

was nominated for the office of county recorder, was triumphantly elected in November, and assumed the duties of the office September 7, 1897, when he relinquished his contracting and building operations.

The marriage of Mr. Alling took place in 1867 to Emilie A. Carter, a native of Brimfield, Portage county, Ohio, and a daughter of Horatio L. and Julia A. (Lyon) Carter, natives of Massachusetts, and this marriage has been blessed with six children, viz: Julia M., Walter C., Ruth W., Fannie M., Mary E. and Edwin L. The Alling family stand very high in the social circles of Tallmadge township, and individually Mr. Alling is highly esteemed for his personal merits. As a soldier he did his full duty, as a republican he has been faithful and active, and as a citizen he stands without reproach.

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GEORGE L. ALLEN, one of the old soldiers of the Civil war and a respected citizen of Cuyahoga Falls, was born in this city February 20, 1839, a son of George and Elizabeth (Harper) Allen—both born in Ireland. George Allen was born in 1799 in Antrim, Ireland, and was a papermaker by trade. He married, in Ireland, Elizabeth Harper. The children were Jane, Andrew, John (born in Ireland), Mary (died at sea), Robert, William, Julia, George L., Mary, Alexander, born in America, the parents having come to this country in 1832.

George Allen first settled in Lee, Mass., and worked at the papermaking business four years and then, in 1836, came to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and worked in the paper mill. He was an industrious and hard working man, was careful and economical, and accumulated property, including eighty acres where the subject of this biography now lives. He lived to be about seventy-three years of age and died on

his farm in 1872, an honored and upright man. Fraternally he was a knight templar Mason, having joined the order in Ireland when but twenty-one years of age.

George L. Allen, was brought to the farm where he now lives when a child of four years, received a common education and was brought up a farmer. He enlisted at Cuyahoga Falls, July 28, 1862, for three years or during the war, in the One Hundred and Fourth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, was transferred, at Massillon, Ohio, to company G, One Hundred and Fifteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, and served until honorably discharged, at the close of the war, at Columbus, Ohio, June 22, 1865. He was in the battles of La Vergne, Tenn., and was taken prisoner December 5, 1864, by Hood's force and surrendered, with thirty others, to Gen. Forrest. He was taken to Meridian, Miss., and thence to Andersonville prison, was confined five months and was then sent to Vicksburg to be exchanged. The prisoners, being unable to travel, were left at Cahaba, Ala., for about two or three weeks, when, the war being closed, the Union troops took possession. When Mr. Allen enlisted he was a strong and very hardy man, weighing about 150 pounds, and did his full duty, actively and promptly. His severe privations during his imprisonment reduced him to only seventy-five pounds, and when released he was a mere skeleton, and was so sickened with chronic diarrhea that he could hardly walk about. Several of his comrades from Cuyahoga Falls, were unable to undegro the strain and died. On his return to Cuyahoga Falls, Mr. Allen was so much reduced, that his own mother did not know him, and it was ten years before he even partially recovered.

He settled on the home farm and married, October 20, 1875, in Cuyahoga Falls, Allie C. Blake, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, Au-

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gust 8, 1854, a daughter of William O. and Louisa (Beach) Blake, of New England ancestry, formerly from England, where the family were shipbuilders. Mr. Blake was one of the proprietors of a large printing establishment in Columbus, Ohio, being a member of the firm of Osgood & Blake. Mr. and Mrs. Blake were the parents of two children—Alice E. and William A. Mrs. Blake died when Mrs. Allen was but four years old; Mr. Blake died in Columbus, Ohio, in September, 1865. He bought a farm at Copley, Summit county, Ohio, where Mrs. Allen lived after the death of her mother until seven years old, and then lived in Columbus. Mr. Blake was a member of the Episcopal church. He had attended school but six months in childhood, but was a man of education gained by his own efforts and teaching himself Greek after he was fifty years old. He was a publisher and writer of books and wrote books for the old firm of Miller Bros., publishers, of Columbus, Ohio. Among his works widely sold and read was the "History of the World." His nom-de-plume was Prescott.

Mr. Blake descended from the famous naval officer—Admiral Blake, of England. Gen. Blake, of Mansfield, Ohio, an Englishman, was also of that family.

Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Allen have lived on the home farm and have one son, Howard, who is a telephone inspector of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Allen is a member of the G. A. R., Eadie post, at Cuyahoga Falls. He is a war republican and cast his first vote for A. Lincoln. He is an honored citizen and for many years was a member of the school board. Mrs. Allen's grandmother, on her maternal side, was an Abernathy—a descendant of the famous Dr. Abernathy. The Allens are Scotch-Irish. Mr. Allen is a member of the Ex-Union Prisoners' association. He was detailed orderly to general headquarters, Covington,

Ky., in 1863, and was in Morgan's raid, and in September his horse fell on him, disabling his right leg, and he was in hospital at Covington, Ky., and nine months in Cincinnati and Cleveland.

JOHN ANDES, a prominent farmer of Suffield township, was born in Randolph township, Portage county, Ohio, September 8, 1852, a son of Peter and Rosa (Horning) Andes.

Peter Andes, the grandfather of subject, came from Germany to the United States in 1831 and settled in Randolph township, where he engaged in farming. He had four children, viz: Peter, father of our subject; Mary, widow of Joseph Schrader; John, who died in Germany, and Elizabeth, who died in Randolph county, the wife of John A. Knapp, also deceased. Peter and his wife were members of the Catholic church, and passed away in that faith. Peter Andes, the father of subject, is also a native of Germany, and in 1832 came to Portage county, settling on a farm on which he lived forty years, and then bought the farm now owned by his son John, the subject of this sketch. To his marriage with Miss Horning were born eleven children, eight of whom are still living, viz: Nicholas, Margaret, Peter, Mary (wife of Joseph Wise), John, Adam, Joseph and Elizabeth. The father is a democrat in politics, has served as supervisor, and in religion is a true Catholic, having served in all the secular offices of his church. He now resides in Randolph township, a highly respected citizen, but was bereaved of his wife, who died at the early age thirty-six years, a devout member of the Catholic church.

John Andes passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, and was educated in a Catholic school. At the age of twenty-one he

leader in this line since he has been in business in Akron.

