

D. F. TUCKER.

Capacity for business will tell in the country as unmistakably as in the city. This thought is suggested by the successful career of the well known citizen of Monroe township, Richland county, whose name is above. He was born in Merrimac county, New Hampshire, November 2, 1841, one of the six children of David and Clarissa (Patten) Tucker, who are named as follows, in the order of their nativity: Norman, a resident of Chicago; Alfred G., who is deceased; Mary P., the wife of James Reed; D. F., the subject of this sketch; Livonia; and one who died in infancy.

In 1849, when he was eight years old, Mr. Tucker, the subject proper of this sketch, was brought to Ohio by his parents, who located on a farm which the father had purchased many years before; for he had made a journey from New Hampshire to this place on foot in 1819, when he bought eighty acres where the village of Lucas afterward came into existence and where he lived about seven years, during which time he bought the one-hundred-and-sixty-acre farm first mentioned. He returned to the old Granite state and married, and continued to reside there until, in 1849, he came again to Ohio, as has been stated. Soon after his arrival here he erected the house which is still standing upon the place and in which he lived until his death, in 1888, when he was in the ninety-first year of his age. His wife died March 9, 1872, aged sixty-six years. It fell to the lot of Mr. Tucker twice to do the work of the pioneer in Richland county; for on his return, after having redeemed his first and smaller farm from the wilderness, he found the other and larger one entirely unimproved. But he was of the stuff of which good pioneers are made and had proved both his manhood and his patriotism by fighting for his country in the war of 1812. He was a good and helpful citizen, influential in township affairs and an active worker in the church. Before the removal of the family to Ohio Mrs. Tucker was a teacher in the schools of New Hampshire.

D. F. Tucker had received some education under the instruction of his good mother before he had been brought to the Buckeye state; and this was supplemented by attendance at the public and select schools of Lucas. His father reared him carefully to systematic and successful farming, and from the time he attained his majority until his father's death the two were practically partners in a business way; and it is worthy of note that the most confidential understanding always existed between them. At this time Mr. Tucker owns four hundred and fifty-nine acres in Monroe township and eighty acres in adjoining Worthington township. This fine property he

has gained by good farming and good business methods. He has, while carrying on general farming on an extensive scale, also given attention very profitably to shipping sheep and hogs. From time to time he has interested himself in business affairs distinct from farming, with a great deal of personal success, and at times greatly to the public benefit. In 1899 he established the Mifflin & Lucas telephone line, and he is also interested in the Star Telephone Company.

In politics Mr. Tucker is a Democrat, an active worker for his party, and in religion he is a well accepted member of the Congregational church.

He was married November 10, 1864, to Miss Mary Welty, a daughter of Christian Welty, and their eight children are John A., Norman W., Eva S., Clinton W., Clarissa E., Mary E., Lucy L. and Jessie F.