

Jackson County Obituaries

KATHERINE H. JACOBS

Katherine (Holzapfel) Jacobs, age 89, passed away on Friday, July 2, 2004, at the home of her son.

A lifelong resident of Wellston, Katherine was born on September 9, 1914, and was a parishioner at the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. After retirement from her position at the family-owned Holzapfel Distributing Company, she served many years as secretary/treasurer for the Jackson Genealogical Society.

Katherine was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Jacobs, parents Andrew J. Holzapfel, Sr., and Clara (McGee) Holzapfel, sisters Lena Holzapfel and Patricia Kelly, and brother Andrew J. Holzapfel, Jr.

She is survived by daughters Anna Marie McFerren of Cincinnati, and Sandra (Mike) Milius of Indianapolis; son Michael (Joyce) Jacobs of Wellston; sister Helen West of Portsmouth; grandsons Michael McFerren of Oak Park MI, and Mark McFerren of Cincinnati; granddaughters Lauren and Michelle Milius of Indianapolis; and great-granddaughter Katherine McFerren of Cincinnati.

Also surviving are special friends Kay Norton and Erica Dalton of Wellston, and her best friend "Sandy".

Funeral services [were] held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, at St. Peter and Paul Church in Wellston. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 5, at the Jenkins Funeral Chapel, where the Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the St Peter and Paul Church cemetery fund.

