

JOHN A. KABLE died Oct. 1, 1919, at the age of 72 years. He was born June 27, 1847, in Northumberland County, Pa., and was the eldest son of nine children of Christian and Esther Bowman Kable. He spent his boyhood days in Pennsylvania and worked as a coal miner. The family moved to Carroll County, Ill., after the war, and the father died soon after, leaving the subject of this sketch, as the eldest son, to care for the mother and younger brothers and sisters. He was married June 27, 1872, to Elizabeth Ann Speicher, and eight children were born to them—Allie, who died in 1906, a son who died in infancy, Minnie (Mrs. Chas. Niman), Lulu (Mrs. Harry Longman), Harvey J., Harry G., Hazel (Mrs. Milo Zimmerman) and Ruth. The mother died May 7, 1919. Mr. Kable was a carpet weaver by trade and conducted a carpet weaving shop during the entire 27 years that he resided in Mount Morris. The family moved to Mount Morris from Lanark, Ill., in 1882.

JOHN T. KANODE died April 4, 1903, aged nearly 69 years. He was born in Frederick County, Md., and came to Illinois in 1882, and lived for many years on the farm one mile east of town now owned by Jacob Bonar. He married Amie Haugh in 1864, who died in 1874. To them was born one son, Harry. In 1876, he married Sarah L. Whetsel.

EDWARD KEEDY died March 1, 1897, age nearly 69 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., July 1, 1828. In 1853, he married Elizabeth Blecker, and in 1869 he brought his family to Mount Morris and settled on his farm a mile east of town, where he died. His wife preceded him in death about five years. There were ten children in the family.

LEVI L. KERNS died July 20, 1900, aged 58 years. He was born in 1842 in Clark County, Ohio, and came to Ogle County in 1855. He married Mary E. Mumma in 1865. He engaged in farming in various

localities until April, 1898, when he came to Mount Morris to take charge of the Old Folks' Home. He had three children, Mrs. Willis Fairlamb, Ada C., and Susie E. (Mrs. Guy Smith).

FERDINAND KING died July 19, 1907, aged 80 years. He was born in Konigsreich, Prussia, May 10, 1827, and came to Mount Morris in 1874, where he bought a small farm northwest of town. In 1855, he married Louisa Margourtt, to whom six children were born, four of whom died in early youth, followed by the death of the mother in 1872. The surviving children were Charles King and the late Mrs. Yost Frey.



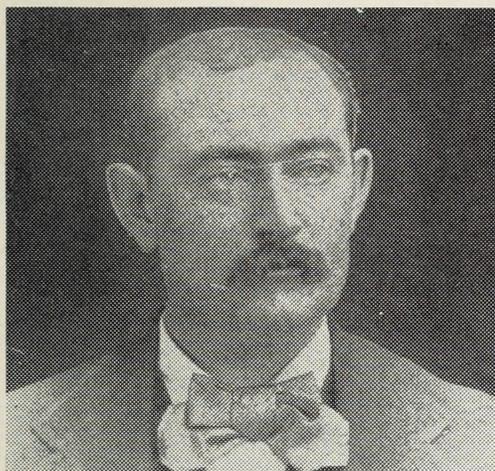
WILLIAM H. KEEDY, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Blecker) Keedy, was born at Boonsboro, Md., June 6, 1867, and died July 26, 1922, aged 55 years. He came with his parents to Mount Morris when but three years of age and lived in or near the village the remainder of his life, engaged most of the time in farming. In February 1902, he was married to Miss Edith Young, who survives him. They had no children, but they took David Fridley into their home when a lad and regarded him as their son.

WILLIAM LOHAFFER, SR., died December 31, 1911, aged 73½ years. He was born May 20, 1838, in Hummersan, Germany, and came to America while in his teens. He was married Oct. 18, 1860, to Trientje Reiken, and eleven children were born to them. Five of the children preceded the father in death. Those which remained were Mrs. Carrie Burner, Mrs. Rosa Steinmann, Mrs. Nettie McCay, Mrs. Pearl Asay, William and Henry.

WILLIAM LOHAFFER, son of William and Trientje Lohafer, was born at Mount Morris, April 3, 1868, and died Jan. 15, 1932, aged nearly 64 years. He engaged in farming and stock raising during his en-

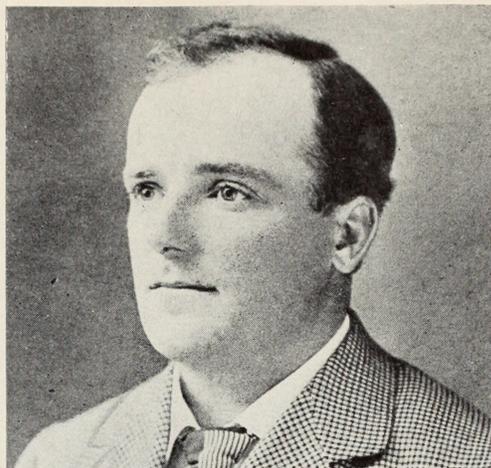
tire life, mostly on the old Lohafer homestead just west of town. He was a talented musician, being a cornet soloist of considerable ability and for many years was a member of the local bands. He was unmarried.

ANDREW J. LONG died Jan. 4, 1918, aged 76 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Oct. 15, 1841. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Long, and was the youngest of twelve children. When a child, his parents moved from Maryland to Pine Creek Township, and later to a farm six miles north of Mount Morris. He spent nearly all his life in or near Mount Morris. In 1867, he married Louisa Weller, and they had three children. They were Fred Long and Mrs. Grace Rodgers, and one child who died in infancy. In 1874, Mrs. Long died, and thirteen years later Mr. Long married Mrs. Susan Miller, who died Nov. 11, 1914.

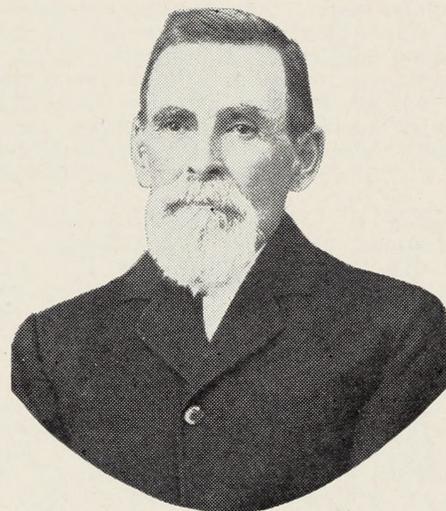


FRANK F. KNODLE, son of Jacob and Anna (Little) Knodle, was born in Mount Morris, April 29, 1854, and died May 28, 1926, aged 72 years. His mother died when he was very young and he was reared in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little. He became a telegraph operator and for a period was in charge of the local station. He was a talented musician and for many years was connected with the musical organizations of Mount Morris. In later years he was engaged in the engraving of music plates for various publishers. In 1877, he married Cora B. Crowell and they had one son, Floyd. Mrs. Knodle passed away in January, 1936.

ARCHIBALD S. MCCOY died August 17, 1913, aged 64 years. He was the son of James B. and Elizabeth McCoy, and was born in Mount Morris, January 15, 1849. He was born, lived and died on the old McCoy homestead, just south of Mount Morris. He was married to Lura A. Neff and they had three children, Mrs. Jelis Stearns, Jesse and Edmund.



WILLIS S. MUMMA, the eldest son of Samuel and Louisa Mumma, was born in Pine Creek Township, Dec. 2, 1870. He attended the Mount Morris Public School and Mount Morris College. In 1889, he entered the employ of Nathaniel E. Buser to learn the carpenter trade and in 1898 became a partner of Mr. Buser. He was married March 21, 1896, to Anna L. Rice, who survives him. Mr. Mumma died April 27, 1923, aged 52 years.



JOHN McNETT, son of Bartholomew and Amelia McNett, was born Sept. 17, 1843, on a farm west of Mount Morris, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 13, 1935, aged past 91 years. The entire period of his life was spent in or near Mount Morris, his occupation being that of farmer. For a period of over 63 years, he resided in the house in the southwest part of town where he died. In 1867, he married Margaret Ann Hause, and they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in October, 1933. Mrs. McNett passed away in 1934. Nine children were born to them: Mrs. Ella Watts, Charles, Samuel, Walter, Mrs. Bessie Wesner, Mrs. Bertha Van Strien, and three children who preceded their parents in death.

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THIS OLD-TIME PICTURE represents a prominent Mount Morris family of many years ago. In the center below is Mrs. William Marsh (Harriet Haylor) and the others are her children. The two men at the right are Joseph and John Nye, her children from a former marriage. The two men at the left are Capt. Chas. T. Marsh and Capt. Frederick H. Marsh. At the lower left is Elizabeth Marsh, who married Edward McCready and is still living in Mount Morris, and at the right is Emma Marsh, who married Elifalet Stonebraker. The Nye brothers came to Mount Morris in 1853 and the Marsh family came in 1855. They were all natives of Dover, England. The father, William Marsh, served as a sailor under Lord Nelson in the British man-of-war "Victory" at the Battle of Trafalgar. Biographies of the Marsh and Nye brothers will be found elsewhere in this volume.

JOHN D. LOOKABAUGH, eldest son of Samuel and Mary Lookabaugh, was run over and killed in June, 1901, by a switch engine at Aurora. He was born June 30, 1856, in Franklin County, Pa., and moved to Mount Morris when nine years of age.

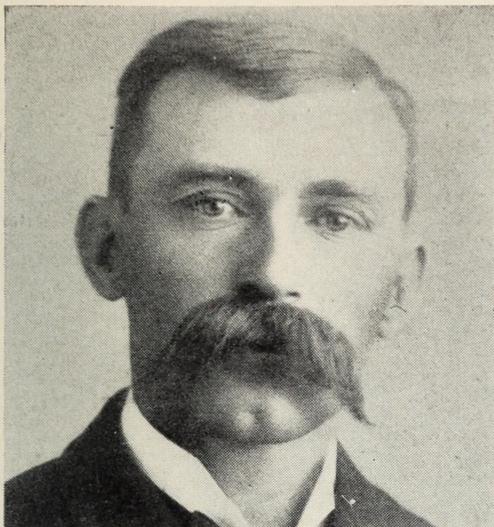
JAMES B. MCCOY, son of James B. and Elizabeth McCoy, was born in Mount Morris, Aug. 17, 1845. He married Mary A. Smith in 1873, and they had one son, James Archibald. Mr. McCoy died in 1894.

AUSTIN MIDDLEKAUFF, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Thomas) Middlekauff, was born at Mount Morris, March 22, 1863, and died April 19, 1932, aged 69 years. After attending the local schools, he engaged in farming northwest of Mount Morris, where his family was reared. He retired to Mount Morris in 1912. In 1887, he married Mary C. Moats and three children were born to them: Merritt H., Mrs. Floyd Olson and Mrs. Jesse H. Smith.

