

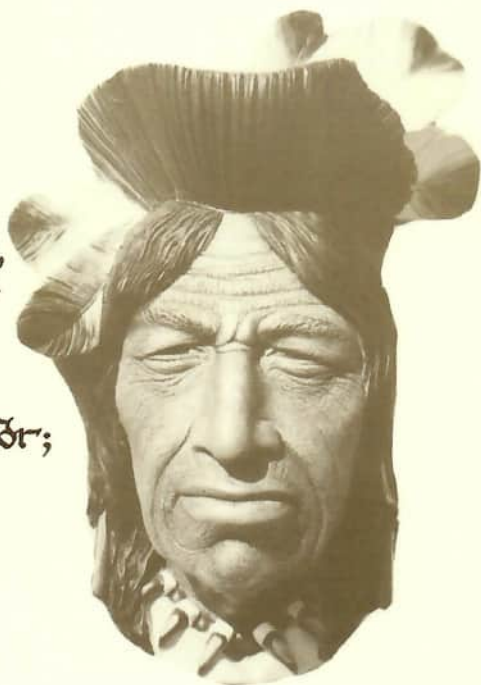
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FOREWORD

The contents of this booklet is made up entirely from the now rare volume, "History of Van Wert & Mercer Counties, Ohio by R. Sutton & Co. Pub. 1882. Not all the material from this historical book are here reproduced, being too lengthy for the purpose of this booklet. Some of the biographical descriptions relating to Civil War service had to be shortened due to their extended nature. The content, as to fact or events, has not been changed or altered, and may differ from other historical sources. These early pioneer biographies give a rare insight into life, as it was over 150 years ago, here on the banks of the Wabash, deep within the wilderness of the "Black Forest".

"Their histories here recorded – are the foundation of our own"

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The morning was clear, bright, and warm, as the sun arose and cast his beams over the plain. Every avenue leading into the back water town of Recovery was so crowded that by ten o'clock the immense concourse numbered not less than five thousand. It was the 10th of September 1851, sixty years after the disaster that befell St. Clair's army. The verse which appears on the cover, is believed to have been used as part of the oration pronounced by the Hon Bellamy Starrs, in paying tribute to the memory of the slain of St. Clair's army.

The poet is unknown!

Jack Hiestand

Fort Recovery, Ohio, October 28, 1881.

To-day there is nothing visible here to show to the visitor that this spot is the site of that battle which culminated in the defeat of General St. Clair, a defeat which finds but one parallel in American history. There is nothing in the quiet little winding Wabash to indicate that it flowed gently by, a witness to that bloody carnage which swept an army from the field in utter, wild dismay. There is nothing in the appearance of things to indicate that massacre which knew no distinctions, but sought the blood of man and woman and child alike. To-day it is a busy, enterprising little village of about eight hundred inhabitants, situated in a fertile agricultural section which will yield to no locality for productiveness, after a little more time has been granted for improvement. The people are energetic; and the stranger who comes here to do business will not fail to appreciate the sociability and kindness of the people. It is historic ground, and the village stands at once a monument to the defeat of St. Clair and the victory of Wayne. Small though it is, it occupies a prominent place in American history, for with its name is associated the memory of that terrible, crushing defeat which endangered the whole frontier, but rendered sacred the ground baptized in patriotic blood. It marks also the site of Fort Recovery, built by the army of General Wayne as a waymark along that trail which led to crowning victory. It was after the half victory and half defeat of General Harmar in 1791, that Congress conceived the idea of planting forts in the Indian country between the present sites of Cincinnati and Fort Wayne. In accordance with this idea, Generals Butler and St. Clair marched from Fort Washington, now Cincinnati, in September, 1791, having in command about two thousand troops. The army moved northward and built Fort Hamilton, after which the march continued until a point about sixty-five miles from Fort Washington was reached. Here Fort Jefferson was erected, and again the army moved northward until late in October, when Indian scouts were found to hover about the flanks of the army. About one hundred miles from Fort Washington the army reached the Little Wabash, where a camp was formed. Weary with the long march the troops sought rest at an early hour, and the sentinels' shot throughout the night, as they fired upon prowling Indians, did not create any grave apprehensions of immediate danger. On the morning of November 4, while breakfast was preparing, the troops were startled by the horrid yell of the savages as they burst upon the camp

with desperate fury. In that terrible moment the troops stood like soldiers, and fought with the courage of Spartans. It was a gallant defense, but it was a defense against fearful odds and in the face of prodigious slaughter. General Butler and most of his officers lay dead upon the field, and yet the carnage had not ended. General St. Clair took command, but the troops became panic-stricken and fled in utter confusion. St. Clair himself had three horses shot under him, and finally escaped with great difficulty after mounting for the fourth time. The rout of the once gallant little army of St. Clair was so complete and attended by such dismay, that the troops did not stop until they reached Fort Washington. The savages showed no mercy for the wounded or prisoners, but massacred them without regard to age or sex. It was a defeat attended by such horrid details and barbarity that the whole land was horrified for a moment. Emboldened by this success, the Indians were preparing for greater aggressiveness, when General Anthony Wayne was appointed to the command of the American troops. He had been a bold and intrepid soldier of the Revolution, and apprehending hostilities against the frontier settlers, he marched into the Indian country late in 1793. The winter was spent in this locality, and here was built Fort Recovery, a name at once suggestive and significant. The following summer he marched northward, building Fort Defiance, and Fort Adams, and in August, with about three thousand men, formed a camp close to a British military post. The world knows the result of this expedition, which culminated in the battle of The Fallen Timbers, at the head of the Maumee Rapids, on August 20, 1794. The savages were defeated and crushed, their villages burned, and their corn-crops destroyed. The result of this expedition was the celebrated Treaty of Greenville, by which about twenty-five thousand square miles of land, besides sixteen separate tracts including lands and forts, were ceded to the United States. In consideration for these lands the Indians were granted \$20,000 worth of goods, and an annual allowance of about \$10,000, to be divided among the tribes which were parties to the treaty. These expeditions have made this town a point of historic interest, and long since the advent of the pioneer evidences have been discovered of those perilous times and that field of death. The muskets, bayonets, and other arms including one brass field-piece, were found here a half-century after they had fallen from the nerveless grasp of their heroic owners. The old base of the flag-staff planted over Fort Recovery by General Wayne in the winter of 1793-4, was just exhumed about six months ago in the presence of a large assemblage of citizens. The battle marks are now obliterated, but Recovery must stand a historic monument while American history endures. — *Correspondence Anglaize Republican.*

<i>Sec.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>Sec.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Year.</i>
1	Gilmore Howell,	80	1837	11	James Houser,	320	1837
	Alex. Gillaspie,	120	"		Daniel Jones,	160	"
	Barrell Archer,	80	"	12	Wm. Downs,	320	"
	Exum Hamlin,	80	"		D. T. Hunt,	40	"
	James Davis,	80	"		H. Hewsom,	160	"
	Wm. Hurst,	40	"		W. Miller,	80	"
	Jno. D. Smith,	80	"		Eli Archer,	40	"
2	Granville Parr,	40	1836	13	Henry Hewsom,	280	"
	Gilmore Howell,	160	1837		Henry Overbeck,	80	"
	Patrick Thompson,	120	"		Henry Burns,	80	1837
	Daniel V. Vaudervall,	160	"		Henry Seger,	80	"
	John H. Krockman,	40	"		Francis Mermon,	80	"
	John T. Smith,	80	"		John Adney,	40	1841
	H. Kramer,	40	"	14	Anthony Bloom,	160	1837
3	John Brookwalter,	160	1836		John Wise,	160	"
	Bradley Squaires,	160	1837	15	John Doll,	160	"
	D. Kramer,	40	"		Wendell Doll,	160	"
	H. Kramer,	40	"		Anthony Doll,	320	"
	H. Illendorf,	160	"	17	Nehemiah Grover,	80	1836
	Bernd. Pardick,	80	"		James Stone,	160	1837
4	Wm. Dehays,	40	"		Samuel Phipps,	40	"
	Daniel Recener,	120	"		John Phipps,	120	"
	Morand Busher,	160	"		Charles Legg,	160	"
	Jacob King,	120	"		H. Davidson,	80	1841
	Daniel Scott,	160	"	18	Anderson and Scott,	80	1832
	John Veidelman,	40	"	19	John Miller,	80	1833
6	Wm. Morrey,	80	"		Wm. McDowell,	58	1832
	Sol. Davy,	80	"		Joel W. Slaughter,	40	"
	Richard Scott,	80	"		D. Beardslee,	32	"
	Jacob Wallenschneider,	80	"		Adney and Butler,	79	"
8	Jacob Runckle,	160	"	20	P. Studebaker,	80	1831
	John Runckle,	40	"	25	John Grant,	124	1837
	Samuel Phipps,	80	"	26	John Ziler,	83	"
	John Runckle,	40	"		Alex. Grant,	47	1838
9	Joseph Miller,	40	"	27	Alex. Grant,	11	"
	Peter Swartz,	80	"	30	A. J. Parrish,	37	1830
	Ignatius Follard,	120	"		MIAMI CANAL LAND.		
	Geo. Troulman,	160	"	5	John S. McDowell,	40	1833
	M. Busher, Jr.,	160	"		" "	40	1834
	Jas. Busher,	80	"		Joseph C. Nickerson,	80	1836
10	Perry Squire,	160	"		" "	40	"
	Jacob Miller,	80	"		John S. McDowell,	40	"
	D. Gaske,	80	"	6	Richard Scott,	80	1832
	J. Reichelman,	80	"		Wm. Money,	40	1833
	Isadore Free,	120	"		Richard Scott,	40	1836
	W. Rhineheart,	80	"		Joseph C. Nickerson,	80	"
	John and James Gepson,	—	1841		" "	40	"

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11	Wm. Downs,	160	1842	20	M. Knoop,	80	1833
14	Daniel Jones,	160	1842		John Brooks,	280	1835
18	A. Tucker,	40	1836	21	Alex. Scott,	40	1834
	D. Anderson,	80	"		D. Adams,	280	1836
19	John Miller,	40	1833	22	Demas Adams,	160	
	W. Knoop,	40	"	23	Demas Adams,	640	1836
	O. Beardslee,	40	1835	25	Alex. Grant,	80	1835
	A. Tucker,	40	1836				

FORT RECOVERY.