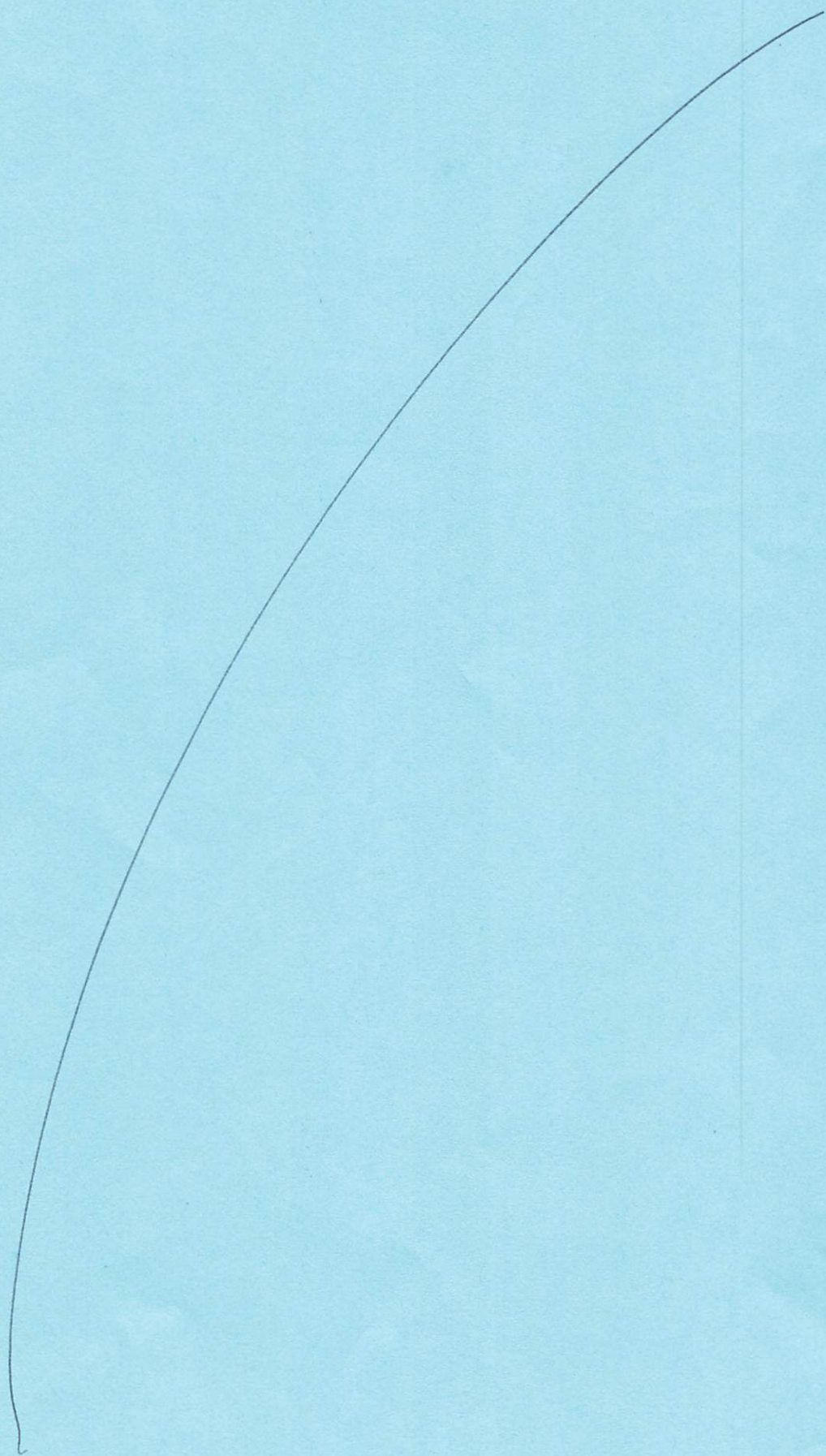
MARGARET KELLY

Margaret (Peggy) (McCoy) Kelly, age 92, of Jackson, passed away Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at her home. Born on August 8, 1911, in Jackson, Ohio, to the late Ellsworth and Daisy (Dever) McCoy, she was a Jackson County School Treasurer and Secretary to the School Superintendent, and later served as Treasurer for Buckeye Hills Career Center. She also served as a poll worker for the Election Board for many years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, DAR, Jackson County Cancer Society, a member of Christ United Methodist Church, and a charter member of the Progress Club.

She is survived by grandsons Kelly (Julie) Needham of Oak Hill and Bill (Becky) Needham of Mount Sterling, Ohio; great-grandchildren Michael Paul and Jeanne Michelle of Mount Sterling, Timothy George, Christopher William and Andrea Beth Needham of Oak Hill; great-great-grandchildren Cameron Ray, Chaz Reese, and Isaiah Michael Needham. One sister-in-law, Helen Kelly of Florida; and niece Mary Ann, of Florida, also survive.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Kelly; daughter, Jean Kelly Needham; and brothers Orin and Raymond.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 3, at the Eisnaugle-Lewis Funeral Home, with Diaconal Minister Janie Karl officiating; burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery. Friends called from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Christ United Methodist Church, 150 Portsmouth Street, Jackson OH 45640.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Franklin Township, organized in 1816, was one of the three original townships, and the first one which had its name and bounds described by the county commissioners. It covered at that time about one-third of the county, being most of the south and south-western portions. There were quite a number of townships made at the second term of county commissioners' court, **June 1816**, and some of them cut seriously into the territory of Franklin. These new townships caused the citizens of Franklin to look after their boundary line and a petition was presented by the inhabitants of the township asking that said township remain incorporated under its old name, and to have its bounds as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of section 1, in township 6, range 18, and running south along the said range line to the southeast corner of section 36, in township 6, range 18; thence west to the northeast corner of section 3, township 5, range 18; thence south with section line to the county line; thence west along said line to the southwest corner of section 36, in township 5, of range 19; thence north along the section line to the northwest corner of section 1, in township 6, of range 19; thence east to the place of beginning.

This petition was presented 16 July 1816, and granted by the commissioners. According to these boundaries the original township of Franklin contained the whole of the present township, two-thirds of Jefferson and six sections each from the east side of Scioto and Hamilton Townships, which made it exactly the size of two congressional townships.

BIOGRAPHIES

Albert Smith Brady, second son of **Thomas J. and Margaret (Stephenson) Brady**, was born **22 Dec 1861 in Scioto County Ohio**. When three years of age, he came with his parents to Jackson, where he attended the common schools and worked on the farm till he was fourteen years old. He then clerkeed for Richards & Sons at the Crossroads for a few months, after which he was employed as clerk in a furnace store two years in **Carter County KY**. He was again employed by Richards & Sons for a time, and after being employed by various parties he attended school; at the same time purchased ore for the Jackson Furnace until **October 1882**, and prepared himself for the teacher's profession at the Oak Hill Academy, and is at present teaching school at Glade, Jackson County.