Mr. Redding is a member of McPherson lodge, No. 63, K. of P., and of uniform rank, K. of P., No. 21, of which he is commissary sergeant, second battalion, of the second regiment, also a member of Ben Hur lodge, No. 11, in which he holds the office of chief.

Mr. Redding was married, January 14, 1881, to Miss Emily M. Parks, daughter of Edwin Parks, of Mansfield, and this union has been blessed with one child—Edwin Floyd. Mr. Redding makes his happy home at No. 303 West Center street, where he and his wife enjoy the esteem of many warm friends and social acquaintances.

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JAMES NESBIT, county commissioner of Summit county, Ohio, and a prominent farmer of Northfield township, was born in the Ligonier valley, Westmoreland county, Pa., December 5, 1828, the son of John and Ann (Matthews) Nesbit, both natives of the Keystone state. His paternal grandfather, William Nesbit, was a native of Scotland, and was one of the pioneer farmers of Westmoreland county, Pa. About the year 1834 he moved to Northfield, Ohio, and died there. The maternal grandfather of our subject, William Matthews, was a native of Ireland, and was also a pioneer resident of Westmoreland county, where he died. Our subject's father settled in Northfield, in what was then Portage county, Ohio, in the early 'thirties, and cleared and improved a farm of 160 acres upon which he lived and died and which is now occupied by his son John. He was a man of much influence in his community; was justice of the peace several terms and was also an elder and a prominent member of the United Presbyterian church. His death occurred in 1861. He was the father of nine

children, viz: Martha (Mrs. H. Alexander), Esther (Mrs. A. A. Rinear), William, Archibald, James, John, Mary J. (Mrs. Alexander McConnell), David, and Margaret A. (Mrs. Horace Palmer).

James Nesbit was reared as a farmer on the parental homestead and enjoyed all of the advantages of the common schools of that period. He responded to his country's call to arms in the dark days of the nation's peril, enlisting August 4, 1862, as a corporal in company G, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry. At the battle of Nashville, while guarding a bridge, he was captured and taken to Meridian, Miss., ten days later being transferred to that awful prison at Andersonville, where for five months and twelve days he suffered all the historic terror of that loathsome pen. Without shelter, without even a blanket, and with but little clothing, he suffered all but death, during that miserable period of cruel confinement. The fearful sufferings of the Andersonville prisoners are now historically familiar to all, and Mr. Nesbit's experience need not be enlarged on in this connection. Upon the declaration of peace he was honorably discharged by special order, June 21, 1865, at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Nesbit's has been a busy and a useful life. He is largely interested in all the good works of his own community and of the county at large. For eleven years he served as trustee of Northfield township, and was elected to the office of justice of the peace, but refused to qualify for this position. He is a staunch republican and his political work and counsels are of much value to his party in Summit county. His capabilities as a man of affairs and his excellent executive qualities have been recognized by the people of the county, and he is now serving his second term as county commissioner, and is discharging the duties of that responsible position faithfully and well.

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He is an honored and active member of the local post, G. A. R.

Mr. Nesbit has been twice married. His first wife, Margaret R., daughter of Henry Deisman, of Northfield township, bore him two children—Henry M. and Margaret R. His second union was with Mrs. Rebecca (Patterson) Drennen, of Buena Vista, Pa., who has also borne him two children, daughters—Ellen H. (Mrs. Isaac McConnell), and Myrtle M.

Mr. Nesbit, upon the expiration of his term of office in September, 1899, will have served the people of Summit county, faithfully and well, a little over seven years—one year by appointment and six years by election—and to-day stands as one of its most popular men.

JOHN B. PALMER, farmer and live-stock dealer of Rootstown township, Portage county, Ohio, was born in England, June 23, 1847, but has been a resident of Ohio since infancy.

William and Sophia (Brock) Palmer, parents of subject, came from England to the United States in 1848, and located in Tallmadge township, Summit county, Ohio. The father, who was a live-stock dealer and farmer, at once declared his intention to become a United States citizen, and became naturalized as soon as the laws on this subject permitted, and was ever afterward a true American, a staunch republican in politics, and a devoted friend of the soldiers at the front during the Civil war, as he well might be, as two of his sons, at least, served in the Union army. He died on his farm in 1884, at the age of seventy-eight years; his widow died in March, 1897, at Monroe Falls, Summit county, in her eighty-fifth year. Ten children were born to William Palmer and wife, all of whom are still living, viz: William, in retirement at Cuyahoga Falls; Ellen, wife of Samuel Damp, of Olmstead

Falls; Clara, wife of F. P. Caley, of Stowe township, Summit county; Fannie, wife of John Damp, of Elizabethton, Tenn.; Alford, who served nearly four years during the Civil war, and now resides in Shelby county, Ohio; Annie, now Mrs. Hill, of Stowe township, Summit county; John B., subject; Harry A., general manager of the Electric Manufacturing company at Akron; Sadie J., wife of F. Jewell, of Stowe township, Summit county; and Charles, a resident of Uhrichsville, Ohio.

John B. Palmer has passed all of his life in farming and stock-raising, of which three years were in Tennessee and the remainder on his present farm. In 1864 he enlisted in company D, One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry. He served four months, and was then honorably discharged, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. While in the army he purchased some milk, so called, from a secession woman, but the liquid was a composition of chalk and water, with a liberal component of poison. Two members of the company died from imbibing this deadly beverage, several were injured for life from its effects, and this was the case of Mr. Palmer, who now receives a pension for the disability thus incurred.

December 1, 1869, Mr. Palmer was united in marriage, in Sumner county, Tenn., with Miss Mary E. Bailey, a native of Stowe township, Summit county, Ohio, and a daughter of J. C. and Mary (Grosvenor) Bailey, an old-established family of that county. This marriage has been crowned with five children, viz: Lillian, now the wife of C. M. Bow, crockery, china and glassware dealer of Cleveland, but formerly conductor of a general store in Rootstown; Blanche, teacher in the public schools of Rootstown township; John, sixteen years of age, is an assistant to his father and also attends school—having already graduated from the village high school;

in all the battles. He died of brain fever in the city of Mexico. Another son, Leman C., enlisted in the regular United States army after the war with Mexico, and died at Tampa, Fla., during his service.