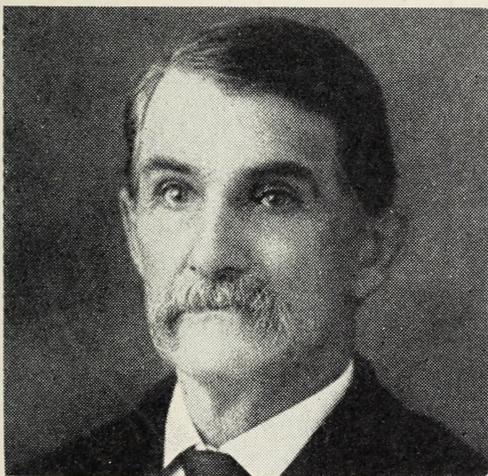
SAMUEL MIDDOUR died January 22, 1916, aged nearly 80 years. He was born at Quincy, Pa., Jan. 31, 1836, and came to Mount Morris in 1864, thus having lived

in the community for fifty-two years. Shortly after coming to Mount Morris he entered the mercantile business with Samuel Lookabaugh. In 1872, he formed a partnership in the live stock and grain business with Daniel Sprecher, and later he conducted a meat market for several years in partnership with Benj. Mumma. In 1882, he moved with his family to his farm a mile northeast of town where he engaged in farming until his death. In 1868, he married Harriet A. Little and they had three children, Eldridge, Lulu and Mina (Mrs. Vernon V. Rees). Mr. Middour was present and heard Abraham Lincoln deliver his famous address at Gettysburg. Mrs. Middour died Aug. 9, 1934.

CHARLES C. MILES died February 22, 1914, aged 72 years. He was the son of Israel and Mary Miles and was born near Sharpsburg, Md., Dec. 6, 1841. The family moved to Mount Morris about the year 1845, and Mr. Miles spent the remainder of his life here. He attended the public school in Mount Morris and Rock River Seminary. He was married in 1884 to Mary C. Hause, and they had one daughter, Mrs. Edith Gardener. Mrs. Miles died in March, 1938.

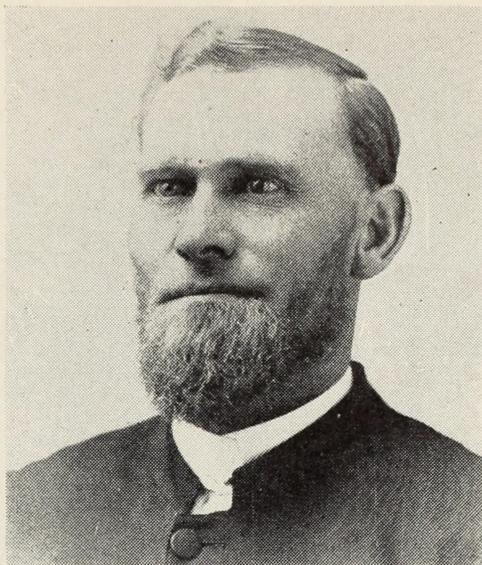


WILLIAM C. MARSHALL, son of Reuben S. and Matilda Marshall, was born March 6, 1853, on the Marshall homestead, three miles north of Mount Morris, and died Feb. 13, 1927, aged nearly 74 years. His entire life was spent in or near Mount Morris except for 12 years in Iowa. He was the eldest of 12 children. In 1876, he was married to Mary Rowe, and they had two children, Gertrude (Mrs. Clyde Walk-up), and Reuben Marshall. The mother died in March, 1927.



JACOB G. MILLER, son of John M. and Susan Price Miller, was born in Pine Creek Township, May 16, 1847, and died in Rockford, Oct. 22, 1934, aged 87 years. He attended country schools and Rock River Seminary, and in 1867 began his teaching career of over 50 years. In 1874, he married Ann Swingley and they had one son, Merritt S., who lives in Rockford. Mr. Miller was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and the Masonic fraternity.

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LEWIS D. MILLER died December 21, 1914, aged 63 years. He was born in Lincoln Township, Ogle County, Jan. 18, 1852. He was engaged in farming in Lincoln and Leaf River Townships until the year 1900, when he moved to Mount Morris to take charge of the Old Folks' Home for the Brethren Church, which position he held for nine years. Mr. Miller was married in 1874 to Mary Ann Diehl. They had two children who died in infancy. The mother also died, and in 1879 Mr. Miller married Susan E. Diehl, who died in 1937. They had two children, Clinton and Clifford.



JOSIAH MIDDLEKAUFF, son of Elias and Elizabeth Middlekauff, was born in Washington County, Md., June 16, 1843, and died April 17, 1927, aged nearly 84 years. He came to Pine Creek Township with his parents when he was three years old, and lived in that vicinity, engaged in farming until 1907, when he retired to Mount Morris. In 1877 he married Estella Mumma, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary only two months before his death. They had four sons: Roy, Earl, Olin, and one who died in infancy. The mother died April 11, 1937, aged 84 years.

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MRS. HARRIET MIDDOUR AND MRS. MARTHA SMITH, life-long residents of Mount Morris, were the twin daughters of William and Wilhelmina Little. They were born at Columbus City, Iowa, Oct. 19, 1842. They were only four years of age when the family moved to Mount Morris, where the father, a wagonmaker by trade, had a shop on East Main St. They received their education in the local school and graduated from Rock River Seminary, and later taught school in this vicinity. In 1866, Harriet married Samuel Middour and three children were born to them, Eldridge, Lulu and Mina (Mrs. Vernon Rees). The father passed away in 1916 and the mother Aug. 9, 1934, aged nearly 92 years. The other twin, Martha A., married D. H. Smith in 1865 and there were five children: Mable Haney, Nellie Walker, Gertrude, Eldridge and H. B., who is the only surviving child and lives at Canton, Miss. Mr. Smith passed away in 1895, but at this writing Mrs. Smith is still alive, aged nearly 96 years.

JAMES L. MUMMA died Feb. 8, 1905, aged nearly 64 years. He was the son of Shaeffer and Naomi Mumma, early pioneers of Ogle County. He was born in April, 1841, in Pine Creek Township. He engaged in various occupations, but for over twenty years he was employed in the south side butcher shop in Mount Morris. Mr. Mumma married Sophia E. Etnyre in 1867, and they had seven children, but unfortunately four of them died in childhood, those living being Allie (Mrs. Harry J. Powers), Wilbur and Mable (Mrs. Walter Marshall).

MRS. MARGARET NEWCOMER died July 5, 1911, aged 67 years. She was of the well-known family of Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, and was born on the Hitt farm near Mount Morris on Dec. 21, 1844. She grew to womanhood at her rural home, and attended Rock River Seminary. Later she attended Northwestern University at Evanston. In 1870, she was married to Albert N. Newcomer, and they had four children: Emily (Mrs. Jos. L. Rice), Morris H., Thomas E. and Robert H.

JOHN M. MILLER, familiarly known as "Uncle Johnny," died March 7, 1900, aged 83 years. He was born in Berkeley County, W.Va., in 1817. He came to Pine Creek Township in 1840 with the Maryland colony, and married Susan G. Price, who had arrived six months before. They had nine children, those living in Mount Morris being Jacob G. Miller and Mrs. Ella Winders.

HENRY A. NEFF, son of Abraham and Amelia (Murray) Neff, was born August 30, 1814, in Frederick City, Md., and came to Ogle County in 1842. He was a blacksmith by trade and had a shop in Mount Morris until 1868 when he became a farmer. In 1839, he married Cynthia Ann McNett, to whom three children were born: Margaret A., Charles F., and Wm. H. Mrs. Neff died in 1845 and a year later he married Indiana Clark. Seven children were born to them as follows: Addison W., Clark C., Lura (Mrs. Arthur McCoy), Mary E., Milton C., Emery and Nettie (Mrs. G. W. Deppen). Mr. Neff died in 1887.

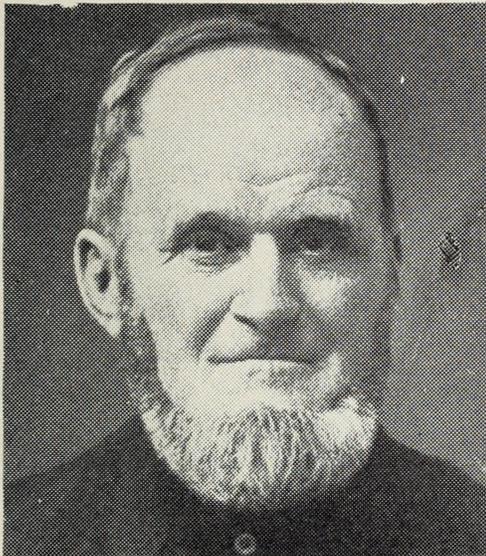
WILLIAM NALLEY died October 28, 1913, aged nearly 78 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., Dec. 10, 1835. He came here with his father's family when a child, and lived in or near Mount Morris for nearly 60 years. He married Sarah A. Palmer in 1862, and they had one son, Arthur W. Nally, who located in Rockford.

DAVID NEWCOMER, while working as brakeman on the Burlington in September, 1901, died from injuries received by falling from a moving train near Oregon. He was the son of Emanuel Newcomer. He was born near Adeline, Ill., and was 25 years old at the time of his death.

JOHN R. PETRIE was the first child born within the present limits of Mount Morris. He was born in the original "Old Sandstone" February 17, 1841, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Petrie. He served as sheriff of Ogle County from 1870 to 1874. He left Mount Morris about 1880 and located in South Dakota. He died at Sawtelle, Calif., Sept. 26, 1921.



ADDISON W. NEFF, son of Abraham and Amelia (Murray) Neff, was born at Mount Morris, March 14, 1847, and died at Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 16, 1926, aged nearly 79 years. For many years, beginning in 1852, he conducted a blacksmith shop in Mount Morris. In 1873, he married Emily A. Black, and they had four children: Aida E., who died in 1914; Lura Eloise, who married Edward Chambers, and Olive M., who married Leonard C. Roney. One child died in infancy. Mrs. Neff passed away in 1911. In 1912, Mr. Neff went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Chambers, at Vancouver, B.C., where he died. Mr. Neff came of a musical family and his daughters were accomplished musicians.



HENRY T. MOATS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moats, was born near Hagerstown, Md., July 31, 1839, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 30, 1920, aged 81 years. He lived in Mount Morris Township for 76 years, having come here when five years of age in 1844, with his uncle, Daniel Zellers. In January, 1864, he married Anne E. Sprecher, and they engaged in farming east of Mount Morris until the death of Mrs. Moats in 1897. Five children were born to them—Daniel P., William A., Mary C., Emma H., and Martin. The mother and three of the children passed away and, in 1901, Mr. Moats married Mrs. Florence Sprecher. They moved to town in 1903.

JUDGE MERRITT W. PINCKNEY died June 7, 1920, in Chicago, aged 61 years. He was born in Mount Morris Dec. 12, 1859, and attended Rock River Seminary, of which his father, Daniel J. Pinckney, was principal. In 1881, he graduated from Knox College and in 1883 from the Union College of Law. He practiced law in Chicago and in 1905 was elected judge, which position he held until his death. His work on the bench made him nationally famous. In 1885, he married Mary Van Vechten, who survived him. There were no children.

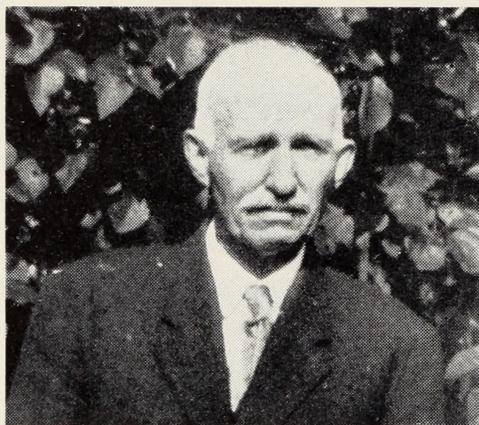
WILLARD POND was the son of Levi Pond and was born in Onondaga County, N.Y., May 23, 1816. He came to Illinois in 1845 and settled on a farm a half mile north of Mount Morris where he lived until his death Nov. 29, 1897, aged 81½ years. In September, 1841, he married

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Mary E. Jones and they had four daughters: Matilda (Mrs. Geo. B. Geiger), Hannah (Mrs. Isaac Fry), Laura J. (Mrs. Thos. Hiestand), and Alice (Mrs. Jacob Knodle).