Mrs. Emily Brady, daughter of **David and Rachel (Virgin) Enslow**, was born in **Pennsylvania 19 Mar 1801**. Her parents settled in **Muskingum County** when she was an infant. Her father served as **Captain in the war of 1812**, after which the family moved to **Scioto County**, settling where Wheelersburg now stands. She lived with her parents till she was twenty-five years old, helping with the housework and working on the farm. **04 Jul 1825** she was married to **Levi Brady**, who died **05 Jan 1862**, aged sixty-five years. He was a boatman on the Ohio River, and while he was away she would do the farm work. Her father-in-law, **William Brady**, built the first house where the city of Portsmouth is located. Of the **thirteen children** born to them twelve are living: **King D., Thomas J., Samuel W., Levi, Caroline** (wife of **Daniel Underwood**), **Robert K., William H., Mary E.** (wife of **Rev. J. B. Tracy**), **John T.** (Captain in the late war), **Reason E., Emily** (wife of **Harry Adrian**) and **Ornamenta C.** (wife of **John Zing**). The second son, **Thomas**, died at the age of three years. All the sons belong to the Republican party. Mrs. Brady is widely known as a successful physician—

especially in the cure of cancers. She joined the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of thirteen years, and when forty years old joined the Baptist, of which she is still a member.

Thomas Jefferson Brady, second son of Levi and Emily Brady, was born in **Scioto County 20 Aug 1829**. He lived on the home farm till his twenty-first year, and attended the common schools. At that age, he began burning charcoal, which he followed till 1851. He then went to **California** and engaged in mining till the fall of 1853, when he returned to Scioto County and again engaged in the coal business. He was Assistant Superintendent of the Bloom Furnace in Scioto County, and Manager of the Diamond Furnace near Jackson two years, the Orange Furnace one year, the Fulton Furnace one year, and the Limestone Furnace for the same length of time. He then superintended the Charlotte Furnace in Carter County KY four and a half years. He then returned to his farm in Jackson County, where he is at present engaged in farming. **02 Feb 1856**, he was married to **Margaret, daughter of Smith and Mary (Varian) Stephenson**. Five children have been born to them, four whom are living: **Robert K., Albert S., Eva and Charlie**. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She died **April 1871**. Mr. Brady has held the office of Trustee of Franklin Township two years.

Harmon Bunn, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in **Jackson County**, near his present residence, **12 Nov 1846**. His father, **Samuel Bunn**, was a native of **Maryland**, but reared in **Greenbrier County, VA**, and came to Ohio in 1800. He married **Elizabeth Nelson**, a native of Kentucky, who came to **Gallia County** when seven years old, and in 1812 came to Jackson County. Our subject was reared a farmer and attended the common schools. He has managed the farm since his father's death, which occurred in 1865, at the age of eighty-two. He has had the care of his mother since, who is still living (1883). **14 May 1864**, he enlisted in **Company I, 172 Ohio National Guards**, and was on duty at Gallipolis, guarding Government stores and transports on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers. He was discharged **14 Sep 1864**, when he returned home, since when he has been improving his farm and dealing in stock. He was married **26 Dec 1866** to **Esther M., daughter of Thomas Frasure**, by whom he has had **six children**, of whom four are living: **Ira E., Getty E., Blanche and Benny. Ernest H. and Maud** both died at the age of two years.

Henry Clay Bunn, farmer and dealer in stock, is the **third son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Nelson) Bunn**. He was born in **Jackson County 01 Jun 1827**, and lived on the home farm till he reached his majority, and received a liberal education at the subscription schools. At the age of twenty-one, he began farming for himself, and in 1854 he, with his brother Harvey and others, constructed a merchants' gristmill in Jackson, to which they afterward added a woolen mill. The business was conducted under the firm name of **Bunn, Walterhouse & Bunn** for three years, when it was changed to **Bunn Bros**. They also had a dry-goods store in connection with the general business. The business continued till 1870. In 1867 he and his brother Harvey purchased interests in the **Fulton Iron Furnace**, and in 1870 became sole proprietors, and in 1873 sold his interest. During the years he was in business he devoted his time to his farm and stock, in which he is still engaged. **04 May 1856**, he was married to **Millie A., daughter of Major George W. and Mary (McCall) Hale**. They have three children living: **Howard S., Charles and Jessie. Myra B.** died at the age of three years.

