

JOSEPH SNAVELY.

Of the farming interests of Worthington township Joseph Snavely is a representative. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1822, and is a son of George and Barbara (Alspaugh) Snavely, who also were natives of the Keystone state. The father was born in Lancaster county and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for some years. Subsequently he turned his attention to farming, and in 1839 came to Richland county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of

land, now owned by his son Joseph. To the development and cultivation of that property he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his active business career. He died at the age of eighty-three years, and his wife passed away at the age of sixty-two. They were both consistent and active members of the United Brethren church, doing all in their power to promote the cause of Christ among men. In politics Mr. Snavelly was a Democrat, but never sought office. This worthy couple were the parents of eleven children, but Joseph is now the only surviving member of the family.

In the state of his nativity Joseph Snavelly spent the first seventeen years of his life, and then came with his parents to Worthington township, Richland county, remaining at home until twenty-two years of age. He then went to Stark county to learn the trade of making grain cradles, and followed that business for about two years, after which he returned to the farm. He worked at his trade for a short time and then assumed the management of the old home place for his father. Later he purchased the farm from the other heirs and settled up the estate without employing an attorney. He has since resided on the old homestead, and as his financial resources increased he made additional purchases of land, but in later years has given all of it to his children, with the exception of the original place of one hundred and sixty acres. His career has been an active, useful and honorable one, and his well directed efforts have brought to him prosperity.

Mr. Snavelly was united in marriage to Sarah Good, of this county, who died December 29, 1897. They had nine children, namely: Eliza Ann, the wife of Amos Norris, of Worthington township; Peter, who died in Worthington township, when about fifty years of age; Lucinda, the wife of James Secrist; George, a resident of Richland county; Sarah Catherine, the wife of James E. Smith; Samuel, a teacher and minister of the United Brethren church, living in Washington; a twin sister of Samuel, who died in infancy; Daniel H., a farmer of Worthington township; and Larnory Ellen, the wife of William F. Smith.

Through long years Mr. Snavelly has given his political support to the Democracy, taking great interest in the dissemination and adoption of its principles. For several terms he served as supervisor, proving an acceptable officer. He is an active member of the United Brethren church and has filled almost all of its offices. For twenty years he was the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and he yet attends through the summer months. He was a trustee at the time of the building of the house of worship and has labored earnestly to promote the interests of the church. He had to abandon his Sunday-school work on account of his impaired hearing, but his

interest therein has never flagged. He has passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey and his path has been marked by good deeds, by fidelity to duty and by faithfulness to friends and family. Such a record is well worthy of emulation.