Elijah Poor was born in New York state and was a cabinetmaker by trade. He married in Hinckley, Ohio, Maria Oviatt, and they had one daughter, Maria. Mrs. Poor died soon after the birth of the daughter, and Mr. Poor next married, in Richfield, Harriet Humphrey, daughter of Julius and Rhoda (Oviatt) Humphrey, and their children were Julius, Julia A., Lucy A., Carrie, Benjamin, May and Mark. Mr. Poor moved to California about 1851 and engaged in gold mining. His children, Lucy and Mark, are the only members of the family now living, and they reside in California.

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L EVI BURROUGHS, at Northfield, Ohio, an old soldier and ex-prisoner of the Civil war, and a respected citizen, comes of New England ancestry, and was born June 15, 1843, on his parents' farm, a son of Allen and Betsey (Honey) Burroughs. He received a common education in the district school, and was reared to farming when young. He enlisted, at the age of twenty years, July 30, 1862, at Northfield, Ohio, in company G, One Hundred and Fiftieth Ohio volunteer infantry, Capt. H. Fitch, to serve three years or during the war, and was honorably discharged June 17, 1865, at Camp Chase, Columbus. He was on guard duty at Covington, Ky., Chattanooga railroad, Tenn., was captured nine miles south of Nashville by Hood's men, and taken to Meridian, Miss., being three weeks on the march. The weather was rainy and the rations raw corn meal. He was held a prisoner at Meridian a

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month, and there, also, the rations were corn meal and a very little beef. From there he was taken to Andersonville, Ga., arriving at this infamous prison stockade February 3, 1865, remaining about three months. The rations were very poor beef, corn meal and beans, which, when cooked, made one meal, and the remainder of the day they went hungry and many died. Mr. Burroughs had no shelter except to bunk with some comrades, who made a tent of two blankets and retained two blankets to cover over them; they lived on the ground and suffered greatly from the cold and wet. Mr. Burroughs was strong and hardy and managed to keep well while many of his comrades became sick. About the middle of April, 1865, the prisoners were released and Mr. Burroughs was sent to Jacksonville, Fla., with others, or to within fifteen miles of Jacksonville, and released on April 29. At Jacksonville he received clothes and food. After the war Mr. Burroughs returned home to Ohio and resumed farming.

In 1867, November 20, Mr. Burroughs married Sarah F. Nichols, who was born in West Virginia, near Wellsville, on the Ohio river, September 17, 1839, a daughter of Harbin and Lorena (Viers) Nichols. Harbin Nichols was born in 1799 in Maryland, and his father was a slave owner. The Viers family were of English ancestry and early residents of the Isle of Jamaica, but finally settled in Steubenville, Ohio. Harbin Nichols was a shoemaker by trade and moved to Summit county, Northfield township, during the early 'fifties, followed his trade here and at Little York many years, and here died, aged sixty-five years, in 1864. His children were Harriet M., Margaret V., Matilda N., McCourtney B., Beersheba L., Sarah F. and Thomas Benton. During the Civil war McCourtney B. was a soldier in company I, Twenty-fourth Iowa volunteer infantry, and

ed in hospital at Winchester, Va., from wounds received in the battle of Cedar Creek, Va. Thomas Benton was in the Seventh Ohio regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, and enlisted in the Twelfth United States infantry, regular service, and after the war re-enlisted and served five years longer. He was in seventeen battles during the Civil war, and was wounded at Gettysburg, and after the war was out on the frontier.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs settled on their present farm. The children are Eva M., Harry A., Thomas B. and Shepard H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs are members of the Methodist church at Northfield, and in politics Mr. Burroughs is a republican, and while in the army cast his first presidential vote for Lincoln. He is also a member of Royal Dunham post, No. 177, G. A. R., at Bedford, Ohio.

Allen Burroughs, father of subject, was born in 1799 in Vermont, and was a son of David and Polly Burroughs. David Burroughs was a blacksmith by trade, and came to Ohio and settled at Cleveland in 1811, and died there an old man. Allen came with his father to Cleveland, a boy of twelve years, and became a farmer. He married Miss Betsy Honey, of Northfield township, Summit county, located, after marriage, on a farm in his township, but the same year moved to their present homestead, of which he cleared up forty acres from the woods, and on which he made all the necessary improvements. His children were Tryphenia, Dorsey W., Sabina (who died a married woman), Marinda, Wealthy, Mary and Levi. Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs became members of the Methodist church at an early day. In politics he was a republican. He was always a hard-working man, respected by all, and lived to be about eighty-two years old. He had two sons in the Civil war—one of whom, Dorsey M., was in

the One Hundred and Seventy-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, three years.

Levi Burroughs, the subject, has always been an industrious hard-working man and is much respected. His daughter, Eva May, married Frederick E. Plank May 1, 1894. Mr. Plank was born in Michigan, near Detroit, graduated at the Ithaca (Mich.) high school, attended Adelbert college, Cleveland, the medical department of the Western Reserve college, and was principal of schools several terms in Michigan. Their children are Gladys M. and Winifred. Mr. Plank died June 29, 1896. Shepard H. Burroughs is a student in the high school at Northfield, and will graduate in the class of 1899.

HOMER S. CARTER, one of the respected citizens of Tallmadge, Summit county, Ohio, and a retired merchant, has done business in this town for over a third of a century.

Adonijah Carter, the grandfather of Homer S., was born in Vermont. He was a farmer, and married, in his native state, Lucena Munson, and their children were Guy, Bushnell, Adoniram and Lucy.

Adoniram Carter, father of Homer S., was born in Warren, Litchfield county, Conn., March 2, 1792, on a large farm, and there lived the remainder of his days. He was a member of the Congregational church and a man of goodly property and sterling worth. He married Arrilla Sackett, who was born in 1792, also in Warren, Conn., a daughter of Homer and Sarah (Carter) Sackett. Of the children born to this union, Flora M., Homer S., Patty L., are those who lived. Adoniram Carter owned a homestead of 300 acres; was township trustee, and held other offices and was one of the pioneers who were looked up to by all. He was a member of the Congre-

est grades. Mr. Heller has always been a hard-working and industrious man, being what is usually termed self-made, and, it may be added, self-educated, for, although he was a pupil for a short time in the high school at Seville, Medina county, his information is practically self-acquired. He and his wife are greatly respected by their neighbors for their uniformly kind disposition and charity of thought as well as upright lives, and they well deserve the esteem in which they are held.