NELSON T. POTTER died April 2, 1907, aged 76½ years. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 20, 1830, son of James and Rebecca (Donaldson) Potter, who came from Maryland in 1849 with their family of nine children. He went west in search of gold in 1852 and 1864. In 1863, he married Barbara Hiestand and later engaged in farming north of Mount Morris. They had six children: Edward, Alvernon, Irving, Grace (Mrs. Chas. Thomas), Robert and Luella.



DANIEL H. NEWCOMER, son of Cyrus and Elizabeth Newcomer, was born at Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 4, 1859, and died at the family homestead, northwest of Mount Morris, Dec. 28, 1936, aged nearly 78 years. He came to Illinois with his parents when a child and spent his entire life on the home farm. In 1884, he was married to Cora E. Long and four children were born to them: Harry C. and Harvey A., twins, Mrs. Nellie Davey and Mrs. Eva Watson. In 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

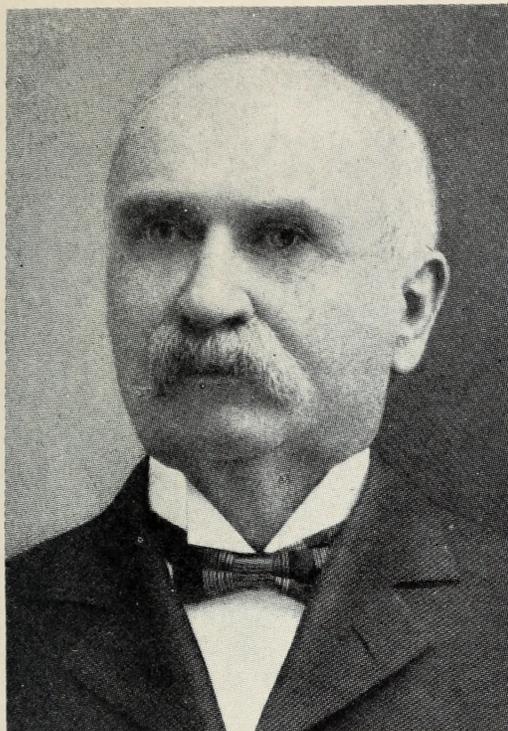
REV. J. M. REES, retired Lutheran minister, died at his home just east of Mount Morris, July 2, 1909, aged nearly 73 years. Rev. Rees brought his family to Mount Morris in 1896 from Port Byron, Ill., to give his children the advantage of our schools. He was born in 1836 at Lewisburg, Pa., and came to Illinois with his parents in 1850. He studied for the ministry at Susquehanna University at Selins Grove and was ordained in 1871 at Jersey Shore, Pa. He held a number of pastorates in Iowa, before he retired in 1894. Rev. Rees was married in 1873 to Frances Plumb, and five sons and four daughters were born to them. Three children preceded the father in death and those remaining were Mrs. Birdie Reynolds, Mrs. Aimee O'Hara, Leslie, Vernon, Vera and Perley.



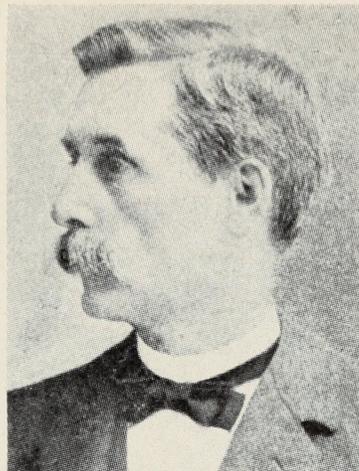
MARIA HITT NEWCOMER, daughter of Rev. Thos. S. and Emily (John) Hitt, died at Santa Monica, Calif., Sept. 30, 1935. She was born in Mount Morris Jan. 12, 1848, and spent her entire life here until she moved to California in 1931. She was nearly 88 years of age at time of death. She attended Rock River Seminary and later taught music in that institution. Her father was one of the founders of the Seminary and her brother, Robert R. Hitt, was Congressman for many years from this district. She married Chas. Newcomer in 1889.



MRS. CATHERINE NYE died March 27, 1910, aged nearly 90 years. She was the daughter of James and Nancy Coffman, and was born near Hagerstown, Md., July 24, 1820. She came to Pine Creek Township with her parents in 1840. In 1842, she married Michael Stonebraker and they lived two miles north of Mount Morris for many years. Eight children were born to them, among whom were Mrs. Ellen Bell, Newton, Eliphalet, Charles, Mrs. Urilla Potter and Orville. Mr. Stonebraker died in 1858, and in 1860, Mrs. Stonebraker became the wife of John H. Nye. Two sons were born to them, Frank and Ulysses C. Mr. Nye died in 1896, and during the remaining years of her life, Mrs. Nye lived with her son Ulysses.



MAJOR CHAS. NEWCOMER, one of Mount Morris's prominent citizens, passed away August 11, 1907. He was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Fridley) Newcomer and was born August 22, 1825, at Beaver Creek, Md. He was 82 years of age at time of death. He came to Illinois with his father's family in 1845, and they settled on a farm near Mount Morris. He was the eldest of nine children. His sister, Mrs. Ellen Trine, was a life-long resident of Mount Morris, and his brother, Albert N. Newcomer, married Maggie, daughter of Rev. Thos. S. Hitt. Mr. Newcomer first engaged in farming, and it is said that the first carload of grain marketed by rail from Mount Morris was raised by him. He erected the middle elevator and continued in the grain business until he sold the elevator to John Weller. In 1855, he was elected Sheriff of Ogle County, and in 1861, he was made a member of the Constitutional Convention. During the Civil War, Mr. Newcomer was appointed Paymaster of the Dept. of the Cumberland, with the rank of Major, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky. In 1877, Major Newcomer and Dr. Isaac Rice established the Bank of Mount Morris, of which the former became the sole proprietor in 1880, remaining so until 1899, when he sold out to Jos. L. and J. H. Rice, and retired from active business. He was married in 1853 to Rosalie D. Blanchard, and they had three sons, Franklin F., Chas. E. and Lyle C. The mother died in 1872. On June 2, 1879, he married again to Maria Hitt, daughter of Rev. Thos. S. Hitt, and sister of Hon. R. R. Hitt.



JOSEPH M. PIPER was born at Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 30, 1838, and died at DeKalb, Ill., March 4, 1928, aged 90 years. The Piper family moved to Illinois when he was a small boy, making the trip in a covered wagon, and settled on a farm a few miles north of Mount Morris. He was educated in the district school and Rock River Seminary, also a year at the University of Michigan. He taught school for many years, including four years (1872 to 1876) as principal of Mount Morris Public School. In the eighties he purchased the hardware business in Mount Morris of J. D. Armstrong which he conducted until 1890 when he sold out to C. E. Price. He served as County Superintendent of Schools of Ogle County for 14 years and then went into the real estate business at DeKalb. Mr. Piper married Miss Caroline Cheney in 1864 and she preceded him in death five years.

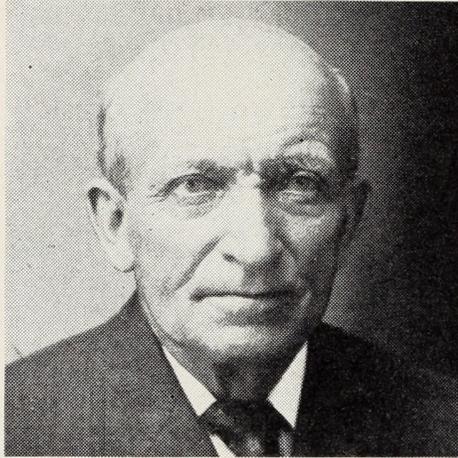


EDWARD C. PAGE, a teacher of considerable prominence who grew to manhood in Mount Morris, was the son of John and Hannah (Cheney) Page and was born at Belvidere, Ill., May 29, 1863, his father being superintendent of schools at that place. On the death of the father, the young son was brought to Mount

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Morris, where he attended the public school and Mount Morris College. He then entered Northwestern University and graduated in 1888; then took post graduate work for three years at the University of Chicago. He later taught American History and literature in the University of Chicago and then for many years occupied the chair of history in the Northern Illinois State Normal School at DeKalb, Ill., where he passed away. In 1899, Prof. Page married Janet Clive Gloss, daughter of Rev. Hamilton Gloss.



ANTON PIEPER, son of Frederick Pieper, was born in Germany, August 30, 1852, and died in Mount Morris, Nov. 29, 1928, aged 76 years. He came to America in 1869 and worked in various localities in Illinois, finally purchasing the farm west of Mount Morris where he reared his family. He moved to Mount Morris about ten years before his death. In 1875, he was married to Caroline Schnulle, and ten children were born to them, eight of whom survived the father as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Lena Snodgrass, Julia, Henry, August, William, Mrs. Amelia Holsinger, Mrs. Anna Diehl. The mother died Jan. 6, 1936.

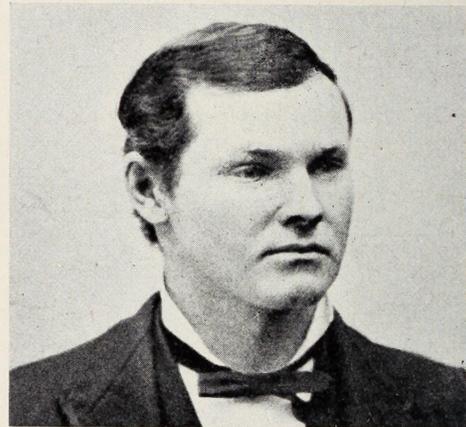
DR. A. W. PRICE was born in Pine Creek Township, July 9, 1859, and died April 20, 1911, aged nearly 52 years. On October 13, 1880, he was married to Alice Griswold, to whom were born four children: Verna (Mrs. Lloyd Holsinger), Etta (Mrs. John Walsh), Harry Price, and one child that died in infancy. Mrs. Price died in 1908, and in September, 1909, he was married again to Mrs. Mary E. Reed of Creston. Mr. Price was a veterinarian and the family lived in Mount Morris a number of years previous to 1909.

BENJ. RIDENOUR died Feb. 24, 1918, aged nearly 79 years. He was born at Cavetown, Md., May 6, 1839, and came to Illinois in 1877. He engaged in farming three miles southwest of Mount Morris for many years and moved to town twelve years before his death. In 1857, he married

Susan Houser and eight children were born to them: John M., Mrs. Mary Rudy, Mrs. Rosa Gibbs, Mrs. Anna Few, Mrs. Emma Trap, Mrs. Ann Stouffer, Lee Ridenour and one daughter who died in infancy.



CHARLES PEACOCK died Nov. 1, 1914, aged 32 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peacock, and was born Oct. 26, 1882, and spent his entire life in Mount Morris. He graduated from high school and completed the commercial course of Mount Morris College. He was unmarried.