Peter Bunn, farmer and stock-dealer, is the **eldest son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Nelson) Bunn**. His father was a native of **Maryland**, but reared in **Virginia**. He came to Jackson County in 1800, and engaged in the manufacture of salt for a number of years. At an early age he purchased land and began dealing in cattle, becoming an extensive land owner. He was in the **war of 1812**. He was married in Jackson County, where our subject was born, **05 Aug 1820**. Peter Bunn, at the age of

twenty-one years, began his present business, in which he has met with success. 17 Oct 1864 he enlisted in the **Second Independent Battery, Ohio National Guards**, and was on duty at Johnson's Island, guarding prisoners of war. 22 Dec 1864, he was discharged at **Cleveland, Ohio**, and returned home. He was married in **September 1842** to **Maria**, daughter of **Thomas Frasure**. Three daughters have blessed this union: **Elizabeth**, wife of **William Schellenger**; **Frank** [sic], wife of **John Price**, of Jackson; **Josephine**, wife of **Edward Swanson**. His wife died at the age of **forty-seven** years, 26 Oct 1865. He was again married 14 Sep 1866 to **Nancy J**, daughter of **Annas and Martha J. (Keer) Swanson**. They have been blessed with **three children**: **Althea M**, **Peter H.** and **Carrie E.** He and wife are members of the **Missionary Baptist church**, of which he is **deacon, trustee and treasurer**. He has filled the office of **Treasurer of Franklin Township** twelve years. In 1874, at the opening of the **County Infirmary**, he was elected a **Director** of that institution. He has been re-elected twice, and is still filling that position.

Abraham D. Edwards, farmer and dealer in stock, is the third son of **David and Hannah (Evans) Edwards**. His parents emigrated from **North Wales** to the United States and settled in **Gallia County, Ohio**, in 1839, where our subject was born **12 Mar 1841**. He lived there on a farm till he was **nineteen** years old. He was educated in the common schools, and spent some time in his father's gristmill. He first began business for himself at a teamster during the late war, when he was engaged with the army in **West Virginia** during the winter of 1862. He spent the summer of 1863 in his father's gristmill, and the following winter he was with the **Army of the Cumberland**, as a teamster. He returned home in the spring of 1865, and engaged in milling with his father till 1866, since when he has been successfully engaged in his present business. 19 Dec 1865 he was married to **Nancy J.**, daughter of **J. C. and Lucinda Cremeens**. They have had **three children**. **Josiah D.** and **Hannah R.** are living. **Willie O.** died when two years old. He and wife are members of the **Methodist church**, and he is a member of **Trowell Lodge, No 132, A.F.&A.M., Jackson Ohio**.

Baldwin Brazee Evans, dealer in dry goods, groceries hardware and general merchandise, at **Irwin Station, Jackson County**, was born in **Jackson County 22 Aug 1835**. He lived on the farm with his parents, **Evan and Polly B (Cherington) Evans**, until manhood, and was educated at the common schools. At the age of **nineteen** he began teaching school, and was engaged in teaching during the winter and working on the farm with his father during the summer till he was **twenty-five** years old, when he established his present business. He has been **Postmaster** at **Cambria** since the office was established, and has also been agent for the **CW&B Railroad Company**, and also for the **Express Company** since 1868. He was elected **Auditor of Jackson County** in 1880 and is still holding that office. He was married 18 Jul 1861 to **Sarah J.**, daughter of **Job and Rebecca (McClure) Buckley**. They have a family of **five children**: **Corella**, **Albert V.**, **Leonora**, **Herbert C.** and **Walter R.** Mr. Evans and wife are members of the **Methodist Episcopal church**.

Evan Evans, eldest son of **Evan and Susannah (Jones) Evans**, was born in **North Wales 19 Jun 1814**, and when **three years old** came with his parents to the United States. They settled in **Gallia County, Ohio**, where he worked on the farm and attended the common schools. When **twenty-one** years old, he purchased some uncultivated land which he cleared, and is still residing there, engaged in farming. 09 Oct 1834, he was married to **Polly B.**, daughter of **Thomas and Sarah Cherington**, of

Gallia County. Twelve children were born to them, of whom eight are living: **Baldwin B., Clinton D., Wellington C., Timothy J., S.E., R.R., Thomas J. and Minnie.** Those deceased are **Susan, Sara A., Susan J and Mary A.** He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as Steward a number of years.