Recovery is laid out on the south part of west half of section 20, town 7 south, range 1 east, in county of Mercer, and adjoining the south line of the county. The line between Darke and Mercer counties being two rods south of south tier of lots, and forming the centre of an intended four-rod street, and marked on plat as Sidney Road. The town is laid out on the courses of lines noted from magnetic north, Sidney Road and Broad Street running south $81\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ east, agreeing with the course of the county line.

Main, St. Clair, and Oak Streets run north $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ east, and the lines of lots correspond with the course of the streets. Broad Street is five rods wide. Main, St. Clair, and Oak Streets are each four poles wide. Lots, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, are each four poles wide, and extend from Main Street to the river. Length of lines being marked on plat in poles and links.

Lots 6 to 21, inclusive, are each four rods wide and eight poles long.

Lot 15 is eight poles square.

Lots 22 to 29, inclusive, are each five rods wide and eight long.

Lots 30 and 31 are each eight poles wide and ten poles long.

Out-lot number 1 extends to north end of Main Street and the river, and is bounded on the north and west by the Wabash and a bayou.

Out-lots 2 and 5 are bounded north by the river. The course of other lines corresponds with the lines of the town; and the length of the lines of out-lots are marked on plat in poles and links; also area in acres and hundredths marked on each out-lot.

A stone has been planted at southwest corner of lot 7; and the north-east corner of Main Street is witnessed by an elm 18 inches, north 41, east 5, and an elm 14 south, 31 west, 3 links.

All of which is certified to be correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Done this 9th day of July, 1836, at Recovery, Ohio.

Schools.

In 1852 the school-district was composed of Recovery and Gibson

Townships. Gibson had 27 male and 30 female scholars. Recovery, 28 males and 34 females; Total, 119.

In 1859 Robert G. Blake built the first school-house. Gibson had 47 males and 48 females. Recovery, 59 males and 49 females; Total, 196.

The directors as far as can be ascertained were in 1856, Messrs. Dixon, Milligan, and J. M. Campbell. 1857, John G. Johnston and T. M. Lowrey. 1858, Dixon Milligan and Robert G. Blake. 1859, David Steel and Thomas Roop. (Building of an addition to the school-house twenty-five feet square.) 1860, Isaac Foster and A. A. Knapp. 1861, a change was made—three directors elected as follows: A. Wallingsford for three years, Edward Jones two years, and Sanford Warnock one year.

May 28, 1868, the citizens of Recovery voted an appropriation of £5000 for building a school-house, a tax to be levied for six years, each year \$833.33 of the debt to be paid. The building is located on Broadway and Elm Streets, and cost \$8000. Directors were J. S. Rhodes, J. P. Denworth, and J. S. Fox.

The following persons have been teachers: John W. De Ford, S. S. Scranton, and William Rood.

Fort Recovery Lodge, No. 458, I. O. O. F.

was established at Fort Recovery, Mercer County. The charter is signed by H. G. Beeby, R. W. G. M.; James A. Armstrong, R. W. D. G. M.; A. Kesler, R. W. G. Warden; W. C. Earl, R. W. G. Secretary, and George D. Winchell, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Past Grands: James Smith, J. S. Clum, J. W. Blizzard, D. J. Roop, J. S. Rhodes, J. W. Hanna, John Hestrick, John McFarlane, P. Hedrick, D. H. Richardson, George Hedrick, James Hedrick, W. W. Collins, Wm. Krenning, Jr., Lewis Thompson, Elias Golder, Eli Trasker, J. P. Dearenth, John E. McDaniel, and John S. Fox.

During the past ten years of the Lodge it received from the initiation of members, deposit cards, degrees conferred, dues, and other sources, \$3078.20, all of which has been expended except about \$600, for relieving the brethren, burying the dead, current expenses, Grand Lodge dues, widow and orphans' fund, and purchasing regalia, and real estate.

Town Hall.

Recovery has a *town hall*, built of brick in 1879. It is two stories high, 20 by 40 feet. The first story is used for the council room, with a lock-up attached, and the second story for public meetings.

CHURCHES.

German Evangelical Lutheran Church

was built in 1872. The size of the church is 30 by 40 feet, with a steeple, in which is a bell, presented by Mr. J. W. H. Krenning. The lot upon which the church is erected is 64 by 128 feet on Broad street, being number 19 in the plat of the town. The following have been the ministers: 1. Rev. Charles Benzien; 2. Rev. Charls Frankee.

Methodist Episcopal Church

is erected on the north side of East Broadway, the lot being presented to the trustees of the church by Thomas Roop, Esq. The building was commenced in the fall of 1874; is of brick, 36 by 54, and finished in 1875, with steeple and bell. The building committee were D. J. Roop, Eli Winter, Abraham Rau, George R. McDaniel, J. H. Johnston, D. H. Richardson, and J. S. Hoyt. Ministers who have been stationed here: Rev. B. W. Day, Rev. W. S. Philpot, and Rev. Daniel Carter.

Christian Church

is built on the east side of Elm Street. It is a frame building, and has a steeple. It was erected in 1875, and is 34 by 48 feet. John Fox and S. H. Warnock were the contractors. Ministers who have filled the pulpit: Rev. Seth Wilson and Rev. O. S. Greene. We may remark that the Campbellites (Christians) and New Lights occupy the church jointly, both denominations having contributed to its erection.

Woollen Factory.

Krenning & Son have a factory running four looms, two weaving and spinning machines, with twenty-four spindles. Three carding machines, and a packing machine, the whole driven by a thirty-horse power engine. The factory is located on the lots in Recovery, with 120 feet front and extending back to the river. The washing and dye house is 30 by 40 feet. All kinds of work incident to a first class woollen mill is here performed.*

Business Interests.

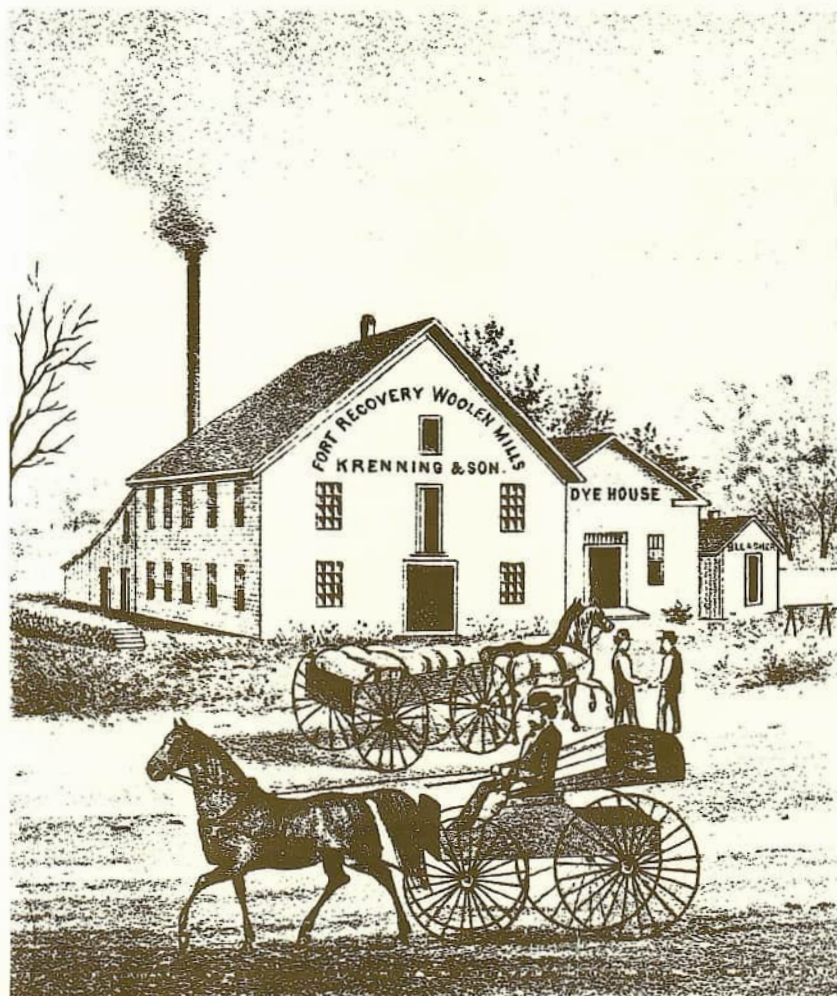
Boot and Shoe. — O'Neill & Hastings, J. P. Dearworth, — Bakhaus.