ROBERT PATTERSON was the son of Adam and Mary (McDonald) Patterson, and was of a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters. He was born on the farm occupied by the Patterson family, five and one-half miles northwest of Mount Morris, August 31, 1850. He was educated in the district schools and continued to live on the farm after the death of his father in 1868 until the year 1881, when he purchased eighty acres of land of Daniel J. Pinckney, lying one and one-half miles west of Mount Morris, on which place he continued to live with his widowed mother for twenty years. After the death of his mother he moved to Mount Morris, where he died July 10, 1921, aged nearly 71 years. He was unmarried.

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AUNT KITTY RICE died December 26, 1900, at the age of 103 years, 4 months and 2 days. Her maiden name was Catherine Funk and she was born at Beaver Creek, Md., Aug. 24, 1797. She came west in 1845 and became the second wife of Jacob Rice. She had no children of her own but became a devoted mother to Mr. Rice's twelve children, one of whom was the well-known Isaac Rice, father of Joseph L. Rice.

WILLIAM H. ROWE was born near Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 28, 1850, and died at Mount Morris Jan. 29, 1924, aged over 73 years. He came to Illinois in March, 1865, and resided in or near Mount Morris for 59 years. The greater part of this time he was engaged in farming. In 1875, he married Alice Swingley and five children were born to them: Mrs. Edith Coffman, Benjamin S., Mrs. Alva Houpt, Frank O., and Morris W. Mrs. Rowe passed away in 1921.

GEORGE W. SHANK died May 9, 1900, aged 75 years. He was born near Myersville, Md., Feb. 8, 1825. His father and mother both died before he was a year old. He married Susan Malone in 1848 and the following year settled in Pine Creek Township. They moved to Mount Morris in 1877 and Mrs. Shank died in 1892. They had three children: Laura (Mrs. A. M. Newcomer), George M. and Albert.



MRS. BARBARA RICE died Nov. 23, 1916, aged nearly 76 years. She was born in Pine Creek Township, Jan. 20, 1841, and was the daughter of Samuel and Barbara Funk, pioneers who came from the east in 1840. She was the last survivor of ten children. Her mother died in 1842, and she went to live with Aunt Kitty Rice until her marriage in 1863 to Andrew Rice. Six children were born to them, but all of them died in early life except Mrs. Anna Mumma, who survives. Mr. Rice died in 1885.



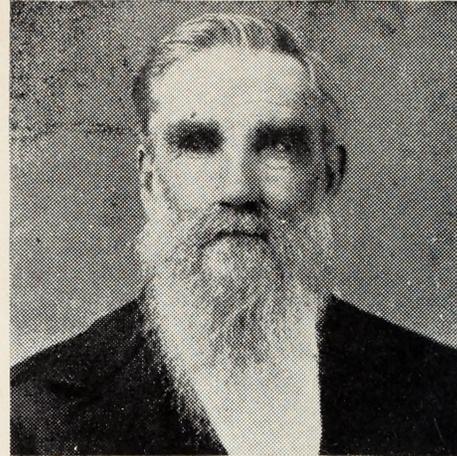
EMILY NEWCOMER RICE, daughter of Albert and Margaret Hitt Newcomer, was born in Maryville, Mo., May 31, 1871, and died in Mount Morris on April 7, 1929, aged nearly 58 years. She came to Mount Morris with her parents when an infant and lived her entire life in the

village. She graduated from the local high school and Rockford College. She was an accomplished musician, being a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music. In 1895, she was married to Joseph L. Rice. They had no children but left a foster daughter, Mrs. Margaret Glass. Mrs. Rice had three brothers, Morris H. Newcomer, Thomas E. Newcomer and Robert H. Newcomer. She was a niece of Robert R. Hitt.

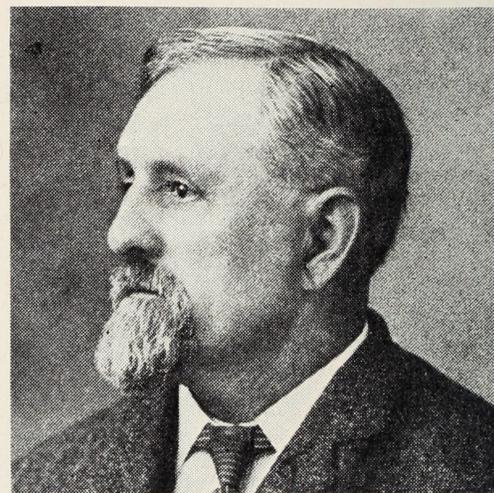


WILLIAM A. RICE, son of Jacob and Elizabeth A. Rice, was born near Adeline, Aug. 4, 1854, and died at his home several miles north of Mount Morris, June 2, 1933, aged 79 years. He attended the rural schools and Rock River Seminary from 1876 to 1878. He spent his entire life farming and never married. For many years he wrote the "Cross Road News" in the *Mount Morris Index*, under the name of "Timothy Bunker, Esq.," which attracted considerable attention. He was a grandson of Jacob Rice, early settler, who came to Mount Morris in 1837.

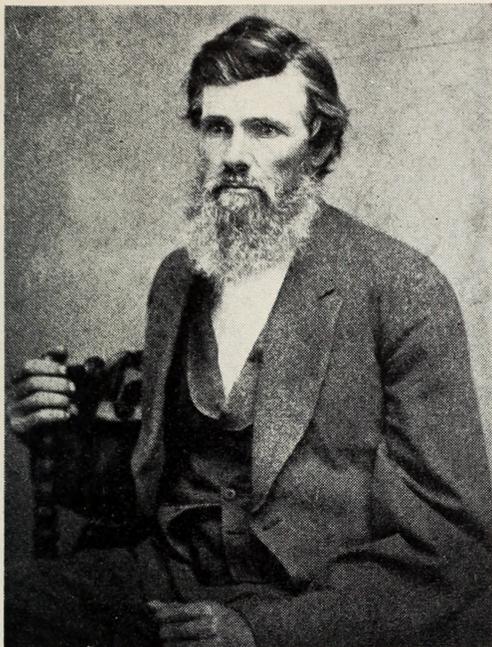
PROF. S. Z. SHARP (picture on page 146), was prominent in Mount Morris during the early days of Mount Morris College. He was born in Pennsylvania, Dec. 21, 1835, and devoted his entire life to the teaching profession and also was a minister of the Brethren Church. He came to Mount Morris in 1881 and joined the faculty of Mount Morris College, which connection he continued until 1888, when he became president of McPherson College, at McPherson, Kans. Prof. Sharp was married in 1862 to Salome Zook and they had six children: Horace, Agnes, Grace, Anna (Mrs. Ben G. Davis), Theodore and Maurice.



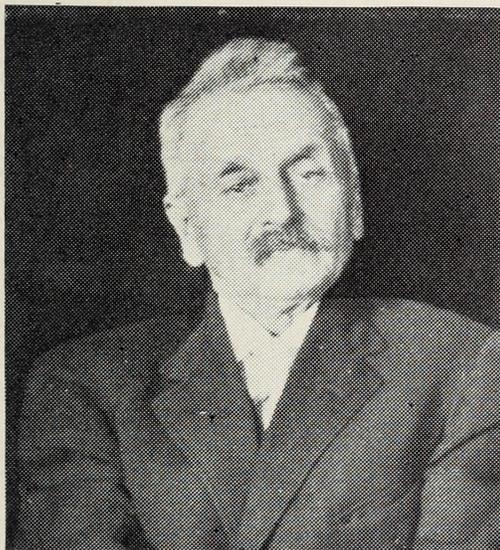
MARTIN T. ROHRER died January 11, 1911, aged nearly 84 years. He was born at Rohrersville, Md., June 9, 1827, and was married in 1853 to Margaret Avey. Shortly afterward they came west and engaged in farming near Mount Morris, and in 1865 they moved into town. He served as town clerk, justice of the peace and assessor at various times. To Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were born eight children: Lottie (Mrs. W. A. Newcomer), Georgia (Mrs. W. W. Hanes), Ella, Minnie, Samuel F., Martin T., Joseph H., and Maud L. (Mrs. John Rice). Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1903.



EMANUEL SLIFER, son of Jonathan and Lovenia (Avey) Slifer, was born at Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 21, 1848, and died in Mt. Morris, April 9, 1928, aged 79 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1872 and engaged in farming north of town until 1900, when he moved to town and engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In 1880, he married Martha Thomas, and two children were born: Elizabeth, who married Fred Watts, and Marcus. Mrs. Slifer died in 1906.

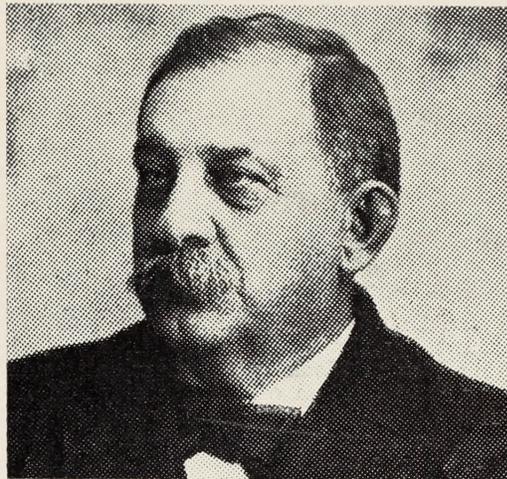


RICHARD SHAW died March 21, 1914, aged nearly 91 years. He was born May 4, 1823, at Centerville, Ohio, where he spent the early years of his life. In 1848, he married Emeline Wilson, and two years later went to California during the gold rush. In 1855, he came to Ogle County, and engaged in farming in this vicinity for many years. He had two sons, Oliver and Hiram, who drowned in Pine Creek in 1866.

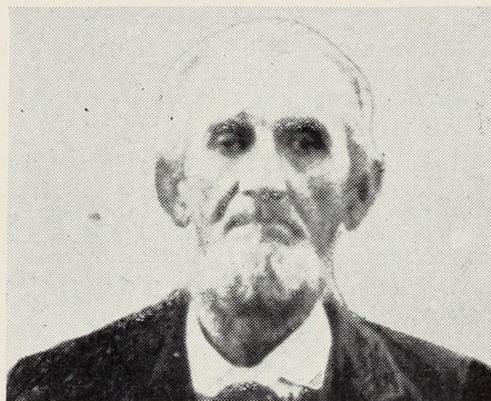


MELVIN P. SPIELMAN, son of Joseph and Lydia Spielman, was born March 24, 1843, at Williamsport, Md., and died in Mount Morris, Sept. 18, 1929, aged 86½ years. In 1863, he married Mary E. Newcomer, and in 1868 they settled on a farm near Mount Morris. They moved to town in 1895, and Mrs. Spielman died in 1920.

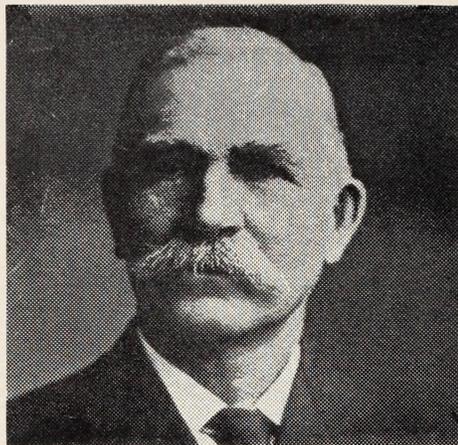
Eleven children were born to them as follows: Mrs. Luther Lizer, Mrs. P. T. Sprecher, J. F. Spielman, Mrs. Arthur Nalley (died in 1937), Mrs. Dora Cronk, Oliver (died in 1918), Anna (died in 1920), Harvey and Clyde (died in infancy) and Lulu McDonald Sprecher.



