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'Squire Emanuel Circle was born on his father's farm in Mercer county, Ohio, at the date above given. He received a rudimentary education in the district school. In 1868 he was married, in Auglaize county, Ohio, to Emily Elizabeth Graybill, born in that county March 25, 1852, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Cable) Graybill. Jacob Graybill was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 3, 1810, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. He was a pioneer in Auglaize county, and a man of prominence in his community. In 1877 he moved to Liber, Jay county, Indiana, where he is living retired and honored, at the age of eighty-nine years. He is a member of the New-Light church, and in politics is a Democrat. His son, Edward Graybill, served gallantly in the civil war.

'Squire Emanuel Circle settled on, cleared up and improved an eighty-acre farm, in Mercer county, Ohio, and lived upon it and managed it successfully until February, 1873. In 1875 he moved on to a farm of eight acres, three miles south of Portland, Jay county, Indiana, which he improved and in time sold to advantage. He then rented a large farm, which he operated successfully for a time, and improved. Later he managed another farm, near Portland, until 1888, when he bought his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, in White Post township, Pulaski county, Indiana, only thirty acres of which was then under improvement.

Mr. Circle is a member of the Church of God, and so are his wife and all of their children; and his son, Rev. Oliver M. Circle, is a regularly ordained minister of that religious body and has officiated in that capacity since 1897. Their other children are named Jacob B., Mary E., William F., Daisy B. and Henry L. As a family they are highly regarded by a wide circle of acquaintances. 'Squire Emanuel Circle is a man of great probity and of the best business judgment, and his administration of the office of justice of the peace has won for him the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens. Politically he is a Republican, and his influence in the councils of his party is recognized. His brother George, who was a member of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, did gallant service for his country in the war of the Rebellion, participating in numerous engagements and receiving wounds which were later regarded by his many friends as honorable witnesses to his patriotism.

SAMUEL LINTON.

One of the reliable business men of Medaryville is Samuel Linton, a furniture dealer and undertaker, whose well directed efforts, diligence and capable management have brought to him excellent returns. He was born May 7, 1842, in Guernsey county, Ohio, and is a son of William S. and Sarah

(Voorhees) Linton. The Linton and the Voorhees families were of sturdy Pennsylvania-Dutch lineage, and were early settlers of that state. William S. Linton was a native of Pennsylvania and was a saddler by trade. In Muskingum county, Ohio, he married Sarah Voorhees, a native of that county and a daughter of Stephen Voorhees, who was an uncle of Senator Daniel Voorhees, of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Linton began their domestic life in the Buckeye state, he engaging in the harness and saddlery business in Cambridge. He died while visiting in Kansas, when about sixty-five years of age. In his political views he was a Democrat, in his religious faith was a Methodist, and was a highly respected citizen, who by reason of his sterling worth enjoyed the warm regard of all with whom he came in contact. His children were Mary J., Joshua, Elizabeth, Samuel, William H., Jacob and David. Two of the sons loyally served their country as defenders of the Union during the civil war.

Samuel Linton acquired his education in the common schools near his home, and in his youth started out upon his business career, learning the carpenter's trade. When eighteen years of age, he offered his services to the government to aid in the suppression of the rebellion, enlisting at Cambridge, in 1862, as a member of Company H, Seventy-eighth Ohio Infantry, to serve for three years or during the war. He participated in the battle of Fort Donelson, and was always at his post, faithfully discharging every duty that devolved upon him. In 1863, on account of physical disability, he received an honorable discharge and returned to the north.

Later Mr. Linton became a resident of Jasper county, Indiana, where he engaged in contracting and building, continuing in that business for thirty-one years. He erected many of the best buildings in Jasper and Pulaski counties, including several churches, the flouring mill at Medaryville and many new school-houses, and for many years he sustained the reputation of being the leading contractor in his section of the state.

Mr. Linton was married in August, 1864, in Walker township, Jasper county, to Catherine Davidson, who was born in that county in 1844, a daughter of Solomon Davidson. They began their domestic life in Walker township, and in 1876 removed to Medaryville, where they have since resided. Here, in addition to contracting and building, he carried on the lumber business, and in 1894 extended the field of his operations by opening an undertaking establishment. He pursued a full course in the Massachusetts College of Embalming, in Boston, and became very skillful in that department of the undertaking business. He has the finest modern instruments and appliances, carries a large and complete line of undertaking goods and has two fine hearses. In July, 1897, he erected a substantial and commodious business block, in which he now has one of the largest and best

arranged furniture stores in Pulaski county, carrying a complete line of goods wherewith to meet the demands of the public.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Linton have been born the following children: Sarah A., James R., Lydia M., Mary, William H. and Grover C. The parents are consistent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, contribute liberally to its support and do all in their power to promote its growth. Mr. Linton exercises his right of franchise in behalf of the men and measures of the Democratic party, but he has never sought office, preferring to devote his energies to his business affairs. He started out in life empty-handed and has steadily worked his way upward, accumulating through his own industry and perseverance a handsome competence. His business methods have ever been above question, and his life has been a busy, useful and honorable one, in which success has come as the reward of labor.

EDWIN FRAIN.

Enterprise and well applied industry have characterized the career of Edwin Frain, whose life has been passed in northwestern Indiana. A son of John Frain, whose history is printed elsewhere in this work, he was born August 30, 1846, in Pulaski county. Though his educational advantages were extremely limited, he having attended school but thirty months altogether in his youth, he made the best of his opportunities, and, being an apt student, kept pace with those of his own age. For three terms he was a pupil in the school at Winamac, and for a period of three months he went to the Logansport school.

When twenty-four years of age, our subject rented a farm of his father, and for the following six years cultivated the place on shares, receiving one-third of the profits, while his father furnished everything. During part of this period he taught school in the winter time, thus keeping very busy the entire year. As previously stated, his own education had been largely the result of private study, but he became well posted in the ordinary branches, and made a very successful teacher. His first experience in this direction was in the Brown (now Mull) school, in Van Buren township, during the winter of 1870-71, when he taught for eighty days, and the succeeding winter he taught for eighty-five days. In the winter of 1872-73 he had charge of the Sutton school for the term of eighty days, and subsequently he taught for terms of sixty-five days in the Hoch school, in Monroe township, and two winters in the Cooper school, in Franklin township.

In the summer of 1877 he built a comfortable house, and March 2, 1878, he moved into it with his family. Renting a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, he has continued to cultivate the place ever since, with success. From