

#### NOBLE CALHOON.

For eighty-four years Noble Calhoon traveled life's journey, and each year that passed was marked with good deeds and the record of an honorable career; and in the evening of life he received the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded those who live worthily, faithfully performing each duty and following their honest convictions of right and wrong.

He was born November 29, 1816, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, his parents being Noble and Sarah (Taylor) Calhoon. His father was born near Cork, Ireland, and when about twenty-two years of age crossed the

briny deep to the new world, settling in Pennsylvania, where he followed farming. He there met and married Miss Taylor, a native of that state, and in 1831 they emigrated with their family to Richland county, where the father became the owner of a large tract of land. He was also the proprietor of a mill in this neighborhood, and in the conduct of his business affairs gained a good capital. He died when about eighty-four years of age, and his wife passed away when seventy-seven years of age. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church.

When a youth of fifteen the subject of this memoir accompanied his parents to Ohio and ever after that was a resident of Richland county. He assisted in the arduous task of transforming the wild land into richly cultivated fields, and to his father he gave the benefit of his labor until his marriage, after which he operated the mill for several years. When his father died he became the administrator and settled up the estate, and when the property was disposed of Mr. Calhoon bid in his present home of two hundred and twenty-nine acres, to which he has since added a tract of forty acres. The cultivation of his fields and the improvement of the farm occupied the greater part of his time and energies and in this manner he has added continually to his income, his constantly augmented capital making him one of the substantial residents of the community.

Mr. Calhoon was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Willick, a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church, and died in that faith at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoon became the parents of five children: Mary J., the eldest, is the widow of J. Newton Pritchard and resides in Worthington township. Alexander still occupies the home place, superintending its interests. During the Civil war he responded to the call for aid, enlisting on the 2d of May, 1864, for one hundred days as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-third Regiment of the Ohio Volunteers. For five years he was the postmaster of Butler. He belongs to Bellville Lodge, No. 376, F. & A. M., of Bellville, and is a wide-awake, enterprising business man. Sarah died when forty-three years of age. D. L. is a farmer of Worthington township. Margaret, the youngest of the family, died at the age of seventeen years.

In his political views Mr. Calhoon was early a Whig and on the dissolution of that party and the organization of the Republican party he joined the ranks of the latter. In earlier days he took quite an active part in political affairs, and after serving for two terms as justice of the peace, refused to hold the office any longer. Many years ago he became a mem-

ber of the Masonic fraternity of Mansfield, and probably lived to be the oldest Mason in Richland county, dying October 4, 1900. He was a man of strong individuality, of marked force of character and of decided opinions. He had no use for any one or anything he did not like, and was very strong in his friendship when he believed that it was given to one worthy of it. His career was an active, useful and honorable one, and his life record contained many lessons that are worthy of emulation.