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LEWIS HOLZHAUER, of Northfield, Ohio, is one of the old soldiers of the Civil war and a respected citizen. He was born November 22, 1845, in Baden, Germany, a son of William and Catherine Ann (Forbach) Holzhauser. He came with his parents to America at the age of nine years, and shipped from Havre, France, in a sailing vessel to New York city, and was but twenty-three days en route—a very quick passage for a vessel of that class—and landed in December, 1854. His father settled in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a stonemason and worked at his trade in several places. Lewis Holzhauser received a common education and learned, when young, the stonemason's trade and plastering. He enlisted in August, 1863, at seventeen years of age, in Cleveland, Ohio, in company K, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, under Capt. Manning, for three years or during the war, and served until honorably discharged at Cleveland, in September, 1865, the war being closed. He was in the battles of Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Buzzard's Roost, and May 12, 1864, was shot through the right leg below the knee, was in hospital for several months and rejoined his regiment in March, 1865, at Bull's Gap, Tenn. He was in many skirmishes and was

an active soldier, and in all the battles, skirmishes, marches and campaigns in which his regiment took part until wounded, and until that time was not sick a day, but always prompt and cheerful in the discharge of his duty. After the war he returned to Cleveland and worked at stonemasonry and plastering four years, and then was in a mercantile firm for nine years. In 1876 he bought the farm where he now lives, consisting of 172 acres. He was in company with his father in this deal, and traded city property for the land.

Mr. Holzhauser married in June, 1870, in Cleveland, Ohio, Helen Kirsch, who was born October 21, 1856. To Mr. and Mrs. Holzhauser have been born Ida M., William W., Alfred A. and Helen H. In politics Mr. Holzhauser is a republican and has served as trustee of Northfield township. He is a member of Dunham post, G. A. R., at Bedford, Ohio. He has always been hard-working and industrious, is respected by all who know him and has reared an excellent family.

William Holzhauser was born June 16, 1816, at Baden, Germany, and married, in Germany, Catherine Ann Forbach, becoming the father of Almeda, Amelia and Lewis. Mr. Holzhauser is still living and has always been a good and law-abiding citizen. Mrs. Lewis (Kirsch) Holzhauser was called from earth February 28, 1891, a lady of many virtues.

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JOHAN H. JOHNSON, a prosperous farmer of Northfield township, Summit county, Ohio, an old soldier of the Civil war and an ex-prisoner of the infamous Andersonville prison, descends primarily from sterling English ancestry and was born in Bedford township, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, May 8, 1847, a son of William and Elizabeth (Wycle) Johnson. He received a very limited common education, his father

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having died when he was but an infant of six months. He was bound out when but four years old, and was reared by Plato S. Brewster, a farmer of Summit county. He enlisted, when but fifteen years old, August 4, 1862, in Northfield township, Summit county, in company G, One Hundred and Fifteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years or during the war, and served until honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio, June 11, 1865, the war having closed.

He was in several skirmishes with Wheeler's cavalry in Tennessee in August, 1864, and on one occasion, when he and thirty-two of his comrades were guarding a block house on the line of the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad, in Tennessee, being on detached duty, were surprised by Confederate cavalry and artillery under Gen's. Forrest and Buford, after a day's hard fighting, and were taken prisoners—having surrendered with promise of being exchanged. He was taken with other prisoners to Columbia, Tenn., and thence to Meridian, Miss., and thence to the dreaded stockade at Andersonville. When first captured they were stripped and robbed of guns, blankets, overcoats, knapsacks and valuables. In January, 1865, Andersonville had a large number of prisoners, was very filthy and afforded no shelter from the weather. The rations were of the poorest quality, consisting of beans uncooked, corn-meal ground cob and all, and a very little meat, and Mr. Johnson was held a prisoner until the close of the war, about four months. He was sick with typhoid fever in Woodward hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, from August 23, 1863, to January, 1864, and came near death. After the war he returned to Ohio, and married, on the farm where he now lives, March 11, 1880, Miss Catherine Allbaugh, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Catherine (Sell) Allbaugh. In politics Mr. Johnson is a

republican, and his first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He is a good citizen, and has always been industrious, and respected, and is a member of the Ex-Prisoners' of War association of Cleveland, Ohio.

William Johnson, father of John H., was born in New York state, a son of William, a soldier in the war of 1812. William, father of subject, married, in New York state, Elizabeth Wycle, and their children were Hiram, Thomas, John H., Sarah Jane and Martha E. Mr. Johnson owned a small farm in Bedford, Cuyahoga county, Ohio. He died a young man of twenty-eight years of age. He had three sons in the Civil war—Hiram, Thomas and John H. Hiram was in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry and died of heart disease in Camp Chase, Ohio. Thomas was in company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Ohio volunteer infantry, three years, and was disabled at Franklin, Tenn., and assigned to the veteran corps. Mrs. Johnson, mother of J. H. Johnson, married for her second husband John H. Gardner, of Bedford, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and their children were Oliver, Mary, William Helman, Alton and Harrison. William served in the Tenth Ohio cavalry during the late war, and died in the army, and thus five of the family served as soldiers and two died in the service.

Mr. Johnson has thriven as a farmer, is industrious and steady in his habits, and has won for himself a high standing in the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

JOHN S. LEE, a well-known carpenter of Richfield township, Summit county, and an ex-soldier of the Civil war, was born July 4, 1847, in Orland, Steuben county, Ind., a son of John and Elizabeth (Sanborn) Lee, both early settlers of Summit county, Ohio. Elizabeth Sanborn was a

Ohio, but eventually settled in Suffield, Portage county, where he lived the remainder of his days. He married Miss Catherine Bare, to which union six children were born, all of whom have passed from earth.

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JOHNS LYONS, one of the brave defenders of his country's flag during the late Civil war, and now a highly-respected citizen of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is a native of Essex county, N. J., was born April 1, 1843, and is a son of John B. and Susan (Freadline) Lyons, well known and prominent residents of the Old Line state.