Saw Mill. — M. Nickerson.

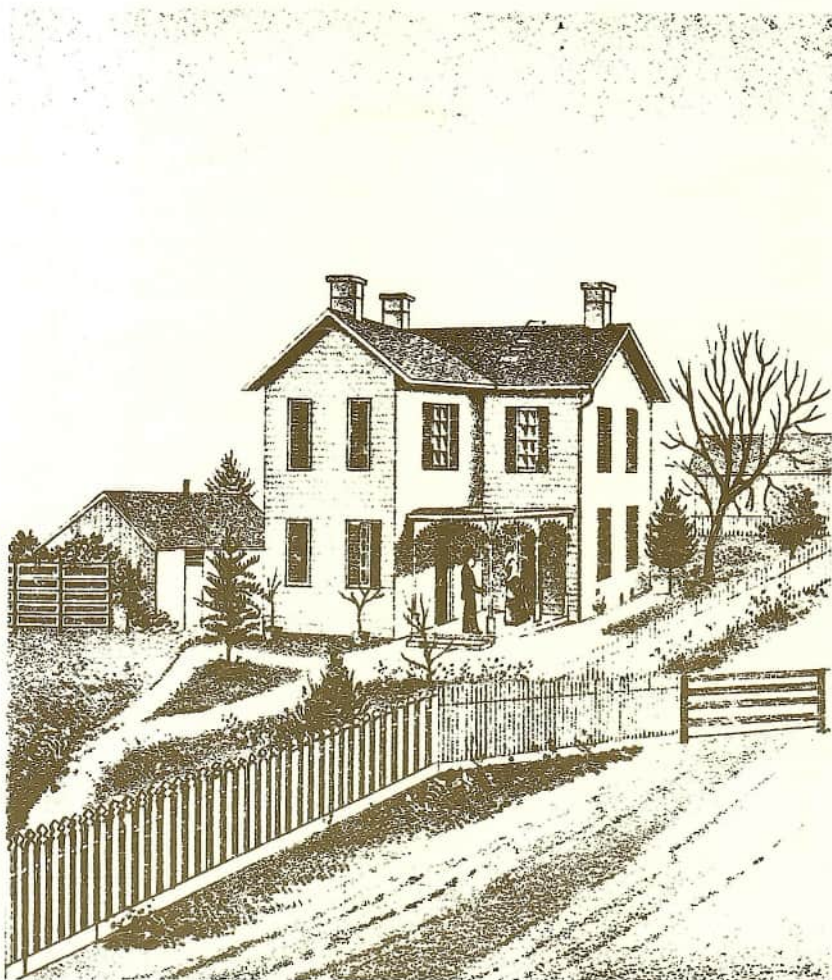
Blacksmith Shops. — B. W. Roop, Fred. Myers, Joseph Sunderman, John Schindeler.

* Since this work went to press this factory has been removed to Celina, by Krenning & Son.

Wagon Shops. – Gotlieb Shuaf, Anthony Sunderman, Samuel Shaap.
Cabinet Maker. – I. N. Hannah.
Saddlery. – I. D. Vankirk, Jacob Anthony.
Lumber. – Henry W. Esty.
Banking House. – Porterfield & McDaniel.
Hardware. – Roop & Johnston, Robert Lennarts.
Agricultural Implements. – Roop & Johnston, Long & Dunbar.
Stoves and Tinware. – Theo. Scheid, France & Co.
Drugs. – S. A. Nickerson & Co., J. H. Adams & Bro., Blizzard & Wallingsford.
Jewelry. – Ed. Hocke.
Meat Market. – Thompson & Eckman, Gooding & Wallingsford.
Bakery. – E. W. Swain, William Van Tilburg.



CASH PAID FOR WOOL, MANUFACTURERS OF JEANS, BLANKETS,
 FLANNELS AND STOCKING YARNS, GERMAINTOWN & BALMORAL YARNS.



RES. OF J. H. W. KRENNING, FORT RECOVERY, OHIO.

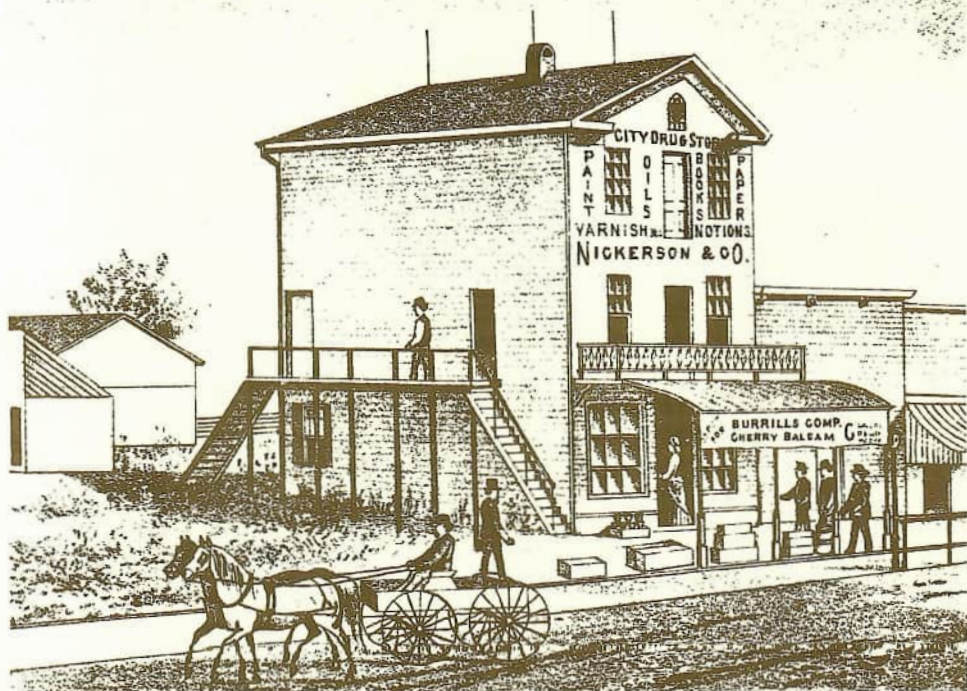
Dry Goods. – A. Gleck, J. A. Roemer, Wesley Minerding.
Clothing. – A. Gleck, Marshall McDaniel, J. A. Roemer.
Groceries. – Herman Meyer, J. A. Worderman, Anthony & Bro.
Brick Makers. – John Snyder and John Kreuse.
Carpenters and Contractors. – Hedrick & Slaump.
Merchant Tailor. – John Besant.
Grist Mill. – Fox & Co., Weisard & Kreuse.
General Dry Goods and Groceries. – Krenning & Sons.
Milliners and Dressmakers. – Mrs. Vankirk and Mrs. Richardson.
Barbers. – Buck & Miller, Sutherland & Sponhour.
Furniture. – Wallingsford.
Livery Stable. – McGriff & Isenhardt, V. B. Baker.
Hotels. – J. L. Warring, D. H. Kent.

Physicians. — J. C. Richardson, D. H. Richardson, J. H. Adams, J. B. H. Adams, J. V. Richardson.

Newspaper. — "New Era," A. A. Sipes.

Post Master. — Theo. Sheid.

At the time the material was collecting for this work the business and professional interests of the town were represented largely, as shown by the above list. Since that time several changes have undoubtedly occurred, among which our attention has been called to the removal of the woollen mills of Krenning & Sons, and the change of proprietorship of the Commercial Hotel. At that time the town was making important street improvements, the Main Street having been widened, graded, and under process of graveling, to the depot of the L. E. & W. Railway. Other improvements were making, such as the erection of new business houses and dwellings, which, with something of an unusual increase of inhabitants, gave the town a new and unprecedented impetus. That growth may well continue, and those improvements go forward for years to come, as the town is advantageously situated in a fertile district.



CITY DRUG STORE, SO. WAYNE ST. FORT RECOVERY, OHIO.

BIOGRAPHIES.

JOHN HENRY WILLIAM KRENNING

is the son of Barnet Henry Krenning and his wife Anna Mary Bishop Krenning, and was born Feb. 25, 1821. He was brought up in the kingdom of Hanover, under the king of Hanover, but now Prussia. He received a common school education at the city of Helter, and has the arithmetic in his possession, printed in Hanover in 1827, upon the last page of which is handsomely written "Johann Heinrich Willhelm Krenning." He has also the Bible presented to him by his teacher in 1828. With these are his passports, with a full description of his person when he left Germany.