FRANCIS W. STONEBRAKER died Nov. 10, 1906, at Hagerstown, Md., at the age of 73 years. He was born June 13, 1833, in Washington County, Md., and came to Mount Morris in 1852. He located on a farm one mile north of town and was married to Sophia Wagner in 1853. They had seven children, as follows: Laura (Mrs. John Tice), Florence (Mrs. Oliver Gloss), John, Daniel, Frank S., Mary (married Henry Donaldson and later Ed. Marvin), and Samuel. Mr. Stonebraker's first wife died in 1887 and he later married Mrs. Laura V. Mumma. For a number of years before his death he resided at Hagerstown, Md.



MICHAEL SWINGLEY was born in Washington County, Md., March 19, 1822. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Swingley and came with his parents to Mount Morris in 1845. In 1854, he married Susan Welty, and they had two daughters, Mrs. Leroy Iler and Mrs. James Wilson. Mr. Swingley died Oct. 7, 1905, aged 83½ years.



JACOB O. THOMAS, son of Ezra and Elizabeth (Rice) Thomas, was born in Mount Morris Township, Feb. 28, 1846. He attended Rock River Seminary and purchased a farm of 320 acres which he cultivated until he retired and built a home in Mount Morris in 1901. Dec. 31, 1885, he was married to Eliza Jane Felker, and they had two children, a son, Harrison, who died at the age of 2½ years, and Mary, who married Gregor Thompson. Mr. Thomas died Jan. 9, 1926, aged nearly 80 years, and Mrs. Thomas died in 1913.

CHARLES D. SMITH, son of Stephen and Lydia (Wilkins) Smith, died January 19, 1915, at the age of 81 years. He was born at Mayfield, N.Y., December 17, 1834, and in 1852 he located in Mount Morris. He was married in 1854 to Sarah A. Knodle, and they had four daughters: Mary O. (Mrs. Chas. McNett), Viola (Mrs. Daniel Keedy), Jeannette (Mrs. Henry Lentz) and Rosa E., who died when six years old. His two sisters, Mrs. Mary McCoy and Mrs. Ira Marshall, were well-known Mount Morris ladies. Mr. Smith engaged in farming for a time and also at his trade of bricklayer and plasterer in partnership with A. M. Newcomer. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

CHARLES E. SMITH, son of Theodore and Susan Smith, was born at Fairplay, Md., Nov. 5, 1865, and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 10, 1925, aged 62 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1896 and worked as a farm hand and at the creamery at the south edge of town. Later he worked as plumber's assistant. In 1888, he was married to Flora Austin, and eight children were born to them, four of whom preceded him in death, Frank, Claude, Mamie and Herbert. Those remaining are Mrs. Harry Thomas, Mrs. Frank Reich, Mrs. James Grumstad and Robert.

GEORGE SPRECHER died Dec. 13, 1907, at Zion City, Ill., at the age of nearly 73 years. He was the son of Philip T. and Catherine (Houke) Sprecher, and was born Jan. 30, 1835, near Williamsport, Md. He came to Mount Morris with his

parents in 1839, at the age of four years. His life was spent in farming and carpenter work, and he resided here over sixty years. He moved to Zion City in 1902. Mr. Sprecher was married three times. In 1858, he married Eliza Patterson, and six children were born to them, four of whom preceded the father in death. Mrs. P. T. Sprecher was one of the daughters. His first wife died in 1866, and in 1868 he married Amanda A. Conaway, who lived nine years and left three sons, Oliver, Irvin and Bert. He was married a third time in 1880 to Almira Clingan. His sisters in Mount Morris were Mrs. George Windle and Mrs. Henry Moats and his brothers, John Sprecher and Daniel Sprecher.

PHILIP T. SPRECHER, son of Philip T. and Aletha Sprecher, was born near Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 10, 1846, and died in Mount Morris, April 19, 1924, aged over 77 years. He came to Mount Morris when he was 21 years old and engaged in farming for a number of years, then moved to town and was connected with the grocery business with various firms. He served the village for ten years as clerk and sixteen years as treasurer. He was married to Mary C. Sprecher (daughter of George Sprecher), in 1879 and three boys were born to them: Orval, born in 1882, and Howard and Harry, twins, born in 1884. Mrs. Sprecher died Jan. 25, 1927.

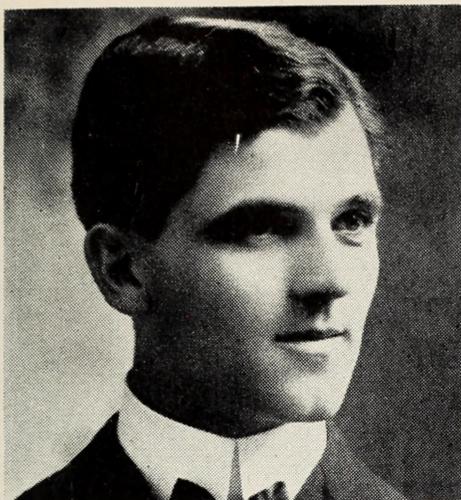
SAMUEL SPRECHER was born in Williamsport, Md., in June, 1860, and died in Mount Morris, July 5, 1935, aged 75 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1881, where he lived the remainder of his life. In 1893, he married Alice Keedy, and three children were born to them: Mrs. Ada Mitchell, Guy Sprecher and a son who died in infancy.

W. L. STINE, son of Frederick and Mary Stine, was born at Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 25, 1853, and died in Mount Morris Nov. 9, 1936, aged nearly 84 years. When a lad of 12 years, he witnessed the battle of Antietam. He came to Mount Morris in 1876 and engaged in farming in this vicinity except for ten years spent in Oklahoma. In 1879, he married Mary Jeannette Zellers, who died in 1926. There were five children: Ward (deceased), Ralph, Raymond, Mrs. Chas. Tice and Fanny.

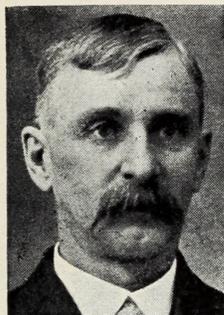
CHARLES V. STONEBRAKER, son of Michael and Catherine (Coffman) Stonebraker, was born Feb. 9, 1851, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 31, 1928, aged nearly 77 years. He was born on the Stonebraker homestead, two miles north of Mount Morris, and spent his entire life in this vicinity. For many years he conducted a truck farm at the east edge of town. In 1874, he married Gussie O. Williams, and two children were born to them: Lee and Roy, the latter dying at the age of 11 years.

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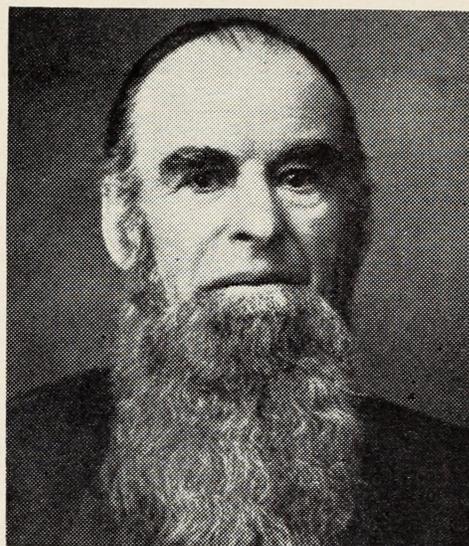
VIRGIL TRINE, a Mount Morris boy, son of Mrs. Ellen Trine, who met a tragic death, Feb. 9, 1903, at Pueblo, Colo., as a result of an accident in a steel plant. He was 28 years of age.



JOHN E. TICE died Nov. 17, 1916, aged nearly 60 years. He was born at Haldane, Ill., and was the son of Franklin N. and Catherine (Felker) Tice. He spent his early life on a farm near Forreston, and for many years he engaged in farming north of Mount Morris, later moving to town where he was associated with Wm. A. Newcomer in the grocery business in 1890, later selling out to J. Strock. In 1881, he married Laura M. Stonebraker, and they had two children, Chas. E. Tice and Mrs. Jesse Q. Allen. He served on the school board and the village board of trustees, and was also a director of Kable Brothers Company for a number of years.

JAMES T. STEWART died June 4, 1904, aged 75 years. He was born near Ellicott's Mills, Md., May 25, 1829. He came to Mount Morris with his family in 1864, and lived here for forty years until his death. He was a carpenter by trade. In 1852, he married Laura E. Franks and they had four children: Anna V., Wm. H. Stewart, Mary E., Margaret L., and Edward A. Mrs. Stewart died in 1880, and in March, 1882, Mr. Stewart married Maggie Barrett.

MRS. SUSANNA THOMAS died Dec. 9, 1907, aged 91 years. Her maiden name was Susanna Rice, and she was one of the twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rice, who came to Mount Morris Township in 1837. She was the last surviving member of that pioneer family of seven sons and five daughters. She was born near Boonsboro, Md., August 24, 1816. She was married to Elias Thomas, who died in 1881. Five daughters were born to them, two of whom lived in Mount Morris, Mrs. David Emmert and Mrs. Chas. Gaffin.

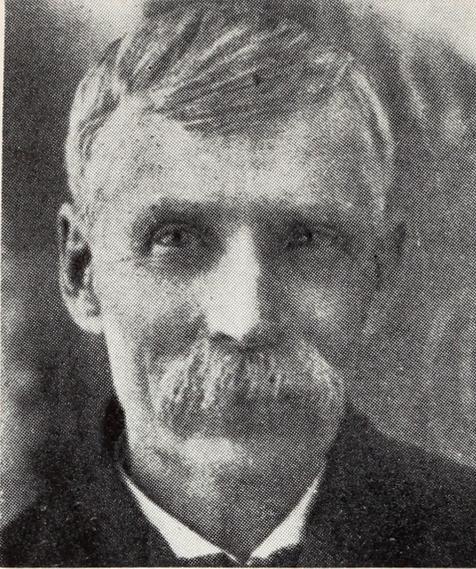


LEWIS WALLACE, son of James and Sarah (Emmert) Wallace, was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 13, 1843, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 26, 1920, aged 77 years. He lived continuously in Mount Morris Township for 75 years—first north of Maryland Station, where his parents settled in 1845, then on the home farm northwest of Mount Morris, and finally in the village in 1903. In 1866, he married Mary Long and they had four children, Nellie (Mrs. Hio Wehmeyer), Cleora (Mrs. J. B. Yohn), Eugene and Chilion. Mrs. Wallace was elected to the Brethren ministry in 1884, but never did a great deal of ministerial work.

CLEGGETT F. TICE, son of Franklin N. and Catherine (Felker) Tice, was born at Hagerstown, Md., March 15, 1852, and died March 28, 1922, aged 70 years. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1856, and remained a resident of this community for 66 years. He engaged in farming and for six years was road commissioner of Mount Morris Township. In 1874, he married Caroline E. Zaller and five children were born to them. Gertrude died at seven years of age, and Edith at 31 years. Three sons survive, Henry F., James B., and Maurice L. The mother passed away in May, 1927.

