

bus; Clara, wife of Alvah Scurman, also of the capital city; and Jessie, at home.

The father of this family died upon the Anderson farm in 1888. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a devout Christian gentleman, whose belief permeated his entire life. In his political views he was a staunch Republican, but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him. He found his greatest happiness at his own fireside and was very devoted to his wife and children. After her husband's death Mrs. Lane removed to her present farm, purchasing sixty acres of land in Norwich township. She has long resided in the county and has a wide acquaintance among its best people.

#### GEORGE P. WHIP.

This old and honored resident of Clinton township, was in early life prominently identified with the building interests of Franklin county, and later gave his attention to farming, but is now practically living a retired life, free from the cares and responsibilities of business affairs. He was born in Frederick, Maryland, April 6, 1817, a son of George and Mary (Lashorn) Whip. The father was a native of Virginia, and of German descent. In 1833, in company with his wife and two children, George P. and Henry W., he came to this county, having previously made his home in Frederick, Maryland, where he learned the carpenter's trade. He bought mill property on the Olentangy river, which was at first operated by hired help, but after residing in Columbus for two years he located near the mill, where he made his home throughout the remainder of his life. The property is now known as the Weisheimer Mill. For a short time Mr. Whip served in a Maryland regiment during the war of 1812, and for his services received a patent for one hundred and sixty acres of land. He held the offices of township trustee and treasurer for several terms each, and was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. During his later years he was a member of the German Reformed church, with which his wife had long been connected, and both possessed strong religious convictions.

The subject of this sketch was sixteen years of age when he came with the family to this county, at which time the city of Columbus contained between three and four thousand inhabitants. He received his preliminary education in his native state, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade with his father, completing his apprenticeship in Columbus. For a number of years he followed that occupation, erecting many of the residences which now adorn the farms of Clinton township. He bought the land on which he now resides in the early '40s, and has since made it his home.

On the 15th of September, 1838, Mr. Whip was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda, daughter of Colonel Smiley, and to them were born ten children, namely: William H. H., a resident of Franklin county; Mary, now Mrs. Strohm, of Delaware county, Ohio; Charles, who lives near Eaton

Rapids, Michigan; Martha J., wife of G. E. Starrett, of Columbus; George, a resident of Clinton township, this county; Nancy, who died at the age of four years; Virginia, deceased wife of Joseph Lydick; Frances L., wife of M. V. B. Little, of Clinton township, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Henry, of North Columbus; and Barnabas, deceased. Four of the sons were soldiers of the Civil war: William, Charles E., David and George, all members of Ohio regiments. The mother of these children was called to her final rest October 29, 1896, when nearly seventy-five years of age.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Whip held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and have led exemplary Christian lives. Politically Mr. Whip was originally a Whig, and now affiliates with the Republican party, and he has filled minor township offices, including that of clerk. He has passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey, and his career has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact either in business or social life.

#### M. V. B. LITTLE.

Among Clinton township's most honored citizens must be numbered the subject of this review, who was born there June 26, 1837, and is the third child in order of birth in the family of John P. and Anna M. (Beck) Little. The father was born in Pennsylvania on the 15th of February, 1800, a son of Parkinson Little, who was of Scotch and English descent. The mother was born in Washington county, the same state, in 1812, and was a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Beck, of German extraction. In 1836 the parents of our subject, accompanied by their two children, Clarinda M. and Andrew J., came to Franklin county, Ohio. During his boyhood he had learned the blacksmith's trade, but did not engage in that occupation after coming to this county, his time being entirely devoted to farming. He purchased twenty-nine acres of partially improved land, on which a log cabin had been erected, and as he prospered in his farming operations he added to his property until he had one hundred acres of valuable land in the eastern part of Clinton township. He was a self-made man, having begun life with no capital, but he became one of the best and most successful farmers of his community, being industrious, enterprising and progressive. He served as township trustee about nine years, and ever took an active interest in political affairs, being in early life an old-line Whig. Upon the dissolution of that party he allied himself with the Democracy, with which he affiliated during the remainder of his life. He died on the homestead in 1892, and his wife passed away in 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. After coming to this county five children were born to them: M. V. B., our subject; Catherine, now Mrs. Nathan Marble, of Sunbury; Anna Watson; and John P., who died unmarried August 5, 1900.

Andrew J. Little, the eldest son of John P., was born in Pennsylvania,