William Henry Handley, farmer and blacksmith, was born in **Cabell County VA 20 Sep 1836.** He is the eldest son of **Sampson and Susan W. (Billups) Handley**, and early learned the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop, who followed that avocation. He was educated in the common schools, and at the age of twenty-two years he began to receive wages from his father, with whom he worked a year. He then established a shop of his own where he worked at his trade and was Postmaster of the office at Thorndike until 1862. He was a Union man, and when the Postmaster-General of the Confederacy ordered him to make his official reports to the Confederate States, he said he knew no such Government and immediately came to Ohio and made his report, returning his postal paper to the proper authorities as Washington. He was married **08 Nov 1859** to **Melinda A., daughter of Moses and Mary J. (Garrett) Cremeens**, of Cabel County. They have had **nine children**, five of whom are living: **May P., Albert W., Julia J., Nora I. and Arthur M. Sampson E.** died at the age of fifteen; **Addie and Olga** died in infancy, and **Jennie A.** when two years old. Mr. Handley and wife are members of the Methodist church. He has served as Trustee of Franklin Township three terms and has taken an active interest in the management of the schools in his district.

Deming Hoskins, farmer and stock-raiser, Franklin Township, is the eldest son of **Job and Mary (Donald) Hoskins.** He was born in **Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio 31 Oct 1831**, and when a boy his parents removed to Pickaway County, where he lived on a farm and attended the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he began farming in Pickaway County, where he lived till the spring of 1876. He then rented a farm in Jackson County and dealt in stock till the spring of 1880, when he purchased the farm where he now resides. **04 Oct 1866** he was married to **Emma, daughter of Wilson and Martha (Poor) Dickerson**, of Jackson County. They have had five children, of whom four are living: **Homer, Eddie D., Harry and Lena.** Their eldest daughter, **Birsel**, died when ten years of age. Mr. Hoskins and wife are members of the Methodist church.

Samuel Harrison Johnson, son of **Samuel R. and Susan (Ward) Johnson**, was born **30 Apr 1839**, in **Franklin Township, Jackson County**, near his present residence. **15 Sep 1862**, he enlisted as a private to serve three years in **Company G, Seventh Ohio Cavalry.** He was engaged in the battle of Crab Orchard KY, in March 1863, after which his company was detailed as bodyguard under General Gilmore in the **Twenty-third Army Corps.** He was on duty during the siege of Knoxville TN, after which he was confined in the hospital with smallpox until June 1864. He then rejoined his company and went with Sherman to Marietta GA, and was present at the capture of Atlanta. He participated in a number of important battles and was **discharged at Raleigh, 12 Jun 1865**, after which he returned home where he has since followed the avocation of a farmer. **28 Oct 1866**, he was married to **Lottie A., daughter of J.W. and Emily (Burriss) McClure**, of Jackson County. They have one son: **Willie Elmer.** Mrs. Johnson is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Johnson is a member of Lodge No. 132, AF&AM, and of Chapter No. 70, RAM, of Jackson, Ohio.

Lorenzo Wilson Kinnison was born **13 Jul 1834** in **Jackson County.** He was reared by his grandparents, **Charles and Elizabeth Kinnison**, who came to Ohio from **Greenbrier County VA** in an early day. He worked on the farm and attended the country schools until he was nineteen years old when he, in partnership with S.W. Spencer, opened a grocery and notion store at Berlin, Jackson

County, the firm name being Spencer & Kinnison. After a short time he soldout his interest and farmed one year with his uncle, **A.J. Kinnison**. The following winter he taught school and in the spring again became Mr. Spencer's partner in the general merchandise trade. After being thus engaged eighteen months, he sold his interest and for a short time clerked in a store. During the summers of 1857-58, he worked on the farm, teaching school during the winter months. In the spring of 1859, he removed to his farm and began experimenting in plant propagation. **04 May 1864**, he enlisted in **Company I, 172 National Guards**, and was on duty at Gallipolis, Ohio, guarding Governnet stores and transports until **15 Sep 1864**, when he was discharged and returned home, and in 1865 began making plant propagation a specialty. He has steadily increased his business till he now has beds of sweet potatoes covering from 6,000 to 7,000 feet of surface and supplies Jackson, Pike, Scioto and Vinton counties and other localities. He produces plants by the millions each season. He raises other vegetables and also house and foliage plants to which he gives his entire time during the plant season. He was married **20 May 1858** to **Mary A., daughter of William H. and Eleanor (Williams) Cherington**. **Seven children** were born to them, five of whom are living: **Icephene O.**, wife of **Isaac F. Barton**; **Ulysses L.**, **Ira E.**, **William L.** and **Ernest E.** **Elden E.E.** died at the age of nine years and **Carrie D.** aged four years. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is an active worker in the Sabbath school and a strong supporter of the temperance cause. He has served as Clerk of his township and held the office of Township Trustee two terms.

George Washington Lake, third son of **Silas and Eliza (Schellenger) Lake**, was born in **Jackson County 13 Feb 1825**. His father, a native of **New York State**, was of English descent, and his mother was born in **New Jersey**, of German descent. They were the first settlers of Jackson County, where our subject grew to maturity and was educated in the common schools. He was engaged in farming till 1864, when in **November** of that year he enlisted in **Company B, 67 Ohio Infantry**, as a private for one year. While fighting before Richmond, he received injuries from which he never recovered. He was at the seige and Capture of Petersburg, and was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. During the summer of 1865, he was stationed at Hanover Courthouse VA, and **01 Nov 1865 he was discharged at Louisa Courthouse VA**, when he returned home and has since been engaged in farming. In 1854 he was elected Township Trustee and served one term. He was married **12 March 1852** to **Susannah, daughter of George and Margaret (Stephenson) Newell**, of Jackson County. They have had **eight children** of whom seven survive: **Eliza E.**, **George N.**, **Margaret A.** (wife of **Bishop Gragg**, of Kansas), **Flora J.**, **Eleanor E.**, **Oliver C.** and **Charles W. William J.** died when one year old. Mr. Lake is a believer in the doctrines of Swedenborg, and his wife is a member of the Christian church.

James Mayhew, farmer and stock-raiser, is the eldest son of **Hiram and Elizbaeth (Wilson) Mayhew**. He was born in **Washington County PA 02 Jan 1838**, where he lived till he was seventeen years old, being reared a farmer and attending the common schools. In 1855 he removed with his parents to Jackson County OH. At the age of twenty-two he entered into business with his father, who was a carpenter, and they constructed many buildings and bridges in the coubty, besides contracting and furnishing large amounts of timber for railroad bridges, etc. He is still engaged as a contractor in connection with his farming operations, and through industry and economy has become a well-to-do citizen. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as Township Trustee three terms. His first vote was cast for President Lincoln. He enlisted in the late war **14 May 1864**, and was First Sergeant of **Company I, 172 Ohio National Guards**. He was on duty at Gallipolis

guarding Government stores and transpors on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, and received his discharge 15 Sep 1864. He was married to **Ira N.**, daughter of **Henry and Hannah Howe**, of Jackson County, by whom he has had five children: **Ida T., Franklin, Inez S., Charles and Ernest.**

Allison James Nelson, third son of **Oliver J. and Martha Nelson**, was born in Jackson County 15 Jan 1853. His father died in the late war, and our subject lived with and cared for his mother till her death, which occurred when he was nineteen years of age. He then began working on the farm of **L. W. Kinnison**, with whom he continued seven years. During that time he purchased the farm where he now resides, on which he located in 1879. He is a progressive businessman and has won the confidence of his fellow citizens, who have elected him Trustee of the township. 29 Dec 1878, he was married to **Mollie C.**, daughter of **Hamby and Lucinda Barton**. They have been blessed with two sons: **Roy B. and Dwight B.** Mr. Nelson and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

George Rupert, dealer in general merchandise, Crossroads, Jackson County, was born in Scioto County 01 May 1847. When five years of age he came with his parents, **Joseph and Magdelina (Ammon) Rupert**, to Jackson County, where he lived with them till manhood, working on the farm and attending the common schools. When twenty-one years of age, he began huckstering in Scioto County, after which he worked in iron ore till 1870. He then purchased property at the Crossroads and engaged in the grocery business, to which he soon added dry goods. In 1881 he bought out his competitor's store, in which he is doing a good business. 14 Jul 1870, he was married to **Mary**, daughter of **Martin and Mary (Dentler) Robb**, of Jackson County. Seven sons have been sent to bless this union, of whom five are living: **Joseph, Martin, Charles, Frank and Fred.** **Benjamin F. and Henry D.** died in infancy. Mr. Rubert and wife are members of the Catholic church.