At the age of sixteen years he was apprenticed for three years to learn the cabinet-making trade, and after he had completed his full term he worked one year. At its expiration he was so intent on emigrating to America that, on the very day his term of one year had expired, he procured by subscription \$15, and his brother advanced the balance, \$21. He left Bremen in the ship Casper in the month of June, 1842, and arrived in Baltimore, Md., the following August, and from there went to Cincinnati, Ohio, the latter part of September, 1843.

In Cincinnati he learned the carpenter trade by devoting himself two years to become proficient therein; but during these two years he received but fifty cents per day. In 1844 he became a contractor for buildings of every description, and from this time, through a long and eventful life of twenty-eight years, by patient industry, strict attention to business, high moral character, and an approving conscience in the work and duties of life, he has amassed a considerable fortune. All this being accomplished, he retired from city life and its fascinations, and removed to enjoy the quiet town of Recovery. But his mind was not at ease, and he again assumed life's cares and life's duties, as the sequel will show. When he settled on his farm in Gibson Township (the Johnston farm) in 1870, he lived there but one year, and then rented it and settled in Recovery, and built a store-house, and went to merchandising and carrying on a woollen factory. The stock consists of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, and every variety of goods for family use. In the woollen factory jeans, blankets, and stocking yarns are manufactured. His son William is a partner with his father. The store-room and dwelling-house is on the property upon which old Fort Recovery stood on the Wabash River. Both the store-room and dwelling-house was erected by Mr. Krenning.

When Mr. Krenning bought the property, the old stockade or fort stood on the bank of the Wabash, and was used as a house. The inmates of the fort, on account of the Indians laying in ambush along the river, were compelled to dig a well forty feet deep to procure water, which was lined with walnut puncheons split out of walnut trees. It has also been established as a fact by subsequent events that, at the time of St. Clair's war, the muskets were thrown into the well to prevent the Indians from obtaining them. After the war was over forty muskets were taken out of the well, which are preserved as memorials among the inhabitants.

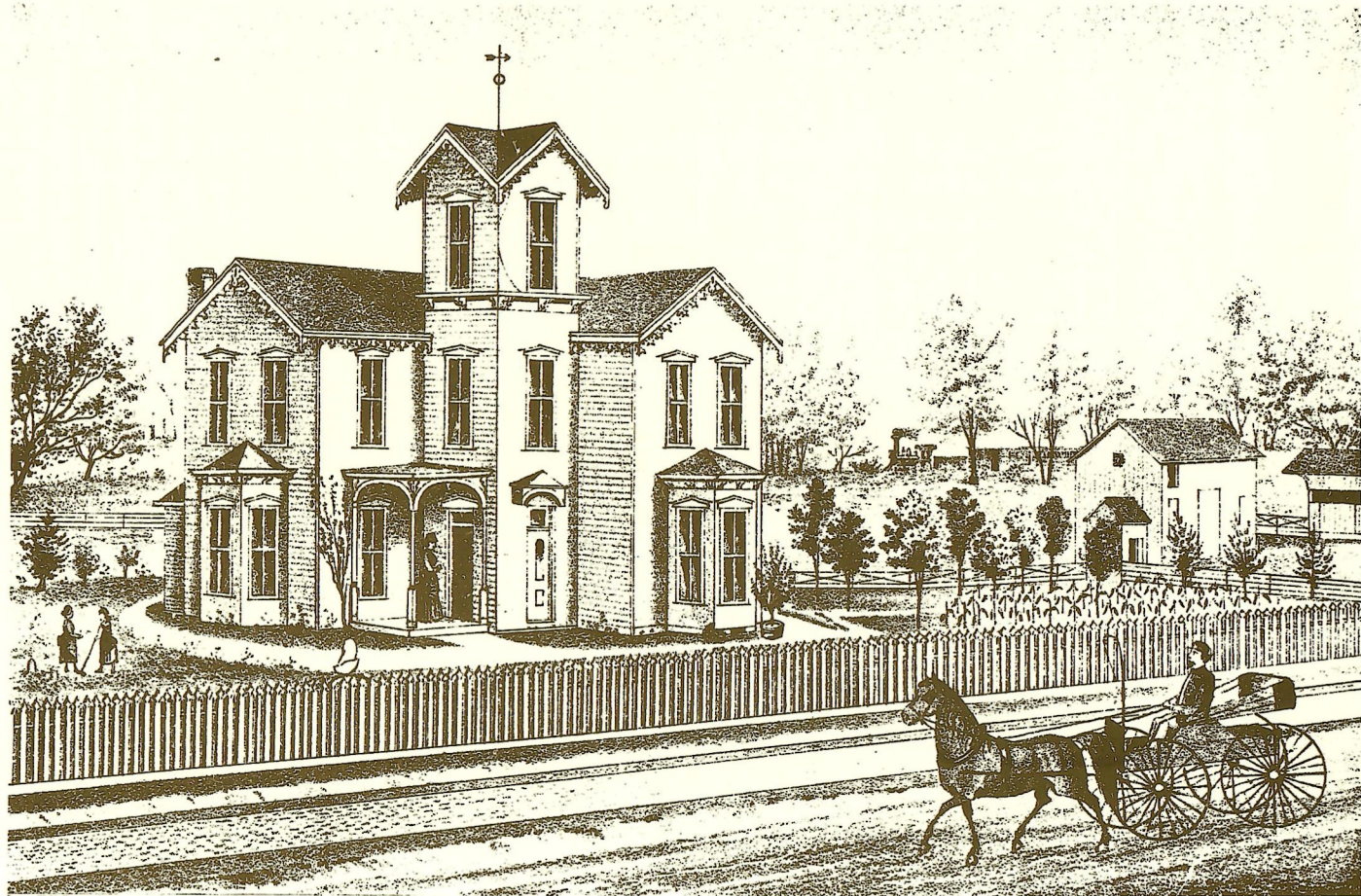
John J. W. Krenning married in 1845 Mrs. Anne Mary Schwartz (the widow of Mr. Schwartz, who had three children). She was born in the kingdom of Hanover in 1815, in the town of Bramsche, and emigrated to America in 1833. The family arrived in Baltimore, Md., and then left for Wheeling, Va. The names of the children of J. H. W. Krenning are William, Jr., Louisa, Henry R., George W., and Amelia.

Mrs. Krenning, *née* Schwartz, is the daughter of Halman Rudolph Kruser and his wife Maria Adeline Reddecker. Their children, Anna Mary, Catharine, Hannah Rudolph, John Heinrich, Hermon, Regina, Henry, William, Lizzie, Dorothea. Lived in Wheeling four years, and removed to New Bremen in 1837. Mr. Kruser died in 1841, and the family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, having sold their land. Mr. and Mrs. Krenning, with their friends, celebrated their silver wedding in 1870.

In addition to the above we may state that Mr. Krenning found the bones of Gen. Butler on the digging of his store-room on the northwest corner, which were buried July 4, 1876, a military company from Eaton participating in the ceremonies. The coffin was made of walnut. Dr. D. H. Robinson says the supposed skeleton of Gen. Butler, which was found as above, was in a good state of preservation, and that the walnut coffin had been put together with wrought nails.

WILLIAM KRENNING, JR.,

the son of J. H. W. Krenning, was born in Cincinnati, January 17, 1847, and received a common school education, and attended Neilson's Business College one year. He served two and a half years' apprenticeship to the carpenter trade; after this he became a clerk in a furniture store for two years, with the firm of L. F. Wehman & Son. His father's family then removed to Recovery in 1869, and went into the woollen mill. He was married August 10, 1870, to Miss Elizabeth E. Fox. Their children are Bertha, Cora C., William Fox, and Louis Frederick. He worked five years for a third interest in the woollen mill, and then became a partner with his father. In 1876 he purchased



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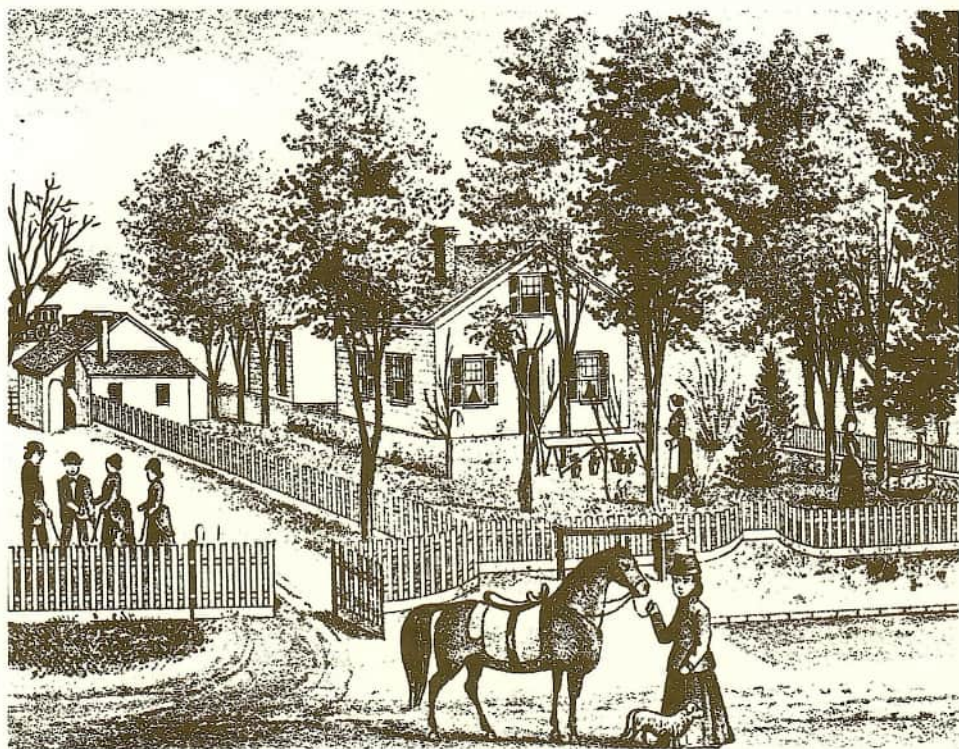
ground, and has erected a magnificent Gothic edifice, two stories high, with bay window, and tower three stories; the cost of lot and building, \$4000. He is a Past Grand of Fort Recovery Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. No. 458; recording and corresponding secretary for five terms. His wife is the daughter of John L. and Christina Robbins Fox.

