

MICHAEL CRUM.

Michael Crum was born in Adams county, Tennessee, in 1832, a son of Moses and Margaret (Rex) Crum. In their family were four sons and two daughters,—three sons still living. The sons have always followed farming, which was the life work of the father, who removed to Sharon township with his family in 1840. The year previously the father walked the entire distance to see the country where he intended to settle, and on returning hitched his four horses to the wagon and with his family and household goods started for the then new country. Both he and his wife have passed away.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Mr. Crum in his youth. He assisted in the labors of the field and gar-

den, and acquired his education in the public schools. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Crum, with patriotic spirit, responded to the nine-months call for troops and enlisted in Company F, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His time expired two days before the battle of Gettysburg, but he did not resign; feeling that his services were still needed, he entered that fight and was wounded in both legs by a minie ball on the first day of the engagement. After three weeks spent in the hospital he returned home and later received an honorable discharge.

As a companion on life's journey he chose Elizabeth Coble, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Gortnier) Coble, who were among the early settlers of Richland county, and they aided in laying broad and deep the foundation of the present prosperity and progress of this section of the state. In their family were four sons and five daughters, eight of them living. Mr. Crum was married September 28, 1876. In the next spring he erected an elegant residence upon his farm, one mile west of Shelby, and there he and his wife are still living, in the enjoyment of the fruits of their former toil. They have but one child, Franklin Paul, who was born January 25, 1879, and is now married and lives on the old homestead adjoining.