John B. Lyons, father of John, the subject, was also born in Essex county, N. J., a son of Benjamin and Charlotte Lyons. He was an expert hatter, and also learned the shoemaker's trade, in which he became equally skillful. He was united in marriage at Orange, Essex county, N. J., with Miss Susan Freadline, a daughter of John A. and Susan (Wagoner) Freadline, the former of whom came to America from Germany. To this happy union six children were born in New Jersey, and in 1853 Mr. Lyons brought his family to Ohio, located at Cuyahoga Falls, and engaged in farming. At the outbreak of the Civil war, however, Mr. Lyons, who was a true American, enlisted, in 1861, in battery D, First Ohio volunteer light artillery, under Capt. A. J. Konkle, to serve three years unless sooner discharged by reason of the cessation of hostilities, but did not live to see the termination of the great struggle, as he died from sickness while still in the service. He had proven himself to be a brave and faithful soldier, and had fought under Gen. Nelson at West Liberty and Picketon, was with Gen. Buell on the advance from Green River, Ky., to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn.; was at Corinth, Munfordville, and with Burn-

side at the siege of Knoxville, and at Rockford and Cumberland Gap, and with Sherman through the Atlanta campaign, and was always ready and willing to do his duty until overcome with sickness. As a civilian, Mr. Lyons was an industrious and moral man and was greatly respected for his many personal merits. Since the lamented death of her husband, Mrs. Lyons has patiently and worthily labored to rear in respectability her family of nine children, who are named Almira, John, Charlotte, Fannie, Katie, Minnie, Julia, Mattie and Naomi; Aurelia, the tenth child, died young.

John Lyons, whose name stands at the head of this biography, was about ten years of age when brought by his parents to Ohio, and here he was reared until his enlistment, in July, 1862, at Cuyahoga Falls. He was mustered in, July 18, at Camp Massillon, Ohio, in company G, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry, for three years, and served until honorably discharged, July 4, 1865, in Cleveland, Ohio. He fought in the second battle of Murfreesboro, Tenn., when the rebel Hood, made his raid on Nashville, and was then placed on guard duty at Fortress Rozencranz, Murfreesboro, for about eight months, having many skirmishes with guerrillas. In 1862, however, he was seized with erysipelas, which caused his confinement in hospitals at Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio, for about one year, and after having experienced much suffering, he rejoined his regiment and faithfully did his duty until mustered out. Since his return to Cuyahoga Falls, Mr. Lyons has been engaged in various kinds of business, but has always been industrious and straightforward, and has achieved an excellent reputation and made many sincere friends. He is a member of Eadie post, G. A. R., is strictly moral, and is ever willing to lend a helping hand toward the promotion of any project designed for the good of the public.

for some years, then moved to Beaver county, and settled on a farm, where he died two years later, January 9, 1861, at only thirty-seven years of age. He and wife were members of the Presbyterian church. The Gunsaulis family is of the same stock as the famous minister, Rev. Gunsaulis, of Chicago. The children of John H. are Mary L., Margaret T. and John C.

Treat Fenn married, November 5, 1861, for his third wife, in Ashtabula county, Ohio, Augusta F. Wright, born June 21, 1814, who still survives him, being now aged eighty-three years—she having lived with her husband twenty-five years. She is a daughter of Col. David (of the war of 1812), and Laura (Knowlton) Wright. Laura Knowlton was one of a large family, and came with her parents to Ohio, from Winstead, Conn., in 1801-1802, and settled in Morgan township, Ashtabula county. Col. Stephen Knowlton, of Revolutionary fame, was of this stock.

David Wright was born in Winstead county, Conn., and came to Ohio in 1812, and settled as above. This is the same family as that which settled in Tallmadge. David Wright had three brothers who came out with their father, John Wright, to Ohio. Mrs. Fenn is a venerable lady of remarkable memory and intelligence, and has a fund of valuable facts at command. John, Amos and Alpha, sons of John Wright, settled in Tallmadge township.

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★ **O**SCAR F. REED, formerly of Boston township, Summit county, Ohio, but now manager of a cheese factory at Peninsula, and one of the ex-soldiers of the Civil war, springs from sturdy German stock. He was born in Wolcott, Wayne county, N. Y., April 17, 1844, a son of Otis and Harriet A. (Hickey) Reed, and came with his parents, in 1854, to Richfield, Ohio, and was

here reared to farming. He enlisted at Richfield, Ohio, August, 29, 1864, as a private of company H, Capt. Tracy, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, to serve one year or during the war, and was honorably discharged at Camp Cleveland July 7, 1865, the war being closed. He was in the battles of the Cedars, at Murfreesboro, but was taken sick with chronic diarrhea in January, 1865, and was confined in hospital at Camp Dennison, Ohio, until January 23, when he was transferred to Cleveland hospital and rejoined his regiment, the latter part of April, 1865, at Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Reed was always an active soldier and prompt and cheerful in the discharge of his duties. He returned home, however, much debilitated, and for a long time was seriously troubled with his disorder, and to this day is a sufferer.

On returning to Richfield, Mr. Reed worked at any kind of labor until he married, the first time, July 24, 1871, at Akron, Emma C. Deterlen, who was born in Germany, near Wurttemberg. She lost her father when fourteen years old, and then came to America with her mother, who had married Jacob Spreddel. Mrs. Reed died without issue, and Mr. Reed married Mary J. Spencer, a widow of Weymouth, Medina county, born at Bordman, Ohio, a daughter of William C. and Belinda C. Streeter. She had been previously married to Nathan Spencer, and their children were Eveline, Ella and Jesse. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have no living children.

Mr. Reed moved to South Akron in 1893, and has been engaged in the cheese factory since 1872, and has become a skillful cheese and butter maker. He is now managing the cheese factory at Peninsula and is a straightforward and skillful man, and has always stood high for his integrity of character. He is a member of A. N. Goldwood post, No. 104, G. A. R., West Richfield, and has held the office

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of chaplain and quartermaster five years. In politics he is a republican, and cast his first vote for A. Lincoln's second term as president of the United States.

