

## SAMUEL BARR.

For almost seventy years Samuel Barr has been numbered among the enterprising and energetic citizens of Richland county, Ohio, and is now residing on the old homestead on section 5, Monroe township, where much of his life has been passed. He was born on the 25th of May, 1823, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and is one of a family of seven children, but he and two sisters are the only representatives now living. Nancy is the widow of David Baker and a resident of Kosciusko county, Indiana, while Mary is the widow of Henry Statler and a resident of this county.

David Barr, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1798, of German parentage, and there grew to manhood. He wedded Mary Kaylor, who was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1796, and in May, 1830, they started west in company with her father, Frederick Kaylor, who had been engaged in business as a saddler and harnessmaker in Hagerstown, but in this state worked but little at his trade. His last days were spent in Stark county, where the family first located, and there Mr. Barr planted a crop and spent about five months, and then came to Richland county, after planting his crop, and purchased a quarter-section of land in Monroe township. He returned to Stark county to cultivate and harvest his crop, and in the fall returned to Richland county with his family, and in the midst of an almost unbroken forest they made their home in true pioneer style in the primitive log cabin. Soon afterward he erected a two-story log house on his farm. Upon his farm here the father died November 4, 1872, and the mother passed away in 1868. In his political views he was a Democrat.

During his boyhood Samuel Barr pursued his studies in the local schools and assisted in the arduous task of clearing and improving the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until he was married, in 1846, to Miss Barbara A. Beasore, a native of Maryland and a daughter of Daniel Beasore, who came to Ohio during the '20s and settled in Monroe township, this county. By that union were born six children, the surviving members being Mary J., the wife of William Durbin, who is now operating our subject's farm; Salina A., the wife of Charles Swigart, a farmer of Clay county, Kan-

sas; and Susan E., the wife of Hon. W. S. Kerr, of this county. The wife and mother died in January, 1868, and the following December Mr. Barr was united in marriage with Miss Susan M. McBride, a native of Richland county and a daughter of Alexander McBride, now deceased. One child blessed this marriage,—Hattie, the wife of Sheridan McFarland, a grocer of Mansfield.

After his first marriage Mr. Barr located upon a small farm of forty acres belonging to his father and adjoining the old homestead. Five years later he purchased eighty acres of land in Mifflin township, where he resided for nineteen years, and then bought the old homestead in Monroe township, where he has lived uninterruptedly since 1869. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, he has met with well deserved success in life and is now quite well-to-do.

In early life Mr. Barr united with the Reformed church, but now holds membership in the Lutheran church, there being no church of the other denomination in his community, and he has served as trustee, deacon or elder for several years. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and he has been honored with various township offices, such as trustee and treasurer, the duties of which he has always capably and satisfactorily discharged, winning the commendation of all concerned.