

WILLIAM BONHAM.

Among the representative business men of Lexington none are more deserving of mention in this volume than William Bonham, a prominent furniture dealer and undertaker of that place. He is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was born in Washington, Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 16, 1854, and was the only child of Samuel and Martha (Montgomery) Bonham. The father was a native of England, born in 1806, and came to America when a young man. Until after his marriage he worked for others, and the first farm which he owned was in Morrow county, Ohio, where he

lived for several years. He then spent four years in Wisconsin, and at the end of that time returned to Ohio and located in Richland county, purchasing the farm in Jefferson township now owned by John Spade. Upon that place he died, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The subject of this sketch was a child of seven years when the family settled in Jefferson township, and in its public schools he acquired his early education. After the death of his father, his mother married John Stough, of whom our subject commenced learning the cabinet-maker's trade at the age of eleven years, and continued to work with him until 1894, when he bought out the business. As a dealer in and manufacturer of furniture he is doing an excellent business, and is also an accomplished undertaker. He is a wide-awake and progressive business man, energetic and reliable, and has succeeded in building up a fine trade, which is constantly increasing.

On the 30th of October, 1878, Mr. Bonham led to the marriage altar Miss Margaret Haverstick. Both are active members of the Presbyterian church, and he also holds membership in Wyanaska Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Lexington, and Richland Lodge, No. 446, K. of P., of the same place. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Democracy, and gives his aid to any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit or will in any way advance the interests of his community.