

HENRY N. WHITE.

It is an encouraging fact to know that prosperity is the sure reward of earnest labor when guided by sound judgment. Comparatively few are they who come into an inheritance sufficient to keep them throughout a long career, and individual effort must supply to each that which is needed for his livelihood and his support. America affords boundless opportunities to one who wishes to advance and desires to gain success. Mr. White belongs to the class of earnest citizens who have worked their own way upward to positions of affluence, and he is now the owner of the farm upon which he was born, November 2, 1847. His parents were Samuel and Jane (Valk) White, who had six children. His grandfather, Peter White, was of English lineage and married Miss Britton, who also was of English descent, her ancestors having come to this country from the merrie isle at an early day. The grandfather was a farmer and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel White, the father, was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of February, 1807, and in the place of his nativity grew to manhood. He afterward located in Orangeville, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming for six years, and on the expiration of that period he emigrated to Ohio in 1836, taking up his abode in Richland county. He purchased forty acres of land in Cass township on the Huron county line, this property being now a part of the Miller farm. For a year he continued its cultivation and then sold out, after which he purchased forty acres, upon which our subject now resides. As the years passed and his financial resources

increased he extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised one hundred and eighty-six acres. The father was a Whig in his early political affiliations, and in *ante-bellum* days strongly opposed slavery, being known as a staunch Abolitionist. Accordingly, when the Republican party was formed to prevent the extension of slavery, he joined its ranks and continued to give it his support until called to his final rest. Throughout the greater part of his life he was a member of the United Brethren church and for many years served as one of its officers. He married Miss Jane Valk, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1812, a daughter of _____ and Mary (Parkis) Valk, both of whom were natives of Germany. The grandfather was a veteran of the Revolutionary war, and after coming to America he always made his home in Columbia county, Pennsylvania. Five of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. White are still living, namely: Sarah J., the wife of John Mellick, a farmer of Cass township; William C., who owns and cultivates land in Sharon township; John F., an agriculturist of Cass township; Anna E., the wife of Martin Hoover, a farmer of Jackson township; and Henry Newton. The father died February 22, 1886, and the mother passed away October 22, 1888. They were people of the highest respectability and their friends throughout the community were many.

In taking up the personal record of Henry Newton White we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Richland county. He acquired a common-school education and spent his youth at his parental home. As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life he chose Miss Alice E. Rose, the wedding being celebrated September 22, 1870. The lady is a native of Cass township, Richland county, and a daughter of Rev. Thomas T. Rose, a minister of the United Brethren church. The young couple began their domestic life on the old homestead, for Mr. White's father had reached an advanced age and the management of the farm largely devolved upon him. In 1873 he purchased fifty-one acres of land, lying between the homestead and the corporation limits near the village, but continued to reside on his father's place and care for the comfort and welfare of his parents. In 1889, after the mother died, he purchased from the other heirs their interest in the homestead, where he has so long resided. He is an energetic farmer, practical in his methods and devoted to his work.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. White has been blessed with ten children, of whom seven are living, namely: Mina J., the wife of Rolla I. Champion, a minister of the United Brethren church at La Carne, Ohio;

and Ida, Will C., Earl G., George L., Rose A. and Hazel B., who are all at home.

Mr. White exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and for two terms has served as a trustee of his township, called to public office by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability. He belongs to Rome Lodge, No. 158, I. O. O. F., of Shiloh, and is an active member of the Lutheran church, in which he has served for five years as an elder, being the present incumbent in that position. During a life-time spent in Richland county he has gained a wide acquaintance, and those who have known him from boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends.