in Lancaster County, Penn., where he married, and then moved to Westmoreland County, in the same State, and died there in 1835, his wife surviving him until 1866, when she died, aged eighty-seven years. John's father married Miss Catharine Miller; she died when John was only eleven years of age. Her father and mother are both still living, having been married almost seventy years. Mr. Widaman received a good education, which was finished by a course at Mount Union College in Ohio, and he came to Warsaw in 1874, and entered the office of W. S. Marshall, Esq., and studied law. He was admitted to practice in 1875. On the 29th of November, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Estella Saine, only child of Allen and Lucinda Saine. Mr. Saine died in 1867, and Mrs. Saine in 1877. Mr. Widaman owns the fine iron-front building of which an illustration is given, and it is called the "Saine Block," in honor of Mr. Saine, who for years was one of the most prominent business men in this county. He was a native of Maryland, and previous to his coming to Leesburg, in this county, where he first settled, he had lived at Tiffin, Ohio, where he had moved after his return from California in 1850. In 1851, he came to Leesburg, and to Warsaw in 1855, and was a heavy dealer in grain. He shipped the first car-load of wheat from Warsaw, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, that was ever shipped from this county. He was a member of Warpole Lodge, No. 176, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Widaman is a member of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 62, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has received the highest honors in its gift, and has represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the State.

FRANCIS A. PLACE.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Francis A. Place was born in North Manchester, Wabash Co., Ind., on the 5th of November, 1850. His parents were prominent members of the Society of Friends, and his father, in the old days of slavery and anti-slavery, or, in other words, of underground railroads, was prominent as one of the principal route agents or superintendents of the main line running from the Ohio River to Canada. Like all of his denomination, he was a conscientious believer in the doctrine that "all men were created free and equal," and that oppression and slavery were wrong, and believing, he never hesitated at risking his property or his life (for in those days it was dangerous business to assist the flying fugitive from slavery) in helping the hunted slave on toward a land where he was beyond the reach of the task-master. The subject of this sketch had all the opportunities to be had at an excellent common school to acquire an education, and they were well improved. On the 24th day of July, 1869, he was united in marriage with Miss Bie C. Hoover, of Wabash County. They have one child, a daughter. He had studied the art of photography, and March 4, 1875, they came to Warsaw to make it their home. Mr. Place at once commenced work at his profession in company with J. J. Martin. The partnership was dissolved in June afterward, since which time he has continued the business by himself. The clearness and expression of his pictures make them not only a credit to him, but render them objects of beauty, of which any artist might be proud. He is a patient, careful worker, and with his present advanced position in his art, a few years more will place him in the front rank, without a superior.

DR. W. H. EGGLESTON, Warsaw.

William H., son of James and Jerusha Eggleston, was born July 7, 1847, at Seneca Falls, N. Y. In 1850, he removed with his parents to the State of Michigan, where he was sent to school and acquired a good education. His early aspirations were for a professional life, and, in 1868, he began the study of dentistry with Dr. Kessler, at Three Rivers, Mich. He subsequently entered upon the practice with his preceptor, with whom he was associated for a short time. After the dissolution of this relation, he went to Homer, Mich., where he practiced two years.

November 4, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Davis, a resident of Sturgis, Mich. This union was blessed by one son—Harry J.

In 1874, he came to Warsaw, Ind., as the successor of Dr. Quail. Here, by close attention to business, he has established a large practice and an enviable reputation.

J. H. DAVISSON, M. D.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

J. H. Davisson was born July 14, 1849, in Harrison County, Va. (now West Virginia). His father, Austin Davisson, is a farmer and stock-raiser in one of the fertile valleys that lie among the Alleghany Mountains, in that delightful part of the "Old Dominion," and, when his son was not at school, kept him engaged in the routine of farm life. He, at an early age, developed an inclination for study, and, from early boyhood, availed himself of every opportunity to improve his mind and add to his stock of information. At an early age, he made choice of the medical profession, and made every endeavor to fit himself for it. He entered the Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, taking his place at once in the Freshman Class. While at the University, in addition to the regular course of study, he studied the collateral branches of medicine, and commenced the regular study of medicine and surgery, under the direction of Dr. Irwin, an eminent physician and surgeon of Athens. After leaving the University, he continued his studies and commenced to practice in Harrison County, in the neighborhood of his old home, and thus added practical knowledge to that he derived from his books. He varied the monotony of his life a little during this time, by teaching two terms of school, one in a country district and one in the village of Quiet Dell. April 1, 1873, he purchased a stock of drugs and medicines, and located at Janelew, Lewis Co., W. Va., where he continued the study and practice of medicine, using the drug store more as a laboratory than as a means of making money. May 1, 1874, he disposed of the drug store, as it was becoming burdensome, but continued in the practice, interrupted only by his attendance on courses of medical lectures, until the 29th of February, 1876, at which time he graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., at the head of his class, and received in token thereof a magnificent gold medal, and a very handsome parchment-prize, lettered in the highest style of caligraphic art, and which attests his "special proficiency in all the departments of medicine," and is signed by the medical Faculty. The Doctor located permanently in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, April 2, 1876, and began the practice of his profession, and, on the 20th of May after, formed a partnership with Dr. S. C. Gray, which terminated November 12, 1878, since which time, he has continued to practice by himself. The Doctor is a prominent member of the American Medical Association, and is wedded to his profession, and has a high ideal of the duties and responsibilities of the true physician. As a physician, he is a careful and critical practitioner, and, as a surgeon, a bold and skillful operator, and his knowledge of his profession won him a large practice in a short time after he located in Warsaw. As a member of society, he is excelled by none in all the accomplishments essential to a gentleman of literary taste and culture.