GEORGE WILLIAM KRENNING

was born May 8, 1851, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and is the son of J. H. W. Krenning. He remained in Cincinnati until 1870, then came to Mercer. He had worked thirteen months in a dry-goods store in Cincinnati, three years in a woollen mill, and seven years as a clerk in a dry-goods store at Recovery. He married December 29, 1875, Harriet Theresa Campbell at Fort Recovery; has one daughter, Cora Emelia Krenning, born December 28, 1877.

CAPTAIN JOHN STAFFORD RHODES

is the son of Josiah K. and Mary Brown Rhodes. The father was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1795, and the mother in 1800, in Lynn, New Hampshire. His grandfather, Oliver Rhodes, was born in 1765, and his mother, Martha Pratt, who was born in New Hampshire in 1766, were the parents of Josiah, John, Mary, Martha. Josiah received a common school education, and learned the house-joiner trade, and served three years. He resided in Vermont until 1835, then went to New York, after which he moved to Licking County, Ohio, in 1837, and followed farming and sheep-raising. He married in 1821, in Vermont. Their children were named Mary Ann, John S., Martha J., Robert B. Their families all live in Ohio. John S. was born in Vermont, October 2, 1827. He learned the trade with his father, and also ran on the river until he became second pilot; then returned, and travelled in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and South in the winter-time, and finally became a farmer, and came to Recovery, April 12, 1844. He married Sarah Jane Lipps, January 18, 1855. She was the daughter of Henry and Cynthia Wooten Lipps, who were married in 1832. Their children are named Jane Ann, Zena (Silisteena, Estella.) He devotes his time to farming. He has filled the office of justice of the peace, school director, township clerk, and town councilman since 1866. On August 13, 1862, he was commissioned second lieutenant in Company C, 118th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After the capitulation was over, one division of General Schofield's army went to Salisbury, North Carolina, and remained until mustered out of service, June 24,



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1865. They took transportation and returned to Petersburg, then Baltimore, and finally to Cleveland, Ohio, and discharged July 12, 1865.

PETER STUDABAKER

married Mary Sunison at Fort Recovery, February 15, 1821. She was born in Sherman's Valley, Perry County, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1796. Their first child died at Fort Recovery, March 11, 1824, and was the first child of that extensive wilderness. John Sunison was the father of Mary Sunison. They moved to Kentucky, and settled within six miles of Lexington, Kentucky. They resided there six years, and moved to Warren County, Ohio. After living there ten or twelve years, they moved to Greenville, and from there, in the spring of 1817, to Fort Recovery. Mr. Sunison and family moved into the trading house at Fort Recovery, which had been built by David Conner, twelve feet square, surrounded by pickets – logs set in the ground, eight feet high, as a protection against the Indians. Mr.

Sunison farmed the ground upon which the town of Recovery is built, while the boys did the hunting. Mrs. Sunison died September, 1820, and Mr. Sunison January 1, 1821.

Wm. Sunison, a grandson, settled at St. Marys; the rest of the family went to Iowa. Peter Studabaker farmed about twelve years, and moved to Adams County, Ohio, and died June 15, 1840. He was born in 1790, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL A. NICKERSON,

son of Joseph C. and Annie Everman Nickerson; their children, Betsy Ann, Joshua, Rebecca, Nancy, Samuel A., Josephus, Joseph C.; the father was by trade a carpenter, built a mill, and went into the milling business. In 1837 he moved to Mercer County. Samuel A. Nickerson was born April 17, 1834, received a common school education, and was raised on a farm until the breaking out of the war, and was one of the 75,000 soldiers under Gen. Rosecrans in the 17th Ohio Regiment, Capt. W. D. Stone, to put down the rebellion. He served four months, and returned home. In August, 1862, with the assistance of Messrs. Stone and Rhodes, he assisted in organizing a company, went into camp at Lima; thence to Cincinnati, crossed the river when the city was being besieged by Gen. Kirby Smith. The regiment marched under Sherman, and after the fall of Atlanta the regiment was assigned to Gen. Thomas's command, and was present at the battle of Nashville. After its fall, the regiment went into North Carolina, and remained there until after the surrender of Gens. Lee and Johnson. Capt. Nickerson then resigned his command, went to farming, remained until May 3, 1877, when he married Miss Lucinda Myers, daughter of George and Eliza Myers, of Mercer County, who was born April 16, 1853, settled in Fort Recovery, and opened a drug and general book business. He has filled the office of school director.

JOSHUA NICKERSON

is a brother of Capt. Nickerson. He married Sarah McDowell. (She was the granddaughter of James McDowell, one of the oldest settlers in 1827.) Mr. Nickerson has five children, Elizabeth, Ann, Phebe, Martin, John, and Belle. He was brought up to farming. He fills the office of school director and township trustee.

THOMAS ROOP

is the son of John and Margaret Flexer Roop. John died in Pennsylvania in 1816, and his wife in Mercer County, Ohio, in 1869. Mrs. Roop was the daughter of I. P. D. Junod and Mary J. his wife, of Pennsylvania.

nia. Thomas Roop was born in Union County, Pa., May 13, 1807, and was raised a farmer. He married Elizabeth L. Junod, who was born in France, Nov. 22, 1811. They were married in Pennsylvania, Nov. 26, 1833. These parents have been blessed with nine children. viz., David J., Margaret F., Urenia A., Mary, Zeiva, Sarah, John B., Benjamin B., Harriet A.

Hon. David J. Roop is settled in Celina, Mercer County, a biographical sketch of whose life will be found with the biographical sketches of Celina.

Thomas Roop was elected county commissioner in 1850, and served three years, previous to which, however, in 1846, he had been appointed postmaster at Recovery, and served four years. In 1843 he had been elected and served as justice of the peace for three years.

His grandfather, I. B. Flexur, was in the Revolutionary War from the beginning to the end, and Thomas Roop's brother, Jacob, in the Mexican War three years. David J. Roop enlisted in the 40th Ohio Infantry, in Company K, in 1861, and was discharged in 1864.

When Mr. Roop first came to Mercer County he had to go to Dayton to do his trading, and if it had not been for coon skins the people would have starved; he has seen a four-horse load leave Recovery at a time. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for thirty years and his wife for fifty years.

Mr. Roop cast his first vote for Cass in 1840, and there were nine votes cast in the town of Fort Recovery; the population of the town at that time was twenty-five persons. Sermons were preached in private houses, there being no church. He can boast of never having drank liquor, smoked a cigar or pipe, or chewed tobacco.

JAMES H. JOHNSON

is the son of David Johnson, who emigrated from Clarke County, Ohio, to Mercer County in 1844. James was born in Clark County in 1840. He is an enterprising hardware merchant in Fort Recovery. For two years he filled the office of township clerk, and was corporation clerk of the village of Fort Recovery two years. In 1862 he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and received his honorable discharge in 1865. He served most of his time in the Engineer Corps of the army, and was under fire a great part of the time. He was never married.

JOHN McDANIEL.