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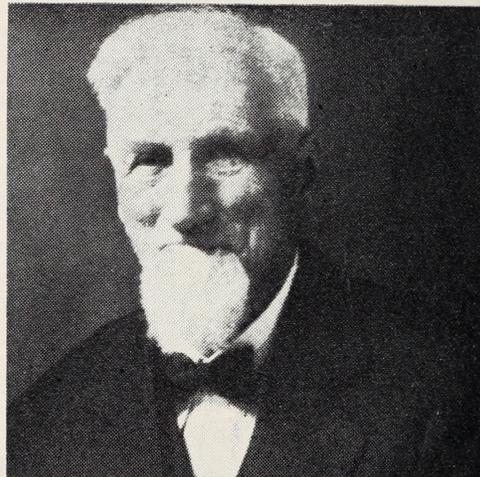
DANIEL W. YOUNG was born July 4, 1844, on the old homstead of his parents, William and Nancy (Long) Young, near Oregon, and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 3, 1925, aged 80½ years. He engaged in farming in Rockvale Township for many years and retired to Mount Morris about 16 years before his death. In 1870, he was married to Ann Elizabeth Wagner, and five children were born to them: Mrs. Edith Keedy, Mrs. Noble Thomas, Charles W., Mrs. Nancy Gaffin and Alice W. Young, who died at the age of 16. Mr. and Mrs. Young celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 10, 1920. Mrs. Young passed away in July, 1931.

DANIEL THOMAS, son of Daniel and Margaret Thomas, was born August 23, 1829, near Keedysville, Md., and died in Mount Morris, Sept. 6, 1896, aged 67 years. He came to Mount Morris in 1869 and engaged in farming on his farm one-half mile south of town. Five years before his death he moved into town. He was married in 1855 to Susan M. Keedy and they had eight children: Millard M., Anne E., Cora B., Ernest, Edward, and three that died in infancy.

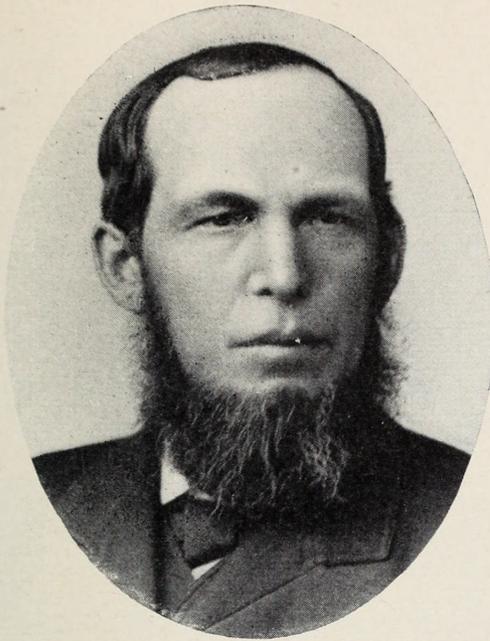
EPHRAIM P. TROSTLE was born at Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 15, 1850, and died in Mount Morris, Feb. 4, 1930, aged 80 years. He grew to manhood at Frederick, Md., and at the age of 21 came to Franklin Grove, Ill., where he met and married Alice Wingert. In 1876, they moved to a farm northeast of Mount Morris, which became the family home until they moved to Mount Morris in 1900. He was elected to the Brethren ministry in 1889. He was survived by three children: Ernest, Mrs. Anna Long and Miss Eva Trostle. The mother died in May, 1927.

JOHN WELLER died Feb. 1, 1902, aged nearly 72 years. He was born near Martinsburg, W.Va., June 11, 1830, being the youngest of a large family of children. He married Anna C. Getzendaner Dec. 18, 1855, and they had four daughters. He located in Mount Morris in 1875, where he practiced law and other business.

GEORGE WINDLE died Jan. 31, 1920, aged 78 years. He was born Nov. 28, 1841, in Shenandoah County, Va., and came to Illinois with his parents, William and Mary (Kretsinger) Windle, at the age of 5. The family purchased a farm in Pine Creek Township, where they lived until the death of the father in 1879. Mr. Windle attended the public school and Rock River Seminary. In 1866, he married Mary E. Sprecher, daughter of Philip Sprecher, to whom six children were born; Elmer, who was accidentally killed in 1881, Thurlow who died in infancy, Mary K. Harnley, Addie W. Hendrickson, Orpha Bibler and Philip. In addition there was an adopted son, Clifford, who was reared as one of the family. Mr. Windle engaged in farming the greater part of his life, but on several occasions was engaged in mercantile business in Mount Morris, his first venture being in 1873. In 1901 he moved to town where the family continued to reside until the death of Mrs. Windle in May, 1914. Following this he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hendrickson, until his death in 1920.



GEORGE W. YOUNG, eldest son of William and Nancy (Long) Young, was born at Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 20, 1841, and died at Mount Morris, July 14, 1932, aged 90½ years. At the age of one year, his parents moved to Illinois and settled on a farm several miles west of Oregon. He taught school for a number of years and in 1873 he married Mary Ellen Wagner, to whom seven children were born, four of whom survived: Joseph W., Mary Belle, Albert C., and Olin F. They retired from the farm and moved to Mount Morris in 1909. Mrs. Young passed away in November, 1932.



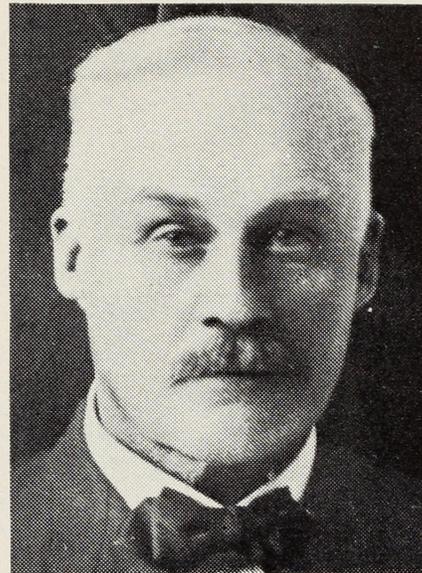
JOHN YETTER, son of John G. Yetter, was born Dec. 18, 1835, in Vollmersweiler, Germany, and died in Mount Morris, Jan. 1, 1925, aged 89 years. He came to America in 1854 and settled at Hennepin, Ill. He married Magdalena Schoenholz in 1857 and in 1859 they moved to a farm in Willow Creek Township, near Steward. Mrs. Yetter died in 1899, and in 1912 Mr. Yetter came to Mount Morris to live with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Hough, who was the youngest of a family of nine children, all of whom were alive at the time of the death of the father.



ANN ELIZABETH (KNODLE) WINDERS was born in Washington County, Md., Nov. 4, 1832, and died in Mount Morris, Aug. 25, 1920, aged nearly 88 years. She came with her parents to Mount Morris in September, 1841, making the trip by team, which required six weeks. She lived

her entire life in Mount Morris since 1841 and was one of the earliest settlers in the community. She married John Winders and they had four children: Bert, John, Elbert and Mrs. Kittie Price. She was an active member of the Lutheran Church for many years.

LAWRENCE L. WALLACE died Dec. 6, 1901, aged 77 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., in 1824, and came to Mount Morris with his parents in 1845. In 1859 he married Elmira L. Leek and they had seven children.



CHRISTIAN A. ZUMDAHL was born in Mount Morris Township, Nov. 1, 1850, and died March 17, 1923, aged 72 years. He was the son of Christian H. and Dorothy Zumdahl, who were natives of Germany. By hard work and thrift he and his two brothers became extensive land owners west of Mount Morris. In 1882, he married Helen E. Timmer, and eight children were born to them. Three died in infancy and those who survived the father were Mrs. Susan Witzig, Mrs. Sadie Hammer, Mrs. Gladys Fridley, Charles W. and Alfred F. Mrs. Zumdahl died in July, 1937.

JOHN WOLF died June 7, 1920, aged 79 years. He was the second son of Daniel and Catherine (Miller) Wolfe, and was born near Hagerstown, Md., April 24, 1841. In 1842, when he was a year old, his family moved to a farm north of Mount Morris. He lived there until his marriage in 1869 to Mary Catherine Kerns, when they settled on a farm northwest of Mount Morris. Five children were born to them—Ernest Wolfe, Ida Wagner, Ella Hiteman, Elmer Wolfe and one child that died in infancy. They moved to Mount Morris in 1907 and Mrs. Wolfe died in 1917.

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AUGUST H. ZUMDAHL, son of Christian and Dorothy Zumdahl, was born Aug. 7, 1866, near West Grove, and died Aug. 3, 1929, aged nearly 63 years. He spent his entire life farming near Mount Morris and was the last of three brothers of large stature to pass away. He was married in 1896 to Miss Anna Drake, and five children were born: Clara, Elmer, John, Ervin and William. The mother died in 1914.

NATHANIEL A. WATTS, son of William and Anne Watts, was born on the family homestead south of Mount Morris, Feb. 20, 1853, and died Feb. 6, 1934, aged nearly 81 years. He was the second son of a family of 11 children. He devoted the active years of his life to farming and moved to Mount Morris in 1909. He married Miss Victoria Weller in 1891 and she died in 1925. They had no children.

CARLTON E. WOLF died March 15, 1918, aged nearly 61 years. He was the son of Jacob and Mary Wolf and was born in Washington County, Md., August 5, 1857. He came west in 1882 and engaged in farming south of Mount Morris until eleven years previous to his death, when he moved to town. In 1884, he was married to Ella Fridley, and they had two children, Ada (Mrs. Orion Huffington) and Emmert J. Wolf.

DANIEL ZELLERS died June 25, aged 88 years. He was born in Washington County, Md., April 12, 1818, and in 1843 was married to Mary Long. To them were born nine children—David, Daniel, Martin, Mrs. Lewis Stine, Mrs. Henry Rowe, and four who died previous to the father. Mr. Zellers came west with his bride in 1844, coming by team and locating in Rockvale Township. Later he purchased a farm in Mount Morris Township, where he lived for many years, then moved to Mount Morris to spend his remaining years. Mrs. Zellers died in October, 1895.

FREDERICK ZUMDAHL, son of Christian and Dorothy Zumdahl, was born at West Grove, northwest of Mount Morris, Sept. 21, 1859, and died at his home in Mount Morris, April 5, 1920, aged 60½ years. He engaged in farming west of town for many years and then moved to town. In 1886, he married Elizabeth Drake and they had six children—William, who died at the age of three, Mrs. Anna Newcomer, Edward C., Laura Elizabeth, Emma Ruth and Iva Mabel. Mrs. Zumdahl passed away in July, 1931.

HENRY MIDDLEKAUFF, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Middlekauff, was born in Washington County, Md., May 28, 1823, and came to Ogle County in 1846. In 1848, he married Elizabeth Thomas. They had seven children as follows: Martha A., Chas. C., Alfred C., Austin, Minnie, Seymour and Fred. Mr. Middlekauff was a farmer by occupation. He passed away August, 1887, and Mrs. Middlekauff died in December, 1896.

MOUNT MORRIS Township has furnished competent men, not only for the administration of her own affairs, but also has sent many of her prominent citizens to fill places of trust in the county government; a number have been elected to seats in the General Assembly of Illinois; and one has entered the halls of Congress, where he acquired a nationwide reputation. A list of these men who represented Mount Morris in various capacities follows:

Member House of Representatives—Hon. Robert R. Hitt.

Illinois State Senate—Prof. Daniel J. Pinckney, 25th and 26th General Assemblies; Isaac Rice, 32nd and 33rd General Assemblies.