J. M. BASH, M. D., Warsaw.

BY COL. J. B. DODGE.

Dr. Bash was born in Fayette County, Ind., December 17, 1848, and, when eight years of age, removed with his parents to Marion County, Ind., near Indianapolis, where he remained until November, 1867, attending school the greater portion of the time, and assisting his father on the farm during the busy season of the year. He then entered the Northwestern Christian University, at Indianapolis, where he remained until the completion of his Freshman year. The next year, he attended Asbury University, at Greencastle, Ind. At the close of the same year, he began the study of medicine, under the instruction of J. I. Rooker, M. D., of Indianapolis. After he was sufficiently advanced, in the winter of 1871–72, he attended a course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. He then went to New London, Howard County, and entered the office of J. D. Shirley, M. D., where he resumed his studies; at the same time assisting the Doctor in his practice, for nearly two years, when he entered the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, at which institution he graduated in 1874. He immediately began the practice of his profession at McCordsville, Hancock County.

In December, 1877, he located at Warsaw, where he has since continued to reside. He has established a good practice, and bears a fine professional reputation. He is yet a young man, and the future is full of promise for him.

GABRIEL SWIHART, Lake Township.

Gabriel Swihart was born September 13, 1817, in Montgomery County, Ohio, and grew to manhood on a farm, where he received his instruction in the pursuit which has been his occupation through life. His educational advantages were such as were offered by the common schools of the period, but he made good use of his opportunities, and in later years became a school teacher, being among the pioneer teachers of Kosciusko County. He remained with his parents on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, and then came with his father to Kosciusko County, settling in the southern part of the county, where he has since continued to reside.

On the 26th day of January, 1840, he was united in marriage with Miss Leah McDonald, by whom he had seven children. Of this number, three are deceased, viz., Dannah, Mary and John. Those who survive are Anna, Elizabeth, Jacob and Joseph.

He is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and has been identified with that denomination for a period of thirty-eight years. He has never been a politician, but is nevertheless a cordial supporter of the political party whose views he holds. He has acted as Trustee of his township, and, for a period of more than ten years, has served as Postmaster.

He is a man of firm principles and integrity, and one who has gained many friends during his residence in the township. He came to his present home when it was a native wilderness, and, by industry and economy, has developed a farm and amassed a comfortable fortune. In the sixty-first year of his age, he is still well preserved and vigorous, and bids fairly to live yet many years in the enjoyment of a competence acquired by a life of toil.

WILLIAM L. MATTHEWS

was born on the 9th of September, 1838, in Ross County, Ohio. In October, 1848, he, with his parents, came to this county. He attended the common schools in Ohio and this State until he was seventeen years of age, when he went with his parents to Kansas, in 1855. His father dying in a short time, he returned with his mother and her family to Galveston, in this county, and he devoted his entire energies to perfecting his education. In order to do so, he taught school at different times until he would acquire sufficient means to pay his expenses for a time, and would then return to school-teaching again. In this way, he paid his expenses at Hopewell Academy in 1858 and 1859. At the breaking-out of the war, he enlisted in the first company (E, Twelfth Indiana Volunteer Infantry) that was raised in this county, and served for one year. He then attended college at Valparaiso, in this State, for one year, and then enlisted again, this time in the Thirtieth Indiana Volunteers, and served until the close of the war.

Mr. Matthews was married May 5, 1867, to Miss Nancy Stackhouse, who departed this life March 15, 1868. On the 3d day of December, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Brown. They have one child—a son. He was elected Justice of the Peace for Prairie Township in 1869, was appointed School Examiner for this county by the County Commissioners in 1871, and was elected County School Superintendent in 1873, which position he held for two years. Since that time, he has been engaged in teaching school, and was, for some time, Principal of the Public Schools in Silver Lake. He has found time to study law since the close of the war, in addition to his other labors, and he is a member of the bar of this county. He is eminently a self-made man, and owes to his own untiring exertions the position before the public that he holds.