Charles Warren Schellenger, farmer, is the third son of **W.S. and Eliza (Ward) Schellenger**. He was born 26 May 1842 in Jackson County, and lived on the home farm and attended the common school till he was twenty years old. 02 Aug 1862, he enlisted in **Company K, Ninety-first Ohio Infantry**, as a private for three years. Shortly after his enlistment, he was appointed Corporal of his company, and on 03 Jan 1864, was promoted to Sergeant. He was promoted to First Sergeant 15 Dec 1864, which position he held till the war closed. He participated in the battles of Fayetteville, Lynchburg, Winchester, Charleston, Cedar Creek, and a number of others. He was mustered out 24 Jun 1865, and returned to Camp Dennison, Ohio, where he was discharged 30 Jun 1865. He then returned home and engaged in farming, and in 1870 purchased the farm in Franklin Township, where he still resides. 10 Jan 1867, he was married to **Sarah**, daughter of **Caleb and Mary J. (Callaham) Alexander**, of Jackson County. They have one son: **Clarence W.** Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Armstead Scurlock was born 03 Nov 1827 in Jackson County, and is the second son of **George and Elizabeth (Hanna) Scurlock**. His father was born in 1800 in North Carolina, and came to Ohio with his mother when six years of age and settled in Jackson County. Our subject was reared on the farm and attended the common schools till he was twenty-one years old, after which he completed his education at the High School of Albany, Athens County OH. He was then engaged in teaching school during the winter for eighteen years and following the pursuits of a farmer during the summer seasons. He was a member of **Company I, 172 Ohio National Guards**, and was called into service 14 May 1864. He was on duty at Gallipolis, Ohio, guarding Government stores and transports on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, and was discharged at Gallipolis 15 Sep 1864. He then returned home, where he has since been engaged in farming, stock raising and wool growing. 24 Apr 1862, he was married to **Clarissa**, daughter of **Samuel L. and Mary (Hartley) Hull**, of

Jackson County. They have a family of seven children: **Sherman S., Effie M., Elizabeth F., Alice C., Carrie A., Emerson and George W.** He and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is an active worker in the Sabbath school and a warm advocate of temperance. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace continuously since 1865.

Rev. Joseph J Spriggs, second son of **Joseph and Rebecca (Bond) Spriggs**, was born **01 Mar 1827** in **Jackson County**, near his present residence. His grandparents came from **Pennsylvania** to **Belmont County** in an early day, and his father, after living a short time in **Kentucky**, came to Ohio and entered the land where our subject resides in 1818. He received a common-school education and assisted his father in clearing lands and by working on the farm till he was twenty-two years old. He was then apprenticed to Andrew Robb to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he served three years, after which he was engaged in farming. He joined the Christian church at the age of fifteen years, and when thirty years of age became an ordained preacher of that denomination and has been preaching ever since, his sons working the farm. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace eleven years, and has served one term as Township Trustee. He was married **26 Jul 1850** to **Elizabeth**, daughter of **Joel and Louisa (Morgan) Reynolds**, by whom he had seven children, of whom four are living: **Joseph M., Mary C. (wife of John Davis), Sarah E. and Benjamin F.**, all living in Jackson County. **Isabel** died at the age of eighteen years; **Eliza** died in infancy, and **Rebecca J.** when twenty-eight years old. His wife died in 1868, aged thirty-six years, and in **November 1869**, he was married to **Mrs. Nancy S. Dupre**, daughter of **Adriel and Anna (Price) Huntly**, of Gallia County.