Illinois House of Representatives—Samuel M. Hitt, 14th General Assembly; Prof. Daniel J. Pinckney, 19th, 20th and 24th General Assemblies; Dr. Francis A. McNeill, 22nd General Assembly; Isaac Rice, 28th and 29th General Assemblies; Franklin N. Tice, 30th and 31st General Assemblies.

Sheriffs of Ogle County—Elias Baker, 1853 and 1854; Charles Newcomer, 1855 and 1856; Frederick G. Petrie, 1859 and 1860.

County Judge—James M. Webb.

County Surveyors—Joshua Rice, 1843-'45; A. Quinby Allen, 1857-'58 and 1861-'76; Fred N. Rice.

County Superintendents of Schools—Eldridge W. Little, 1859-'62; Joseph M. Piper, 1888-1902.

County Coroner—Dr. W. W. Hanes, 1892-1898.

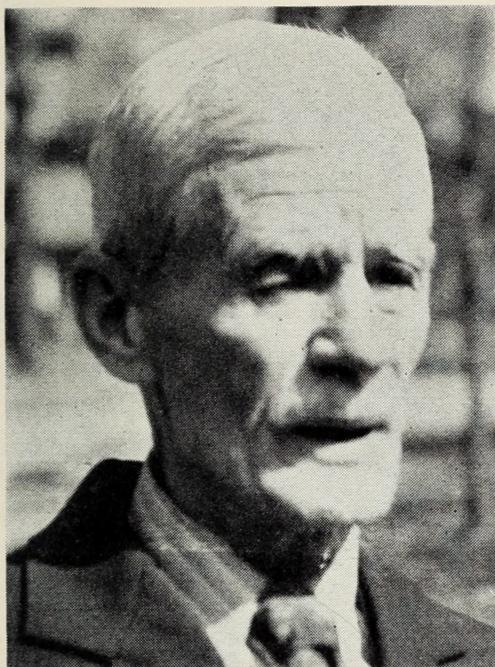
County Commissioners—Henry Hiestand, 1845-1846.

Members Constitutional Convention—Daniel J. Pinckney, 1848; Charles Newcomer, 1862.

Chapter 19

MISCELLANEOUS BIOGRAPHIES AND PICTURES

This chapter contains a variety of material which could not be classified under any of the other nineteen chapters. It contains pictures and biographies of a few local people and a number of sketches of former Mount Morris people who have moved to other localities and attained success in their fields of endeavor. The chapter also contains a miscellaneous lot of local pictures, both new and old, which should be of interest.



MILLARD FILMORE BLAKE is one of Mount Morris's oldest citizens. He is the son of William and Katherine (Gearhart) Blake, and was born at Hagerstown, Md., March 24, 1855. He came to Mount Morris in 1869 with his parents and attended the local school and Rock River Seminary. He engaged in farming until 1885, when he went to Gurney, Kans., where he was appointed postmaster in 1888. He returned to Mount Morris in 1892 and, except for four years spent in California, he has spent the remaining years here, farming and carpentering. He now operates a lawn mower repair shop. In 1879, he married Eugenia Angel, and they had seven children: Lillian L. (deceased), Lela (Mrs. Clarence Hammel), Ruby (Mrs. Herzfeldt), Guy (deceased), Galen, Willis (deceased), Errett, Hugh and Ralph. The

mother died in 1896. Mr. Blake is an active member of the local Christian Church.

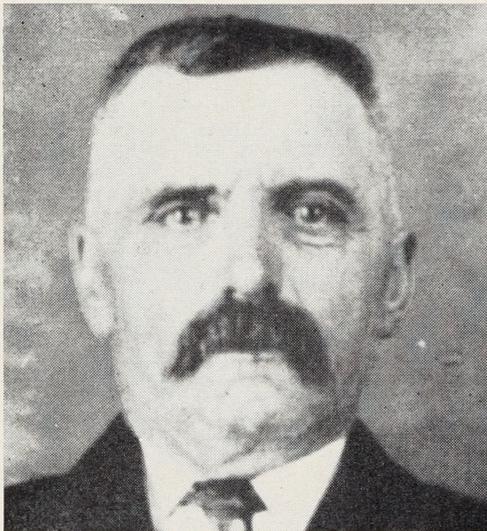


JOSIAH AVEY is the oldest person living in Mount Morris in 1938. He was the son of George and Nancy (Wheeler) Avey and was born at Boonesboro, Md., Jan. 15, 1845. His parents journeyed overland to Ogle County in the fall of 1845, when he was less than a year old, and settled four miles west of Mount Morris. This farm was later owned by Thomas O. Watts. Mr. Avey remained on the home farm until he was of age and after his marriage purchased a farm of 160 acres on Pine Creek, southwest of Mount Morris, which he farmed for many years, until he retired to Mount Morris in 1904. In 1873, he married Ann Elizabeth Bovey, daughter of Michael Bovey, and they lived together for over 60 years. They have one son, Benjamin E., with whom the father is passing his closing years. He has passed his 93rd birthday. The mother died in March, 1936.

PHILIP T. SPRECHER is one of the oldest residents of Mount Morris. He was born in a log cabin near Mount Morris, May 25, 1847. He is the son of Daniel and Barbara (Coffman) Sprecher. His grandfather, Philip Sprecher, came from the

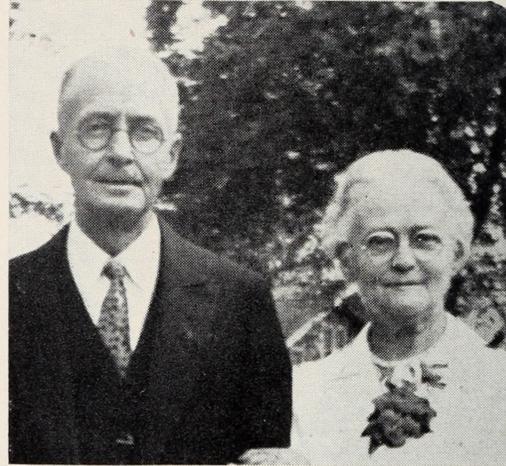


east on horseback in 1837 and made a claim of the land now known as the "Moats" farm east of town. His father, Daniel Sprecher, came to Mount Morris in 1838 and he built the first elevator in Mount Morris, known as the Sprecher-Clevidence elevator. The subject of this sketch attended the country school north of Mount Morris and also attended Rock River Seminary in 1865. He resided in Missouri from 1869 to 1871 and was in the lumber business in Mount Morris until 1881, when he moved to Leaf River. He moved back to Mount Morris to retire in 1901. He is a member of the Christian Church and has always voted the Prohibition ticket. He was first married in 1876 to Susan Newcomer and they had four children: Edward, Mary, Elizabeth and Willis A. Mrs. Sprecher passed away July 15, 1908, and he married again in 1913 to Mrs. Nettie Spielman Slifer.



FRED HILGER, son of Jacob and Appellonia (Dieterich) Hilger, was born on the Hilger homestead just south of town, on March 17, 1859. He attended the Mount

Morris public school and has been engaged in farming since 1888. He owns 140 acres of fine farm land, equipped with modern buildings. He has operated a threshing outfit each harvest season continuously for 58 years, first with horsepower and then with steam engines. Mr. Hilger was married in 1891 to Hannah Berge and they have four children: Frank, Lillie (Mrs. Maurice Tice), Fred, and Bessie (Mrs. Vern A. Laver).

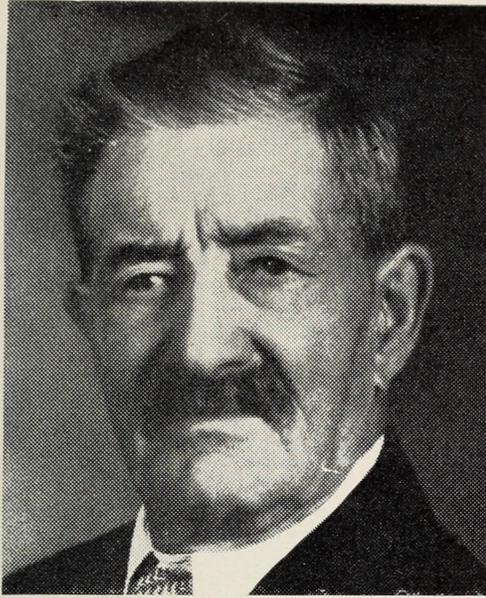


MR. AND MRS. HARRY CUSHING, respected citizens of Mount Morris for many years. Mr. Cushing was the son of D. S. and Amanda (Woodbury) Cushing and was born Sept. 1, 1862, at Grand Detour, Ill. Mrs. Cushing, who was Miss Lillie Farwell, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Farwell, and she married Mr. Cushing in 1887. She was a teacher in the public school before her marriage. They had two children: Chas. F. (deceased) and Helen (Mrs. Otis Helfrich). Mr. Cushing attended the public school at Grand Detour and took a commercial course at Mount Morris College. Since that time he has traveled continuously for fifty-four years for the Supplee-Biddle Hardware Co. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity longer than any member now living in Mount Morris. Mr. Cushing's father came from Bethel, Vt., by wagon and boat, arriving at Grand Detour in 1838. He and George Cushing established a grain cradle business, making everything by hand, including the scythe blades.

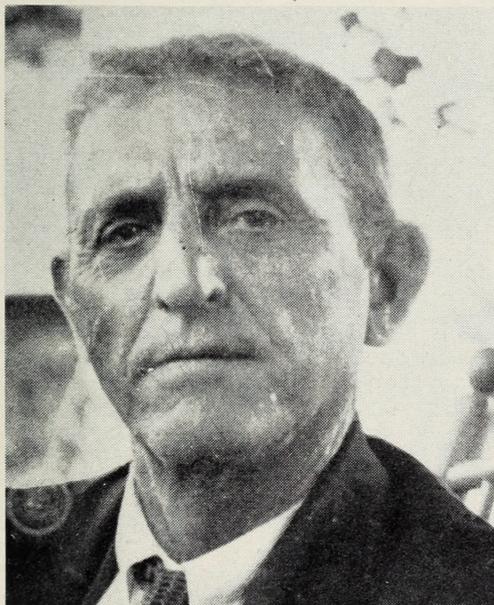
WILLIAM FRISBY KEPLINGER, son of David and Catherine Snyder Keplinger, was born July 4, 1849, near Keedysville, Md. He lived near the Antietam battlefield and has a keen recollection of Civil War days, especially the battle of Antietam and John Brown's raid. He gave President Lincoln a drink of water at his home when he came to the battlefield. Mr. Keplinger came to Ogle County in 1869, first to Polo and then to Mount Morris. He started working for the Braytons

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in 1881 and served three generations of Braytons on their fruit farm. In 1871, he married Fannie M. Hedrick, and they had seven children, as follows: Alice, Jennie, David, William Porter, Amy Irene, Mabel, and Evelyn Marie (Mrs. Paul Barnhizer). All of the children have passed away except Mrs. Barnhizer. The mother died in December, 1914.



FRANK S. STONEBRAKER has been a resident of Mount Morris Township for over 74 years. He was the son of Francis W. and Sophia (Wagner) Stonebraker and was born in Mount Morris in 1864. His entire life has been spent on the farm just north of Mount Morris on which his father settled in 1852. He was married in

1899 to Mary Slifer and they have six children: Ray, Hale H., Mable (Mrs. John Bennett), Frank, Ethel (Mrs. Carl Rothlind) and Lester.