ALFRED WILCOX

was born on the 2d day of May, 1813, in the town of Broadalbin, Fulton Co., N. Y., where he lived with his parents until he was ten years of age, when he was apprenticed to Darius Wells, who was at that time publishing the *Mohawk Herald*, in the town of Amsterdam. He worked at the trade about one year, when he had the misfortune to lose one of his thumbs, and was thereby incapacitated for further labor in that line. Mr. Wilcox remembers that, at that time, large numbers of men were engaged at work in the construction of what was, for years after, a great artery of commerce, the Erie Canal, while the Mohawk River was navigated by keel-boats, that were pushed up stream, against a strong current, by men with "setting poles," loaded with goods of all descriptions, while the road leading west was filled continually with a stream of loaded wagons, all on their way to supply the wants of the people "out West." Now the canal floating boats, that vie in capacity with sailing vessels, and propelled by steam, have taken the place of the keel-boats, and a railroad with four parallel tracks can only supply a small portion of the people west of that point, so rapid has been the growth of the country.

In the year 1830, Mr. Wilcox left his old home and removed to Ohio, settling in Medina County at first. In 1835, he left there and went to Marshall, Calhoun Co., Mich., where he remained about two years, at work at the carpenter's trade. He then made a trip through northern Illinois and Indiana, and, finally, located in Warsaw in November, 1837. The town at that time contained seven families, the most of them living in primitive style, in log cabins.

On the 23d of October, 1838, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann Davis, who departed this life in December, 1876, respected by all who knew her, leaving her husband and two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss. In the fall of 1840, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox made a visit to Ohio. They went in a wagon, via Toledo, Sandusky and Elyria to Medina County, where his parents still resided. Mr. Wilcox left his wife there and returned on foot, via Defiance and Fort Wayne, and, when near the State line, he stayed over night with the crew of a keel-boat, who were pushing their boat loaded with goods, up the Maumee River to Fort Wayne, in the precise manner he had seen practiced on the Mohawk River in 1823. It would seem that the keel-boat in those days was a precursor of civilization, as the railroad is now.

In August, 1841, Mr. Wilcox was elected Auditor of the county, and was re-elected in 1845, and served until 1851. In 1859, he was appointed Land Appraiser of this county, and was elected to the same office in 1863, and was elected Trustee of Wayne Township in 1878, which position he still occupies (1879).

Mr. Wilcox has been very unfortunate in meeting with accidents. In addition to the loss of his thumb, spoken of before, he lost one of his eyes in 1838, by a piece of a gun cap striking him in it, while out hunting one day, and, in 1877, he had the misfortune to have one of his legs so badly broken—being thrown out of a carriage by a runaway horse—that it had to be amputated. Notwithstanding all these accidents, Mr. Wilcox—borne up by a fund of humor and a mind that enables him to take a philosophical view of things—is one of the kindest of men and most genial of companions, and no man can point to a single instance, either in his private life or his long official life, in which he has ever tried to defraud or wrong any one.

JAMES H. CARPENTER.

His father, Lewis R. Carpenter, was born in Harrison County, Va., April 20, 1796; he was of German parentage, but his ancestors had gone from Scotland to Germany. His mother, Eliza Stewart, was born in Mason County, Ky., February 28, 1798; her father was a Protestant Irishman from the North of Ireland, and her mother was a Scotchwoman. They were married September 21, 1821, and resided in Harrison County, Va., where the subject of this memoir—the eldest of eight children—was born October 31, 1822. His early advantages for acquiring an education were very limited; his entire course in school not exceeding eleven months; but, by close application, and almost entirely unaided, he gained sufficient knowledge to commence teaching, and in this way pursued such studies as he could out of the school-room, and during vacations, until he obtained a very liberal education. Habits of study, formed thus early, have clung to him through life, and given him—not only in two professions, but in general information—a wealth of learning attained by but few. Born upon a farm, and inured to manual labor, his early inclinations were for a rural life; but, yielding to his father's advice, and the wishes of friends, he studied medicine in Mount Vernon, Ohio, with Dr. John Kost, at present Professor of Natural Sciences, of Adrian College, Michigan. Having located at Wolf Lake, in Noble County, Ind., he commenced practice February 24, 1846, and continued until the fall of that year, when he attended the Physio-Medical College, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated February 23, 1847. He then removed to Boydston's Mills, in Kosciusko County, Ind., and continued the practice of medicine until April 15, 1854. During all this time, he had a very extensive practice, and was one of the most successful practitioners ever in the county. A quick perceptive faculty, and "a will to act," made him, with a large store of medical information at his command, master of almost every disease. Unremitting attention to so large a practice in those early days of Kosciusko County life, soon broke down his constitution, and he was thus compelled, in the very prime of usefulness, to change his profession, and he accordingly moved to Warsaw, and studied law with the Hon. James S. Frazer. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1854, and began the practice of the law the following April; he soon commanded a good business, and rapidly advanced in his new profession.

At the outbreak of the rebellion in 1861, he heartily espoused the Union cause, and recruited two companies of volunteers for the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. But, while on his way to camp with these companies, he suffered, in a railroad accident, a compound fracture of his right thigh-bone which prevented him, at that time, entering the military service of the country, and which fracture left him a cripple for life. In 1863, having partially recovered from this misfortune, he recruited Company I, of the