Otis Reed, father of O. F. Reed, was born in Massachusetts, was a shoemaker and married in Wolcott, Wayne county, N. Y., Harriet A. Hickey. The Hickeys were of English descent, and to them were born Margaret, Cordelia, Charles N., Edward B., Charlotte A., Oscar F. and Minerva M. Mr. Reed came to Ohio and settled at Richfield in the fall of 1854 and followed his trade until his death. In politics he was an original republican, but formerly an old-line whig, and lived to be seventy years old. He had two sons in the Civil war—Edward B. was in company G, One Hundred and Fifteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, in the three years' service, and was on guard duty at Nashville and Chattanooga railroad, and was in many skirmishes with bush-whackers. Mr. Reed has always been a sober, industrious and moral man, and is highly esteemed wherever known.

HARRISON H. RICE, one of the respected citizens of Mantua township, and an ex-soldier of the Civil war, was born in this township January 22, 1841, a son of Cyrus and Sarah (Nooney) Rice. He received a common education in the district schools and then for two years attended Hiram Eclectic institute, when James A. Garfield was its president. He next engaged in school-teaching in Portage, Franklin and Geauga counties, Ohio, meeting with much success. Mr. Rice enlisted at Cincinnati, Ohio, in the United States navy, August 30, 1864, and was assigned to service on the Mississippi river, under Admiral Lee, of the gun-boat Argosy, for one year, but was honorably discharged June 30, 1865, at Carmi, Ill., on

account of the closing of the war, having been promoted for meritorious conduct to be quartermaster. September 12, 1863, he was commissioned first lieutenant of company C, Second regiment, O. M., in Geauga county, by Gov. David Tod.

After the war Mr. Rice returned to Ohio, and taught school in Geauga county, at Auburn, and then in Cass county, and in Jackson county, Mo. He married on October 1, 1868, in Auburn, Geauga county, Ohio, Julia Messenger, who was born September 6, 1842, at Kirtland, Lake county, Ohio, a daughter of Clement and Pleades (Skinner) Messenger. Clement Messenger was born in Massachusetts of old colonial stock. Major Messenger, father of Clement, came to Mantua township as a pioneer, and at first bought about 500 acres, but this land he sold, and bought a large farm near the line of Hiram township. Mr. Messenger married, in Massachusetts, Ruth Miller, and died in his 'sixties, a prominent and respected citizen.

Clement Messenger, the father of Mrs. Rice, married, in Mantua, Pleades L. Skinner. He was a prosperous farmer, owning a good farm of 250 acres. In politics he was a democrat, but voted for A. Lincoln on his second nomination, and was a strong Union man. He was a respected citizen, was township trustee, and a man of great industry and integrity. He died, aged eighty-three years, in 1891. After marriage, Harrison H. Rice settled near Raymore, Cass county, Mo., where he bought 100 acres of land, and where Mr. and Mrs. Rice both taught school for a time, Mrs. Rice having received her education in the district schools at Auburn and at Burton, Ohio.

The first school taught by Mr. Rice in Missouri was in 1867, in Jackson county. It was the first school taught under the new system of public taxation—the old method in Missouri and throughout the south, when they

his duties. When wounded at Stone River, the rebels charged over the field where he was lying, and for a few moments he was within the rebel lines, but the Union troops soon retook and held the position.

After the war Mr. Bishop returned to Northfield and engaged in traveling for a New York drug house, in which employment he continued eight years and then bought a farm in Northfield township, on which he lived fourteen years. In the spring of 1888 he engaged in business in Northfield, in which he still continues. Fraternaly he is a non-affiliating Mason, and is a member of Royal Dunham post, G. A. R., No. —, at Bedford, Ohio. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Bishop married, December 31, 1879, at Northfield, Miss Martha W. Way, who was born in England May 14, 1849, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Way. Martha W. Way came from England with her parents to Northfield when eight years old. She was a devout member of the Methodist church and died very suddenly in 1897, a woman of many virtues.

Orrin A. Bishop was born at Burlington, Vt., and his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Orrin A. Bishop married in Vermont and came as a pioneer to Northfield. His children were Clark B., Orrin A. and George L. In politics he was a democrat, was a well-known pioneer, and cleared his farm at Northfield from the woods, and here he died. Orrin A., the younger, volunteered in the three months' service at the first call for troops for the Civil war, and in 1863 enlisted for three years, or during the war, and served until the close, in the One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio volunteer infantry.

George L. Bishop has been very successful through life, and his career as a farmer, merchant and soldier gives indication of more than ordinary mental and physical power, and his name to-day is honored wherever it is

known. In politics he is a republican, and received his present appointment under President McKinley.

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FRANCIS W. BLISS, an ex-soldier of the Civil war, springs from sterling Vermont colonial stock from England, and was born in Northfield, Ohio, March 20, 1834, a son of Lucian and Laura (Wicks) Bliss. He received a common education, became a farmer, and enlisted in January, 1864, at Cleveland, Ohio, for one year, in the One Hundred and Fifteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, but was transferred to the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth regiment, company C, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., and was honorably discharged in August, 1865, the war having closed. At Murfreesboro, Tenn., he was detailed with a surveying party, and most of his service was passed in this duty. He was taken sick with fever at Nashville, Tenn., was confined in hospital there about four weeks, and in hospital at Louisville, Ky., two weeks, and was thence transferred to Camp Dennison, Ohio, from which he was honorably discharged a few weeks later. While in Tennessee with a surveying party, which consisted of but sixteen guards and the surveyor, the party narrowly escaped capture by old Champ Ferguson, a noted guerrilla, who was afterwards captured and hanged in Nashville.

After the war Mr. Bliss returned to Ohio and married, in Independence township, Cuyahoga county, January 23, 1873, Miss Harriet E. Eldridge, who was born February 28, 1844, a daughter of Erastus and Julia (Hosmer) Eldridge, and to this marriage have been born George (who died aged three years and nine months), Julia, Timothy and William. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss are both members of the Methodist church in Northfield; in politics Mr. Bliss is a republican, cast his first presidential vote

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for Lincoln, and is a member of Royal Dunham post, G. A. R., at Bedford, Ohio. He has always been an industrious and respected citizen, and is fully worthy of the high esteem in which he is held by his companions in arms and by all his fellow-citizens.