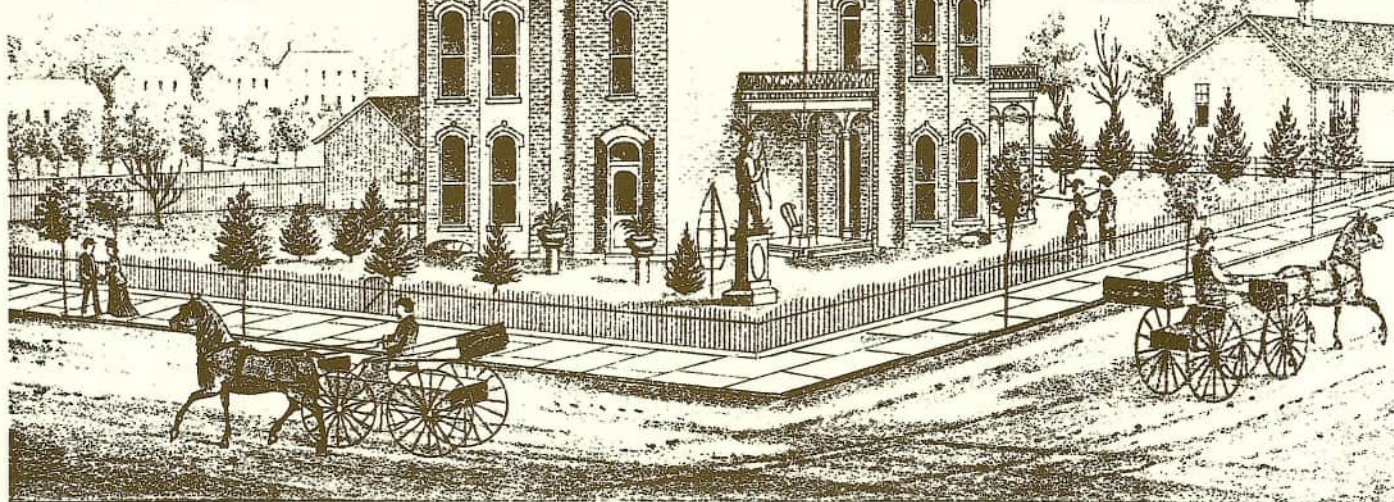
Andrew McDonald, who married Jensey Philson, of Virginia, was his grandfather, and their children were Andrew, James, William,



MRS ANN L SCHNEIDER



FREDRICK SCHNEIDER



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Robert, Ebenezer, Samuel, Jane, and Mary. Andrew moved to Kentucky, and thence to Clarke County, Ohio, and finally to Logan County, and died there. James married Elizabeth Reed, who was brought up to farming, and lived in Clarke County. His children were John, William, Sarah, Nancy, James, Robert, Betsey Ann, and James. James (the father) died in 1844, and Elizabeth, the mother, in 1850. Here they changed the name to McDaniel. John McDaniel was born in 1805, and brought up to farming. In 1828 he married Elizabeth Johnston, of Gibson Township, Mercer County. Their children, Elizabeth, Thomas, Nancy, Jane, James, John, Mary, Jane, William, and Reed. He had four sons in the war, Thomas, John, James and William. James was in Company C, 118th Ohio Regiment; was on the transport from Washington City to North Carolina; died and was buried at Smithfield, North Carolina. Thomas died and was buried at Beaufort, South Carolina; he left a widow, Belle S. Collins McDaniel, and five children, who lived on a farm in Gibson Township. John was in Company K, 40th Regiment, Capt. Knapp. He married Mary G. Beard, of Logan County, and lives in Gibson Township. William went out for 100 days in Company I, 156 Ohio Volunteers; on his return he married Minnie Robbins, by whom he had one son, Harry. She dying, he afterwards married Mollie Erret. He is a school director.

REV. PERIN S. GREENE

was born in Volna, Oswego County, New York, July 5, 1834, and was married to Caroline Wylde on March 30, 1854. Mrs. Greene was born in Leicester, England, Feb. 25, 1836. He is the son of Mr. Rufus W. and Mary Godsell Greene. Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary fame, was his grandfather's uncle; his name was Jonathan Greene. His wife's maternal grandfather was Warner, and received a wound in the battle of Bennington, from which he died the next day.

Rev. Mr. Greene was educated as a farmer and preacher, and for thirteen consecutive years has been the pastor of four different churches. He has also filled the office of school director four years, and school supervisor seven years.

He enlisted as a private, Feb. 22, 1865, in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Alexander Cable, Company D, 193d Regiment, to serve one year or during the war, and was discharged at Winchester, Va., Aug. 4, 1865 with the regiment.

He was often in the town of Fort Recovery, and in various parts of Mercer County between the years 1844 and 1850, for his father's family lived over the State line in Jay County, Indiana, eighteen and one-half miles from the State line. Mercer County was at that time

almost a wilderness, almost every night they could hear the wolves howling. About the first wheat they attempted to raise was entirely destroyed by wild turkeys, for as soon as the grain was formed they began to destroy it.

GEORGE LIPPS.

His father, John Lipps, settled in 1832 in Darke, now Mercer, County, within one mile of Recovery. His father was a farmer, and married Sarah Smith, and had twelve children, three of whom are dead. George Lipps enlisted April 22, 1861, in Company I, 17th Regiment, under Capt. Wm. Stone, John McConnell being the colonel, and served one year; he then re-enlisted in 1862 in Company K, 40th Regiment, Capt. A. C. Knapp. His colonel was Jonathan Craner. He was in the battles of Franklin, Tennessee, Chickamanga, Lookout Mountain, Buzzard's Roost, in the spring of 1864, Kingston, Georgia, Kenesaw Mountain; at Peach Tree, Atlanta, they had a fight with loss of officers; also skirmish east of Atlanta, and at Lovejoy, twenty-seven miles from that point. There was no more fighting until this company returned in 1864. The last fight was at Nashville. He served two years, and re-enlisted as a veteran, and served from Jan. 1, 1864, to Nov. 1865. He lived on a farm all his life, half a mile south of Recovery, and married Mary A. Thompson, of Gibson Township, by whom he has three children. John Lipps, his father, shot many deer in the woods, and complains that at the present day the fences prevent the hunting and shooting of deer, and that now the people are compelled to pay for their meat.

ISAAC DEHAYS

was born in Preble County, Ohio. He is a farmer and carpenter, and by hard work has met with the fullest measure of success. He married Margaret Snyder, of Springfield, Ohio, and located in Mercer County in the year 1838. His father, William Dehays, was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Dehays is blessed with five children. In 1860 he was elected a justice of the peace for Recovery Township, and served two terms. One of the interesting incidents connected with his early settlement of the county was walking eight miles and splitting two hundred rails per day, interspersed frequently with the sport of killing a deer.

VALENTINE HEIBY

was born in France December 26, 1820, and came to Recovery

Township in 1872. He was married in New York in 1842 to Matolenia Hamich, who was born in France November 10, 1822. Mr. H. has been a farmer since coming to the county, where he has also served as trustee and school director a number of years. His family consists of nine children, Frederick, Philip, Matolenia, Mary, Valentine, Elizabeth, John, David, and William.

ZACHARIAH LATHAM,

who is engaged in the saw-mill business in the village of Fort Recovery, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, February 19, 1850, and settled in Mercer County in October, 1879. His parents, Moses and Maria Latham, are residents of Franklin County. June 10, 1874, he married Emma J. Dennis in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She and her people were residents of Allen County, Ohio. Travis Latham, one of his ancestors, was in the war of 1812.

JAMES HEDRICK

was born in Mercer County June 22, 1843, his father and mother, John and Rebecca Hedrick, having emigrated to this county in the year 1837. James, the subject of this sketch, is a hard-working farmer and teamster. He enlisted in the 40th Ohio Regiment October 2, 1861, and was honorably discharged on account of disability December 10, 1863. He married Mary Roop, of this county, July 25, 1865, who has borne him seven children.

HENRY TEBBEN

is the proprietor of a store of general merchandise in the village of Recovery, Mercer County, Ohio. He was born in Mercer County in 1843. His parents, Henry and Catharine Tebben, emigrated to this county in 1833, and his father died in 1848, and his mother survived until 1873. He was elected assessor of Recovery Township in 1875, and re-elected the fourth time. February 15, 1870, he was married to Mary Kingman, of the same county, by which union five children have been born.

FRANCIS SPONOUR

was the son of Jacob and Francis Sponour. His parents lived and died in Germany. Francis was born April 4, 1821, and married Louisa Grub, who was born in Germany, March, 1827. Her parents, Christian and Catharine Grub, emigrated to America, and settled in this

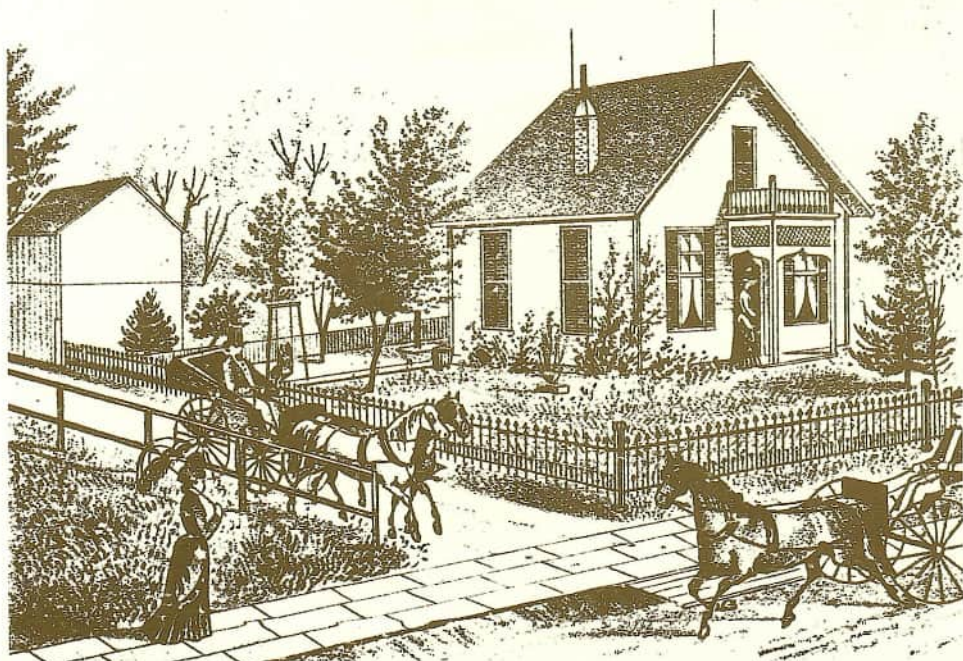
county July, 1857. The children of Francis Sponour are Hettie, Augustus, Charlotte, Charles, Caroline, Frank, Mary, and William. His father was in the French war under Napoleon.

