

HARLEN F. SMART.

On the farm where he now resides Harlen F. Smart was born February 15, 1852, and throughout his business career he has carried on agricultural pursuits. His parents, Perry and Louisa (Zody) Smart, had two children, but our subject is the only one now living. The other, Leander Taylor, died in 1892, at the age of forty-five years. The father was born on the old homestead October 30, 1820, his father being Jeremiah Smart. His birth occurred in the old block house at Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1777, during the Revolutionary war. He was a son of William Smart, one of the heroes of the struggle for independence.

In 1798 Jeremiah Smart became a resident of Ohio and helped build the first log cabin in Franklin county, the building standing on the present site of the city of Columbus. For two years he roamed over different parts of the state and then returned to Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Later he was married and in 1814 he brought his wife to Ohio, locating in Mifflin township, Richland county. After two years had passed he entered from the government the quarter section of land upon which the subject of our sketch now resides. Upon this farm he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in his eighty-eighth year. He was a man of strong force of character and

marked individuality, and his influence proved a potent factor for good in the community. He held membership in the Presbyterian church. For three or four years before his death he was blind, but bore his affliction with Christian fortitude.

Upon the old homestead Perry Smart was reared, sharing with the family in all the hardships and trials of the life of a pioneer. After his marriage he engaged in working the old home place for two years and then purchased one hundred acres of land, a portion of the "Curt" McBride farm, in Monroe township. There he lived for four years, when he returned to the old homestead, in accordance with his father's wish. He later sold his own farm and purchased the one upon which his father had located many years before. There he spent his remaining days, and in 1891, in his seventy-first year, he was called to his final rest. He exercised his right of franchise in support of Democratic principles and was the treasurer of his township for several terms. Of the Lutheran church he was an active member and was widely recognized as a man of high moral character, whose influence was a benediction to all who knew him. His wife, a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, was born January 19, 1824, and was the daughter of Henry Zody, whose parents came to America from Germany soon after their marriage. Henry Zody removed to Ohio in 1830, locating on the Beasore place. Later he removed to the farm upon which David Zody now resides. His daughter, Mrs. Smart, is still living and makes her home with her son, Harlen F. Smart.

The subject of this review spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and in a select school at Lucas. On attaining his majority he took charge of the home farm and has since carried on agricultural pursuits. A glance at his place will indicate to the passerby the careful supervision of the owner, whose progressive methods have resulted in bringing to him success in his undertakings. His fields are well tilled and the place is improved with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm.

In 1892 Mr. Smart was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Lambright, a native of Ashland county, Ohio, and their union has been blessed with one child, Perry H., who was born October 2, 1892.

Socially Mr. Smart is connected with Mansfield Lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M.; Mansfield Commandery, No. 21, K. T.; and the Scottish rite bodies of the valley of Dayton and consistory of Cincinnati, thirty-second degree. He votes with the Democracy and for six years has served his township as trustee, discharging his duties in a very capable manner. His entire life has

been passed upon the farm which is now his home, and those who have known him from boyhood as well as acquaintance of his later years esteem him highly for his sterling worth.