Lucian Bliss, father of Francis W., was born in September, 1804, at Burlington, Vt., married there, and came to Ohio as a pioneer, and settled in Northfield township, Summit county, and cleared up several farms, becoming a substantial citizen. He was a practical, energetic business man, had a contract on the Miami & Erie canal, and also a contract on the Valley railroad, but died before the completion of the latter, September 28, 1873, aged sixty-eight years. Of his children, George, Francis W., Lucian, Fannie and Laura are those who lived. Francis and Lucian were soldiers in the Civil war. Lucian was in the One Hundred and Fifteenth regiment Ohio volunteer infantry in the three years' service and was in several battles. Lucian Bliss, the father, was one of the founders and mainstays of the Methodist church in Northfield township, contributed liberally from his means, and practically kept up its integrity.

Erastus Eldridge, father of Mrs. Harriet E. Bliss, was born in Springfield, Mass., July 25, 1802, and married Julia Hosmer, a daughter of Eleazer and Clara (Needham) Hosmer, and their children were Eleazer, Clara, William, Finette, Mary, Harriet E. and Jane. Mr. Eldridge, on coming to Ohio, settled at Independence, Cuyahoga county, where he carried on a stone quarry many years. He lived to be seventy-five years old and died in 1876. He was a democrat in politics, was an honest, hard-working, industrious man, and much respected. He had one son, William, who was a member of company A, One Hundred and Third Ohio volunteer infantry. At the battle of Armstrong Hill, he was struck by a piece of

shell and died in hospital at Knoxville, Tenn. Eleazer Hosmer, grandfather of Mrs. Bliss, was of English descent, and was among the very early settlers in America. Grandfather Hosmer was a soldier in the war of 1812, but never was a pensioner.

ALBERT ALLEN (deceased) was ranked among the leading and most enterprising business men of Akron. He was born in Coventry township, Summit county, Ohio, March 12, 1827, a son of Levi and Phebe (Spicer) Allen, of whom full mention is made in the biography of Miner J. Allen, which is published in proximity with this notice, and to which the attention of the reader is respectfully called.

Albert Allen was reared on the farm, with a common-school education; on attaining his majority learned the millwrighting trade, at which he worked about nine years, in 1856 converting the Perkins woolen-mill, on Canal street, into a flouring-mill for J. & J. Allen & Co., and on its completion assuming the management of the mill, and ably filling the position for about ten years. In 1867, in connection with Alexander H. Commins, he purchased the Stone mill, the firm of Commins & Allen doing a phenomenally successful business until the death of Mr. Commins in 1880, the firm name continuing, with Mr. Allen as executor of Mr. Commins' large estate, until it was merged in the F. Schumacher Milling company, April 5, 1886, of which company Mr. Allen was a director and the vice-president until the time of his death, September 25, 1888, at the age of sixty-one years, six months and thirteen days. Mr. Allen, though never married, enjoyed the comforts of a fine home on Bowery street, with his sister, Miss Cynthia Allen, as his housekeeper, rearing and educating his niece, Miss Minnie E. Allen, now wife of

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and Luther, and Henry also volunteered, but was rejected on account of his diminutive stature. Abel and Horace were students in Hiram college, under James A. Garfield, and enlisted in the Forty-second Ohio volunteer infantry, of which Garfield was the colonel; Abel died in Camp Chase, Ohio, of disease contracted in the service, and Horace was seized with typhoid fever while in the field at Big Sandy, and for want of medical attendance became insane, and now draws a pension of \$72 per month, and on adjustment of his claim for back pay, etc., was awarded \$14,595.17. Luther was for three years in company B, Forty-first regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, took part in all its engagements, and now lives in Geauga county, one mile north of the residence of Mr. Bartholomew, in Portage county.

Chauncy A. Bartholomew, after marriage, settled on his present farm, which he mainly cleared with his own hands, and built the residence he now occupies. Descending from a race of American patriots, who had served in the war of the Revolution and that of 1812, he and two brothers also became soldiers—Nelson S. serving for three years in the Fifth Michigan cavalry, and re-enlisting for three years longer; Alonzo D. was in the Twenty-third Wisconsin infantry, famous for its bearing the war eagle, Old Abe; was taken prisoner at Port Hudson, and for a long time was confined in Libby prison; Chauncy A. enlisted at Chardon, Ohio, September 22, 1862, in company B, Forty-first Ohio infantry, and served until honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., January 22, 1863, and took part in several battles and many severe marches, notably that from Louisville, Ky., to Columbia, Tenn., at the rate of thirty-six miles daily. At Nashville, Tenn., he was confined in hospital with malarial fever, pneumonia and chronic diarrhea, but on all other occasions was ever at his

post, doing good and active service. Since the war he has lived on his farm in Mantua township. He is a member of Bentley post, G. A. R., at Mantua Station, and of the Masonic lodge at Twinsburg. In politics he is a republican, and has always been an industrious citizen, and is highly respected for his sterling integrity and many other excellent traits of character. To Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew have been born no children, but they have reared and educated a legally-adopted son, Albertus C. *115th/6*

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CASSIUS O. BALDWIN, carpenter and farmer of Twinsburg township, Summit county, Ohio, and one of the veteran soldiers of the Civil war, descends from old colonial Connecticut stock. On the maternal side, his grandfather, Hart Risley, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and Samuel Baldwin, his paternal grandfather, a native of Connecticut, became a surveyor, married in Connecticut, and the children born to him were Edward, Caroline, Lucretia, Emily, Jewett and Henry. Samuel Baldwin came as a pioneer among the early settlers of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, there being at that time but one log house at Cleveland, at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river. Mr. Baldwin settled in Newburg, where he was one of the early surveyors and at one time sheriff of Cuyahoga county. He prospered and owned a goodly property at Newburg and Cleveland, now covered by valuable buildings. He was a captain in the old state militia, and died at Newburg, Ohio, an aged man, much respected.

Henry Baldwin, father of Cassius O., was born in Ohio, in 1825, became a farmer and married Amanda Risley, of Aurora, Ohio, a daughter of Hart Risley. Hart Risley was born in Connecticut and was a pioneer at the earliest settlement of Aurora, Ohio. He be-

came a prosperous farmer and was a soldier in the war of 1812. His children were Austin, Andrus, Freeman, Emily, Caroline, Amanda, Cordelia and Mary. Mr. Risley lived to be an aged man and died on his farm, two miles south of Aurora, a much-respected citizen.

