

ROBERT DARLING.

Among the leading farmers and stock-dealers of Worthington township Robert Darling was numbered, and at his death the community lost one of its valued citizens. His entire life was spent on one farm with the exception of a period of four years which he passed among the mines of California. He was a very successful and progressive agriculturist and in connection with the cultivation of his fields he raised blooded Durham cattle, going to Kentucky to purchase the first of his herd. He was scrupulously honest in all his business affairs and enjoyed an unassailable reputation in trade circles. As his financial resources increased he made judicious investments in real estate and became the owner of three hundred and eighty acres of land, constituting one of the most desirable farms in the county. He placed his fields under a high state of cultivation and added to the place commodious and substantial buildings and all the modern accessories and improvements of a model farm. For several years he was the president of the County Fair Association, and he did all in his power to improve the condition of the representatives of the agricultural and stock-raising interests.

On the 24th of November, 1859, Mr. Darling was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Parr, a daughter of Andrew and Losena (Johnson) Parr. Her parents, natives of Pennsylvania, came to Ashland county at an early day. Her father engaged in farming and blacksmithing, and died November 8, 1876, at the age of sixty-nine years. Her mother passed away May 19, 1879, also at the age of sixty nine. She was a member of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Darling was born in Green township, Ashland county, and was there reared. By her marriage she became the mother of thirteen children, of whom seven are still living.

Mr. Darling was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Loudonville, Ohio, and he held membership in the Lutheran church, to which his widow yet belongs. He was a man of earnest purpose, sterling worth, genial manner and kindly disposition, and these qualities made him popular and gained him the respect of all with whom he came in contact. His widow still survives him and resides on the old home farm. She is a lady of many excellent qualities and enjoys the esteem of her friends and neighbors.