SANFORD H. WARNOCK

was born in Gallia County in 1833. He was raised a farmer, and married Jane McDaniel, October 26, 1866. Their children are Sylvanus R., Emma, and Ella. They did reside half a mile north of Recovery. He has filled the office of justice of the peace for nine years, school director fifteen years, and has been a member of the town council. His grandfather, William Klein, was in the War of 1812. His father volunteered his services in the Black Hawk War.

WILLIAM WENDEL

was born in Hamburg, Germany, November 2, 1837, and came to Mercer County, Ohio, in 1849. He married Elizabeth Trotman January 17, 1861, she having been born in Mercer County November 15,



RES. OF J. H. ADAMS, M. D. WAYNE ST. FORT RECOVERY, OHIO.

1841. Mr. W. has cleared up his farm in Recovery Township, where he found it all timber land when first occupied. His family consists of nine children, Elizabeth, Mary, Susan, William, John, Catharine, Jacob, Henry, and Stephen.

DANIEL BEASNER

was born in Germany, February 25, 1806, and settled in this county in 1854. Has held several minor offices of trust. In 1848 he married Elizabeth Windel, who was born in Germany, August 25, 1831. They have reared a family of eleven children, named as follows: Clemans, Robert, Elizabeth, Alois, Adam, Madaline, Joseph, John, Catharine, Mary, and Rosie.

W. J. MUTHERT

settled in this county in 1857. He was born in Prussia in 1822. After coming to Recovery Township he engaged in farming and the milling trade. In 1845 he married Elizabeth J. Rodolf, who was born in Germany April 10, 1826. The family consisted of the following children: Henry, Louisa, William, Mary A., Albert, Julius (deceased), Rudolf (deceased), and Anna E. (deceased).

NOAH HOLSAPPLE

is the son of Daniel Holsapple and Mary M. Brenner, who came from Montgomery County, Ohio. Noah Holsapple was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, May 1, 1840, and was brought up to the mill business. He married Susannah Minnick, March 16, 1862. She was born August 14, 1843. His residence is at Fort Recovery, Mercer County, Ohio. His children are named Theodore, William Harrison, John Westley, Samuel J. Tilden, and Mary M. Adam Holsapple was in the War of 1812.

JACOB MORNINGSTAR

was born in Greene County, Ohio, in 1814, and settled in this county in 1848. He was the first regular blacksmith in Recovery Township, but has also devoted considerable attention to farming. When he first came to the county the wages received for blacksmithing were thirty-seven cents per day. In 1840 he married Catharine Abnet, of Adams County, Ind., she being a native of Virginia, where she was born in 1819. Their family consists of six children, named Lewis H., Henry L., Jacob A., Sarah C., Mary E., and David B.

GEORGE ISENHART

was born in Pennsylvania Sept. 8, 1808, and came to Mercer County in 1838. The same year he married Elizabeth Nickerson, who was born in Preble County, Ohio, in 1815. Coming here at an early date, he found the country new and unimproved, but by hard labor, in common with the other settlers, he contributed largely to the improvement of the country. His family consisted on Phebe, Isaac, Sarah J., Perlle, John, Margaret A. (dec'd), Samuel, Persilia, Cornelius, and Elnoria. Mr. Isenhardt, served as township trustee a period of ten years.

JOSEPH WEIS

is an enterprising farmer and lumber dealer of Recovery Township. He was born March 19, 1824, in Baden, Germany, and came to Mercer County with his parents in the year 1838. He married Mary C. Tenosts, of Prussian birth, in 1850, in Mercer County, and they have raised a family of eleven children. As an evidence of the esteem and confidence reposed in him by his neighbors and voters of the township, they have repeatedly elected him road supervisor, township trustee, and assessor, the duties of which offices he has ever faithfully discharged.

ELI LIPPS.

Henry and Cynthia Lipps, his parents, settled in Mercer County in 1830. He was born April 13, 1834, and was brought up on the farm. He married Fidelia McCrery, the daughter of Tower and Sarah Blackford McCrery, who had settled in this county in 1853. She was born July 21, 1840, and was married July 8, 1860. Their children are named Ida R., Anaretta M., William H., John, Tower, Effie, Frederick and Charles. His father, Henry Lipps, was one of the first settlers of the county, and assisted to lay out the town of Fort Recovery.

JOHN SCHUCK

was born in Germany, and settled in this county in 1838. It was all new then, and unprovided with roads, save the old Indian trails. In 1838 he married Elizabeth Reasener, who was born in Germany, but lived in Preble County, Ohio at the time of her marriage. Their children consisted of Mary, Margaret, Macklin, Barbara, John, Theobold, Elizabeth (deceased), Catharine, Clarissa, Stephen, Michael, Theodore, Philomena, and Adam (deceased).

FREDERICK HEIBY

came from Crawford County, Ohio, 1870. He was born in Crawford County January 8, 1843. Since coming here he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising, and has served as township clerk a term of seven years. He married Caroline Keifer April 5, 1866. His family consists of five children, three being dead. They are named Catharine, Elizabeth, Rosina (deceased), Amma, John, Amanda (deceased), Henry (deceased), and Albert.

JACOB TROTMAN

was born in this county in 1848, and was raised on a farm, which occupation he still pursues. In 1867 he married, and has raised six children named John, Jacob, Catharine, Mary, William, and Stephen.

FRANK KOLICK

settled in Recovery Township in 1870. He was born in Austria in 1831, and has followed farming since coming to this county. In 1859 he married Juditia Byer, who was born in Austria in 1831. Their children consist of Amelia, Joseph, and Caroline.

O. S. GREENE

was born in New York, July 5, 1834, and came to this county in 1857, when he settled in Recovery Township. He is pastor of the Christian Church, and has held the office of school director a number of terms. In 1854 he married Caroline Wyld, who was born in England Feb. 25, 1836. Their family consisted of three children, Juliette, Emery, and Francis (deceased).

JOSEPH HENDRICK,

son of Henry and Mary Ann Hendrick, was born in Germany, February 14, 1840. He keeps a general store at Recovery. In 1867 he married Agnes, daughter of T. and Agnes Busche. She was born in Germany, March 15, 1851. Their children are Josephine, Henry, Agnes, George, Francis, Henry. He is the agent of the Pioneer Life Insurance and the Benevolent Insurance Company, of Indiana.

SIMON JACOBS

was born in France in 1837, and settled in this county in 1868. He

served in the war of the rebellion, and has held several township offices at different periods. He was married August 6, 1867. His family consists of six children, viz.: Catharine, Philemon, Mary J. (deceased), John F., Anna E., and Peter.

JOHN BROWN

was born in Mercer County in 1853, his parents having come to the county in 1849. In 1876 he married Catharine Shindline, who was born in 1860. Their family consists of two children, Anna, born in 1877, and Catharine, born in 1880. Mr. Brown has lived in Recovery Township since his childhood, and has followed farming all his life.

JOHN SPANGLER, JR.,

was born in this county March 16, 1854. His parents came to the county the previous year. He married Amelia Chalch August 5, 1879. Her parents came from Germany, where she was born December 12, 1862. They have one child, Frank, born May 5, 1880. Mr. S. is a farmer of Recovery Township; his post-office being Macedon.

HENRY BEISICK

was born in Germany March 6, 1834, and came to this county in 1871. The same year he married Catharine Fulencamp, who was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, in 1848. Before coming to America Mr. B. served five years in the German army. The family consists of three children, Barnard, Catharine, and Mary.

JOHN SCHNEIDER

was born in Germany, June 28, 1849, and located in Mercer County in November, 1877. His parents remain in Germany. He is a carriage manufacturer and blacksmith in Fort Recovery. April 29, 1873, he married Mary Roesner, a native of Mercer County, by whom he has had one son and three daughters.

GEORGE ISENHART

is a native of Preble County, Ohio, and settled in Mercer County in the year 1838. The same year he married Elizabeth A. McKerson, which union has been fruitful of eleven children, five sons and five daughters still living. He is a farmer, and is still hale and hearty at the good old age of seventy-three years.