Henry Baldwin settled in the northeast corner of Twinsburg township, on 130 acres of land, and cleared a farm from the heavy timber, making a good home. His children were Frank, Herman, Cassius O., Orsey and Cordelia. Mr. Baldwin passed all his active days on the farm, but retired to Solon, Ohio, where he died two years later, June 24, 1870. He and his wife were both members of the Disciples' church at Solon. He was a prominent office holder—a man of excellent character, was noted for his honesty, and his word could always be relied upon. In politics he was at first a democrat, but during the war became a republican.

Cassius O. Baldwin was born December 7, 1843, in Twinsburg township, on the farm, and received a common-school education, became a farmer and enlisted, at the early age of nineteen, August 2, 1862, in company G, Capt. D. N. Lowery, One Hundred and Fifteenth regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry, to serve three years or during the war, and served until honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, July 5, 1865, the war being closed, having been promoted to first duty sergeant, in 1864, for meritorious conduct. He was in the battles of LaVergne, Tenn., Stone River, Cynthiana, Ky., Bowling Green, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Franklin, Tenn., Greensboro, Tullahoma, Lookout Mountain, and he was in the famous Atlanta campaign. During this campaign he was for some time detailed as a scout. He was at the battles of Dallas, Dalton, Pumpkinvine Creek and Kenesaw Mountain, and after that battle he returned to his command at Murfreesboro, Tenn., and was detailed with

thirty men of his company to guard a block house at LaVergne, Tenn., and on the twenty-fourth of September, 1864, they were all captured by Hood's army and taken to prison at Cuyahaba, Ga. The prisoners were robbed of everything they had—clothing, boots, shoes and caps, and all money and trinkets, and were obliged to put on and wear the ragged and filthy clothing which the rebels threw aside. Mr. Baldwin was first approached by a rough-looking rebel, who leveled his revolver at him, and demanded his boots—they were a nice, new pair that his father had just sent him; but he looked the rebel in the eye and said, "Now, look her, you cannot wear these boots; they won't fit you." The rebel said, "Wa'all, I can trade them;" but showed hesitation in his eye. Just then a rebel officer rode up and ordered the would-be robber to his company. In another moment, a little, dirty rebel came up and leveled his revolver, and demanded the boots in no uncertain terms, and Mr. Baldwin could see, in his eye, that he would shoot unless he got them, and they were promptly given up. His extra clothing and blankets were afterward taken. He was confined at this prison two weeks, but was not badly treated. He was taken thence to Andersonville, and in that infamous rebel prison was nearly starved, and suffered greatly. Having no shelter, he and his comrades dug a hole in the ground and made a hut of sun-burned brick. In his mess were two Summit county men—Julian Upson and John Cox. For rations he received daily about one gill of cornmeal, ground cob and all, and sometimes even this was omitted for three days at a time. The had neither salt nor meat. A part of the time a thin bean soup was served. He would have died, but he fortunately had secreted a \$20 greenback, which he changed among the prisoners, and traded a dollar at a time, sometimes receiving from \$50 to \$75 in Confederate

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bills for a one-dollar greenback. With this he would buy provisions from the guards and persons who came to the prison to trade, and thus kept himself alive. He was in this prison for about four months, in the fall of 1864, and was reduced almost to a skeleton. When captured he weighed 202 pounds, and when exchanged, at the close of the war, he weighed ninety-two pounds. He reached home sick, weak and emaciated, but, having a remarkable constitution, recovered rapidly. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and married, on the place where he now lives, February 8, 1866, Miss Maria Goff, who was born in Ireland, a daughter of John and Betsy (Mallory) Goff. John Goff came from Ireland and settled south of Twinsburg, about 1856, and his children were James, John, Thomas, George, Maria and Ella. He was a hard-working, industrious man, much respected, and died an aged man, at Youngstown, Ohio, where his widow still lives.

After marriage Mr. Baldwin bought part of his father's farm, where he lived two years, and then moved to Twinsburg, and bought Mr. Goff's property, consisting of eighteen acres, with residence, and now has a pleasant home of twenty-two acres. Mr. Baldwin has worked at his trade many years in Summit and surrounding counties, and is still in active life. He received an injury to his left leg during the war, which renders him lame; otherwise he is strong and hearty.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics Mr. Baldwin is a republican. He was a good soldier and has a splendid military record. He served his country faithfully, and was always in active service, and was not sick an hour and did his full part promptly and cheerfully. He is a member of W. T. Sherman post, G. A. R., at Hudson, and of Summit lodge, No. 203, F. A. M., at Twinsburg,

has held the office of master of the Blue lodge, and in the royal arch has been high priest. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin were the parents of two children—John O. and Alton C. Mrs. Baldwin died June 29, 1876. Mr. Baldwin married, for his second wife, Miss Emma C. Lee, who died April 15, 1897.

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HON. JACOB ADAMS KOHLER, of Akron, Ohio, is a son of Henry and Mary (Slanker) Kohler, and was born near Reading, Pa., August 15, 1835. When four months old he was brought by his parents to Franklin township, Summit county, Ohio, was educated in district schools and Lodi academy, and in 1853 apprenticed himself to D. G. Sanford, cabinetmaker in Akron, later read law with N. W. Goodhue, and was admitted to the bar in 1859. He served as prosecuting attorney of Summit county two terms—from 1868 until 1872; was law partner of Hon. Sidney Edgerton several years, and later was with Rollin W. Sadler, and afterward with Harvey Musser. Mr. Kohler represented Summit county in the state legislature from 1880 to 1885, and served as attorney general of Ohio from 1886 to 1888; November 5, 1895, he was elected judge of the court of common pleas for Medina, Lorain and Summit counties, which position he now fills. His opinions upon the construction of statutes and their constitutionality have created wide and favorable comment among the judiciary of the state and the members of the legal profession.

Judge Kohler was married May 16, 1860, to Miss Frances H. Coburn (only child of the late Dr. Stephen H. Coburn), who has borne him two sons—Hurlbut Stephen, born July 20, 1868, and George Coburn, born November 17, 1870, both graduates of Yale college. In connection with Secretary of State Russell A.