BEN G. DAVIS, who spent his boyhood in Mount Morris, made an enviable record in government service in Washington. He was the son of Solomon E. and Rebecca (Fletcher) Davis and was born at Shannon, Ill., May 24, 1866. He was educated in the public schools of Mount Morris and Lincoln, Ill., and at Mount Morris College and Carthage College. He worked at the printing business a short time in Omaha. He was appointed clerk in the War Department at Washington and made rapid advancement under civil service. He served 12 years in the militia of the District of Columbia, being on the commanding general's staff the latter part of the term. He served as secretary to Hon. William Jennings Bryan during Mr. Bryan's service in Congress, his three campaigns for president and his term as Secretary of State under President Wilson. He served as Chief Clerk of the Department of State for 12 years, including the period of the World War. He was appointed in the diplomatic service of the United States and assigned to the American Embassy in Havana, Cuba, from which he resigned and returned to Washington, D.C., to enter the banking business. He resides in Tacoma Park, where he has served three terms as mayor. Mr. Davis married Annie Laurie Sharp, a Mount Morris girl, daughter of Prof. S. Z. Sharp, and they had ten children as follows: Maurice V., Hugh M., Dorothy S. (married Harold D. Ross), Bryan, Lowell F., Theodore D., Benj. G., Mary E. (married J. Pridmore Prugh), Marjorie and Roderic F.

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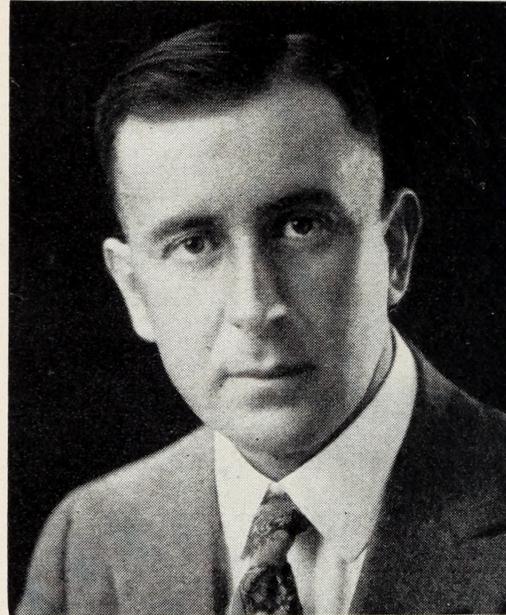


RALPH WALDO TRINE is a Mount Morris boy who became famous as an author. One book, probably the most widely known, "In Tune with the Infinite," has been translated into probably a dozen languages and hundreds of thousands of copies have been sold. Other books that have had a wide sale are "What all the World's A-Seeking," "The Greatest Thing Ever Known" and "Every Living Creature." Mr. Trine was the son of Samuel G. and Ellen (Newcomer) Trine and was born in Mount Morris Sept. 9, 1866. He began work as a wood-chopper and farm laborer, then student, bank cashier, teacher, lecturer and author. He graduated from Knox College in 1891 and later from Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Trine married Miss Grace Hyde of New York and they have one son. They lived in New York for many years but are now residents of Hollywood, Calif.

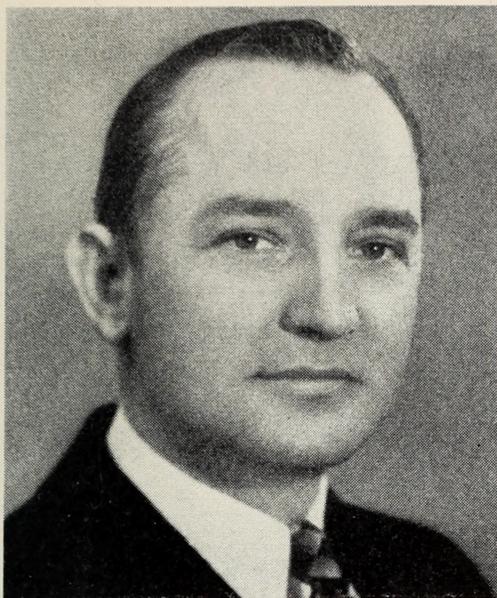


REV. ARTHUR D. KLONTZ is a Mount Morris boy who has made a great success in the ministry. For nine years he has been pastor of the Austin (Ill.) Methodist Episcopal Church which has a membership of over 3,000 members. He has just

been appointed pastor of the Boulevard Temple Methodist Church of Detroit, Mich. This church has a property which cost over a million dollars, and is one of the finest in America. Rev. Klontz is the son of James B. and Julia (Hjortas) Klontz and was born July 31, 1885, at Waddams Grove, Ill. He graduated from Mount Morris College in 1905, which institution granted him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1929. He was ordained in the ministry of the Methodist Church in 1912 and has held pastorates at Council Hill, Hanover, Poplar Grove, Polo, Chicago and now at Austin. Rev. Klontz married a Mount Morris girl, Blanche Householder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Householder, and they have two children, Kenneth V. and Maxine A. (Mrs. Ward Solberg).



CHAS. H. KELTNER is the son of Peter R. and Della (Bowman) Keltner and was born Sept. 8, 1879, at Mt. Carroll, Ill. The family moved to Mount Morris and Charles attended the local school and Mount Morris College. Later he attended the University of Illinois and graduated with the A. B. degree in 1910. He taught rural schools for three years, and three years in the Maryland Collegiate Institute at Union Bridge, Md. From 1910 to 1915 he was the head of the department of agriculture of Mount Morris College and also held a similar position at the State Teachers' College at DeKalb, Ill. For 17 years he was Winnebago County Farm Advisor with headquarters at Rockford. He is now director of agricultural service of Station WROK at Rockford. In 1902, Mr. Keltner married Lillie E. Weller of Mount Morris and they have seven children: Ralph W., Katherine M. (married P. E. Chappel), Robert H., Charles R., John D., Paul R. and George M.



HUGH S. BONAR is a former Mount Morris boy who has made good in a big way in the field of education. He is the son of Jacob and Olive (Hedrick) Bonar and was born at Mount Morris, Sept. 7, 1894. He graduated from the Mount Morris High School in 1911 and from Mount Morris College in 1918. He is also a post graduate of the University of Chicago. He was honored by being elected president of his class in 1918, business manager of the College Year Book, college orator in the state oratorical contest and president of the Amphictyon Literary Society. In the World War, he enlisted in April, 1918, and served as a member of Co. A, 311th Field Signal Battalion, Black Hawk Division, until February, 1919, the last five months overseas. He has written extensively for educational journals and served as an executive in numerous teachers' organizations. He is a member of the American Legion, an active Kiwanian, and prominent in Boy Scout work. He is a member of the Church of the Brethren. He has been a teacher and school executive for 21 years and has been superintendent of schools at Manitowoc, Wis., since 1927. Prof. Bonar married Mabel A. Miller (graduate of Mount Morris College, 1919) and they have a family of four children: Hugh Jr., Barbara, Patricia and Daniel. His father has been a prominent farmer in Mount Morris and Pine Creek Townships for nearly 50 years.

OREN L. CLAPPER, son of Ludwick and Malinda (Himes) Clapper, was born Sept. 20, 1879, at Blountsville, Ind. He attended Mount Morris College and then entered the Boston Theological School, transferring to the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, where he graduated in 1908. He was ordained in the Methodist ministry and has served pastorates in a



dozen towns, and is now located at Ogden, Ill. Mr. Clapper married Myrtle Smith in 1907, and they have four children: Leroy W., Maurine L., Raymond M. and Marvin W. Mr. Clapper's mother died in Mount Morris in 1903 and his father in 1920. He has one brother, J. E. Clapper, who lives in Mount Morris.

ROSCOE C. CLARK is a Mount Morris boy who left his native town and has made good in the lumber business. He is the son of Holly C. and Josephine (Stroh) Clark and was born in Mount Morris, Jan. 31, 1876. He attended school in Mount Morris and is now a resident of LaGrange, Ill. He is a member of all Masonic bodies, including the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Consistory and Shrine. At present he is Deputy Grand Master of the 17th District of Illinois and Grand Lecturer Emeritus. Mr. Clark was married in 1897 to Mabel Van Patten and they have a son, Robert Scott Clark.



LLOYD HOLSINGER is a Mount Morris boy who has been successful in the field of education. He was the son of Levi R. and Mary (Grossnickle) Holsinger and was born in Mount Morris, Oct. 7, 1884. He attended Mount Morris College, the University of Michigan (B. A. degree) and Northwestern University (M. A. degree). He taught at the Polytechnic Institute in 1907-1908, Evanston Academy from 1908 to 1917, and from 1917 to 1938 has been at the Shattuck Military Academy, Faribault, Minn. Prof. Holsinger was married in 1907 to Miss Verna Price and they have three daughters, Judith Victoria (married Dr. E. Dillon Smith), Helen Elizabeth and Verna Virginia.

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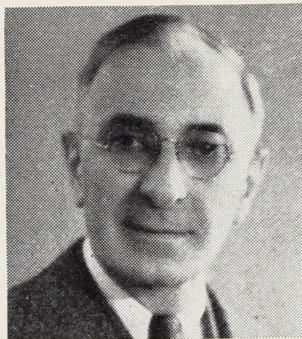
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LURA NEFF CHAMBERS, daughter of Addison W. Neff, was prominent in musical circles in Mount Morris some years ago. She attended the Chicago Musical College and the American Conservatory of Music. She was the head of the music department of Mount Morris College for a number of years as instructor of piano and voice. She has resided in Vancouver, British Columbia, since 1912, where she is prominent in social and club circles.



DR. CARL O. OLSON is a Mount Morris boy who has made good at his chosen profession as dentist. He is the son of August T. and Dina (Gifford) Olson and was born August 2, 1885, at Mt. Carroll, Ill. He attended the Mt. Carroll and Mount Morris public schools and Mount Morris College. He took instruction in voice and was private secretary of Carrie Jacobs Bond for one year. He was in the Indian service in South Dakota for three years, and graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1914. He has practiced dentistry in Rockford for the past 22 years. He and family are members of the Episcopal Church and Dr. Olson is a member of the Masons, Shrine, Elks and Kiwanis. He is an accomplished cornetist and before leaving Mount Morris was a member of the local band. In Rockford he was director of the Shrine Band for eight years and director of music in the Kiwanis Club. Dr. Olson married Goldie B. House in 1913 and they have two children: Margaret (Mrs. Donald Kelly) and Jeane Ellen.



SIDNEY J. HESS, county clerk of Ogle County, now living in Oregon, was born in Leaf River Township, June 1, 1870, but was raised and educated in Mount Morris. He was the son of Willoughby and Mary Ellen (Rinehart) Hess. He attended the local public school and graduated from the commercial department of Mount Morris College in 1892. For a period he conducted a restaurant in Mount Morris and also served as township collector from 1898 to 1905. He was elected county clerk in 1918. In 1923, Mr. Hess married Regina E. Schramm and they have one son, Sidney John.

FLOYD E. OLSON, who is now a licensed emblamer and funeral director at Joliet, Ill., was born at Mt. Carroll, Feb. 27, 1892, and moved to Mount Morris with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Olson. He attended the Mount Morris public schools and also attended Mount Morris College, graduating from the business course in 1910. In 1927, he entered Worsham's Embalming College in Chicago, and in March, 1928, went into business in Joliet, which he is now conducting. He is active in the Joliet Kiwanis Club and is president of the John Eric-