Vinton Spriggs was born in **Lawrence County OH 19 Jun 1830** and is the eldest son of **Daniel and Maria (Fitsmorris) Spriggs**, natives of **Kentucky and Pennsylvania** respectively. He was four years old when his parents removed to Jackson County, where he was reared on Symmes Creek and attended the common schools, and is now one of the best-read men in his community. He began teaming at furnaces when twenty-one years old, and followed this occupation two years. He then engaged in farming and carpentering till 1862, when he was engaged at post teamster in the late war, and was at Point Pleasant until January 1863. He received injuries at that place which caused him to return home. In the summer of 1863 he assisted in raising a company, and in **May 1864**, was mustered into the United States service, in **Company I, 172 Ohio National Guards** as a Corporal to serve 100 days. He was on guard duty at Gallipolis, where he was **discharged 15 Sep 1864**, then enlisted as a private for one year in **Company A, Sixty-Second Ohio Infantry**. He participated in several battles and **received his discharge at Richmond VA 27 Jun 1865**. He then resumed his former occupation and has also been engaged in mining ore on his farm. **19 Mar 1852**, he was married to **Florina**, daughter of **Moses and Sallie (Clark) Dawson**. Their children are nine in number: **William H., Alexander S., Josephine (wife of Philip Gilliland), Daniel W., Moses T., Edward C., Crayton R., Vinton F. and Phil Sheridan**. He and wife are members of the Christian church, and he has been a zealous worker for the Republican party since its organization.

William Henry Steele, farmer, stockraiser and dealer in stock, is the second son of **John and Philoma (Kern) Steele**. He was born in **Jackson County 15 Apr 1842**. At the age of twenty-two he engaged with his brother, **Majer K.**, in farming and dealing in stock under the firm name of **WH & MK Steele**. In 1867 our subject engaged in the dry goods business in Jackson, but not meeting with success he sold out in 1870, since when he and his brother have steadily increased their business, and today rank as the leading land-owners and stock-brokers in Jackson County. He

was married 15 Jun 1870 to **Sophia L., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bunn) Ratcliff.** Of the **three children** born to them, two are living: **Majer B. and William.** **Alma M.** died at the age of five years.

James W. Vaughn, dealer in general merchandise, farmer and stock-raiser, was born **23 Jan 1826** in **Jackson County OH.** He is the fourth son of **Thomas and Rebecca (Dunham) Vaughn,** natives of **Virginia,** the former being born **02 Sep 1787,** and the latter **23 Jan 1796.** After their marriage they lived in Pennsylvania for a while, and in 1822 came to Jackson County OH. Our subject attended the common schools, and completed his education at Delaware College, which he attended in 1850-51. He lived at home till he was twenty-eight years old, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Winchester, where he remained two years. He then sold his store and purchased the farm where he resides. He was again engaged in merchandising from 1857 till 1864, when he enlisted in the late war. He was First Lieutenant of **Company I, 172 Ohio National Guards,** and was on duty at Gallipolis, Ohio, guarding Government transports on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers. He was **discharged at Gallipolis 15 Sep 1864** when he returned home and resumed his business, which he has successfully conducted to the present time. **14 Aug 1859,** he was married to **Nancy, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Poor) Willmore.** **Two children** have blessed this union: **Thomas S.,** a graduate of Delaware College, now reading law with C.A. Atkinson, of Jackson, and **Minnie B.,** at home. Mrs. Vaughn was born **20 Jun 1842,** and died **13 Feb 1871.** She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Vaughn is a member of the same church, and has been leader and Recording Steward of the circuit nearly twenty-five years.

William Ross Watts, son of **James M. and Mary (Waddell) Watts,** was born **10 Mar 1847** in **Gallia County OH.** He lived on the home farm till he was twenty-one years old, and attended the common schools. He began dealing in stock at an early age, continuing in that business in Gallia County till 1873. He then purchased a farm in Franklin Township, Jackson County, where he has since resided, engaged in stock-raising and dealing in stock. He was married **01 Sep 1870** to **Harriet E., daughter of Thomas J. and Julia A. Crull.** This union has been blessed with **two children:** **Jennie and Rudolph M. Samuel Crull,** grandfather of Mrs. Watts, was Associate Judge of the courts of Scioto County for thirty-eight years, and represented his county in the Ohio General Assembly.



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