JOHN GUTHRIE

JOHN GUTHRIE, Esq., Butler Township, was born among the hills of Pike County, Ohio, August 20th, 1821. His early advantages were limited;—the more so, perhaps, by having been left an orphan in infancy, through the death of his father. The old home, however, was not broken up. His mother, after a time, married a second time, and Johnny continued at home, a faithful farmer boy, till 19 years of age. After, this time for about five years, he engaged, for wages, as a laborer—still remaining among the neighbors of his childhood. Arriving in his 24th year, (May 1st, 1845,) he wedded Miss Delilah Thompson. She was born August 22d, 1820, in the same school district as himself. They had grown up schoolmates and playmates together. Five months after their marriage, or in the fall of 1845, they bade friends, home and kindred farewell, to seek a home in the green woods of the "*Miami Reserve.*"

Upon their arrival, Mr. Guthrie very soon laid claim to the quarter section upon which he still resides, and which now affords him so desirable a home.

The price was $2.00 per acre, and was to come into market about two years after the pre-emption was made. Here commenced, then, the battle of life, and it has since been fought, both manfully and successfully. The time of payment drawing nigh he was about $60.00 short of the amount required. To secure this, he applied to his step-father—still at the old homestead, in the East—and was successful. But the payment closed his purse was stripped! Not a dollar had he left; energy and determination however soon recuperated. Time were away. The felling of the forest; cultivated fields; a cabin, and other improvements began to be manifest! Obligations were cancelled! Instead of a trackless, savage forest, it began to assume the appearance, at least, of semi-civilization. The prattle of little voices began to mingle at the fireside, and the patter of little feet, and the meddling of tiny fingers, were on the increase. In short, but in fact, a few, industrious years, and they possessed a *real home*, comfortable, delightful and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie are now the parents of twelve children—ten living.

We give, below, their record of birth, etc., viz:

NANCY—born May 31st, 1846—died Dec. 4th, 1853.
JAMES W.—born Nov. 9th, 1847—died Feb. 16, '68.
REBECCA—born Sept. 20th, 1849.
MARGARET F.—born Oct. 17th, 1851.
JOHN M.—born Aug. 18th, 1853.
MOSES—born Aug. 27th, 1855.
PERRY—born Jan. 15th, 1857.
SUSANNAH—born April 9th, 1859.
HARVEY—born May 17th, 1861.
MARIETTA—born March 27th, 1864.
CYRUS S.—born Oct. 9th, 1867.
HIRAM—born Nov. 6th, 1870.

Two of the daughters are married—Rebecca to Eli Blevins, Jan. 15th, 1870, and now resides in Louisa County, Iowa. Margaret F. to John S. Lemon, September 15th, 1871. They still live in Butler Township. None of the boys are yet married; Moses lives in Johnson County, Iowa. All the balance of the family are still with their parents.

For the past twenty two years, Mr. and Mrs. G. have been consistent members in the Christian Church. In politics Mr. Guthrie is Republican, having formerly been a Whig. He claims, to use his own language, to be still "on the same side of the fence." He cast his first ballot for William Henry Harrison, the only one of the Presidents he has ever seen in person. He is a peace-loving, law-abiding citizen, just and honorable in all his deal! Never given occasion for offense, and hence, never the recipient of imposition. Has never in his life had a case of law in court. He is highly and universally esteemed.

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