HENRY WOEST

was born in Mercer County, Ohio, March 14, 1844. His wife, Mary Hagedorn, was also born in Mercer County in 1849. This couple were married in the same county November 11, 1867. Mr. Woest was elected constable in 1876, and filled the office one term. He is now engaged in the business of teaming.

MICHAEL ROEMER

was the son of Jacob and Mary A. Roemer, who settled in this county in 1838. He was born in Mercer County, April 24, 1842, and brought up to the farming business. He married Margaret, daughter of Peter and Eve Kirber, April 5, 1863. She was born December 5, 1842. Their children are Mary, Daniel, John, William, Frank, and Matilda.

JOHN SHENLIN

was born in Mercer County in 1852. Being raised on a farm he has pursued farming as a vocation. In 1877 he married Elizabeth Post, who was born in this county in 1857.

JOHN SLIFE.

Jacob and Elizabeth Meyer Slife were the grandparents of John Slife. Their children were Abraham, Samuel, Jacob, Michael, John, and Elizabeth, who were raised in Pennsylvania. Abraham was John's father. He married Sarah Meyer, and his children were Daniel, David Slife, Emanuel, Elizabeth, and John. John was married to Elizabeth McDaniel Slife. The children were Warren and William. He settled in Recovery Township in 1865. He enlisted in Company A, 8th Indiana Regiment, Captain Brady, Colonel Smith, for three years. He was in the battles of Pea Ridge, Vicksburg, Champlain Hill, and Black River. He was wounded at the battle of Vicksburg July 1; the bullet penetrated his body at the breast bone and broke off a rib, at five o'clock in the evening. He laid on the ground until ten o'clock the next day, and was fly-blown. He drew a silk handkerchief through his wound, and was taken to a place where about forty dead and wounded were lying. He travelled to Chickasaw; thence to Memphis, and remained two months; then went home to Recovery, and received his discharge, having served three years and three months. He offered his services twice, but he was rejected.

ISAAC N. HANNA.

His parents, Charles and Elizabeth McGill Hanna, settled in Mercer County in 1863. His wife's father and mother were Thomas and Elizabeth Tusker, who lived at Richmond, Indiana. He was born in Pennsylvania, July 17, 1832, resides at Fort Recovery, Ohio, and is an undertaker. He married Miss Messina A. Fisher, February 25, 1877, and has two children - Thomas A. and Ernest. He enlisted in 1861 in the 34th Indiana Infantry Regiment, Company B, and was discharged in 1864. Charles Hanna enlisted in 1863, and was discharged in 1865. John Hanna enlisted in 1861, and died at Nashville in 1862. Martin Hanna enlisted in 1864, and was discharged in 1865. David McGill enlisted in 1861, and was discharged in 1865.

DR. D. H. RICHARDSON

was born in 1848, and received a classical education; studied medicine with his father; graduated at the medical college, Columbus, in 1869, and in 1879 at Cincinnati, Ohio, and commenced practice with his father. He married Miss Mary L. Kiehl.

DR. JOHN CONANT RICHARDSON

is the father of Dr. D. H. Richardson, and was born in 1817, in the State of New York. He received a classical education, and studied medicine with his brother in Ohio, and graduated at Columbus Medical College. He settled in Recovery in 1843, and married Mary Grey. Has three children, viz., Annetta, D. H., and John.

LEWIS THOMPSON

is a son of Dennis and Ellen Thompson, residents of Preble County, Ohio, in which county he was born April 25, 1837. He married Mary Fudge, of the same county, October 2, 1856, and moved to Mercer County in December, 1870. He is a farmer and stock-raiser. His mother's father, John Graham, was a soldier in the war of 1812. On April 17, 1861, Lewis Thompson enlisted in Company C, 20th O. V. I., and served three months. In February, 1862, he volunteered in the three years' service in the 35th O. V. I. and served until March 24, 1864, when he was honorably discharged. He passed through, unhurt, the battles of Mill Springs, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, and Resaca. He is the father of three sons and three daughters.

L. W. STONE

is the proprietor of a steam flouring mill at Fort Recovery, Ohio, and does a large business. He was born January 30, 1822, in Galia County, Ohio, and settled in Mercer County in 1830. On February 24, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged August 11, 1865. His father, James Stone, served in the War of 1812 as a private soldier. The name of his first wife was Elizabeth McDaniel, a native of Clark County Ohio, whom he married August 28, 1843. She bore him five children. His second wife's name was Elizabeth Prescott, who was born in England. He married the latter in February, 1880.

WILLIAM SNYDER.

John and Rebecca Snyder were married in New Jersey in 1818. Their children, William, Mary, Margaret, John, Jerusha, and Ann. William was born in Butler County in 1820, and brought up on a farm, and moved in 1850 to Mercer County (then Darke). He married Martha J. Herring in 1844. Their children, Rebecca, Henry, Ann, Jane, Margaret, Wayne, John, and Orrin. He moved to the town of Recovery. Kept hotel five years, and is engaged in selling goods.

JOHN MYERS

is a farmer, who was born in Butler County, Ohio, July 27, 1842, and with his parents settled in Mercer County in 1843. He married Caroline Steel, a native of this county, November 2, 1865, by whom he has had two sons and two daughters. In the years 1873 and 1877 he filled the office of assessor of Gibson Township. His grandfather Myers served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a private in Company C, One Hundred and Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted August 11, 1862, and was honorably discharged July 12, 1865. He was in the battles of Kingston, Mossy Creek, and Resacca. In 1864 he became disabled by losing an eye.

JOHN OSWALD

is engaged in the dry-goods trade in the village of Fort Recovery, Ohio, and also filled the office of justice of the peace of Recovery Township. He was born in Alsace, France, Sept. 7, 1832, and emigrated to Mercer County in January, 1852. March 25, 1855, he married Elizabeth Beardslee in Mercer County. They have changed

residences a couple of times since their marriage, the second of their four children having been born in Colorado, and their third in Indiana. His mother, Magdalena Fry Oswald, is yet living in Portland, Indiana, at the ripe age of 90 years. His father, Frederick Oswald, served as a soldier four years in the campaigns of Napoleon I.

LAWRENCE BIRDSLEY ROOD,

son of Aaron and Phebe Rood, settled in Mercer County in 1840. He was born in Massachusetts April 12, 1812, and married in Gibson Township March 23, 1843, Susannah Golder, daughter of John and Mary Golder, who had settled in this county in 1841. Their children are John, Wilson, Charles, and Mary E.

Aaron Rood served through the War of 1812; was wounded, and received a pension to his death.

When Lawrence B. Rood came to Fort Recovery, the main part of the town was covered with a dense growth of trees. There were but few houses in the place. He taught the first school in the district where he lived.

JOHN SCHNIDER,

son of Philip and Caroline Young Schnider. They came from Germany, and settled in Jay County, Ohio. John was born in Newark, Licking County, October, 1845, and removed to Mercer County in 1877. He married Susan Aughinbaugh, daughter of George and Elizabeth Aughinbaugh, of Jay County, December 25, 1869. Susan Schnider was born in 1845. He enlisted in the 7th Indiana Cavalry in 1863, and was discharged in February, 1864. Frank Schnider enlisted in the 19th United States Regulars in 1861, and was discharged in 1864. He was a prisoner in Libby prison eight months, and afterwards in the hospital three months.

H. J. STACHLER,

son of Henry J. and Elizabeth Stachler, was born August 15, 1838, in Germany, and settled in this county March 10, 1851. Is a farmer and stock-raiser. May 28, 1864, he married Dorothea, daughter of John and Catharine Henery. She was born July 13, 1844. Their children are Mary E., Catharine, John H., Mary C., Clara, Henry J., Adam, Mary A., Dorothea, Augustus. H. J. Stachler emigrated to America in 1851, and settled in Mercer County in 1870. He commenced with his father in Greenville Township, getting a homestead of eighty acres. This he sold, and purchased a farm, owned by B. Romer, of two

hundred acres in Recovery Township, upon which he now lives, section 25.

JOHN A. FECHER,

son of Jacob and Mary Fecher, who came from Germany, settled in this county. He was born in Germany, March 10, 1828. He was raised a farmer and stock-raiser. He married, in 1855, Elizabeth Stockler, daughter of Peter and Catharine Stockler, who was born in 1832. Their children are Anna M., Clarissa, Joseph, John, Peter, Elizabeth, and Barbara. He has filled the office of supervisor and school director for six years. He came from Germany in 1840, and located in Lebanon County, Pa., two years, and from thence moved to Mercer County, and owns 320 acres of land.

G. W. MILLER, SR.

was born in Darke County, Ohio, January, 31, 1829, and in the spring of the same year his parents located in Mercer County. His mother is yet living at the age of eighty-two years. He is a farmer and stock-raiser. He was the first mayor of the incorporated town of Fort Recovery. His grandfather, David Miller, was a soldier of the War of 1812. He was never married.

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Potawatomi: The Iroquois League "Six Nations"
The Big Four Nations: Shawnee, Wyandot, Miami,
Delaware: The Nations of the Ottawas,
Chippewas, Cherokee.