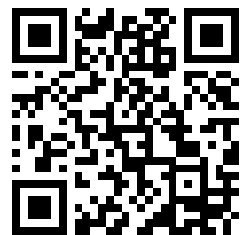
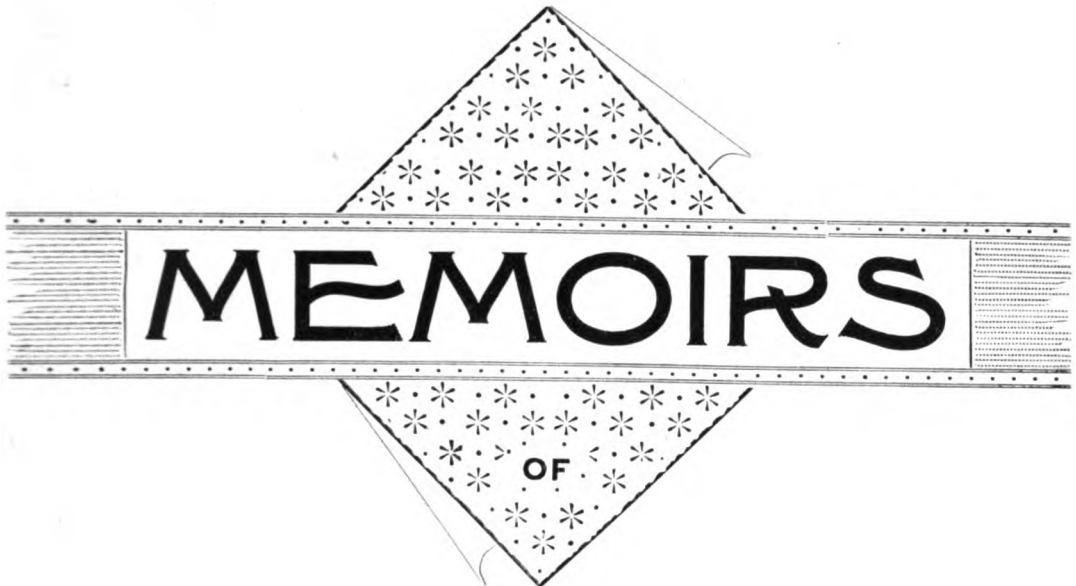
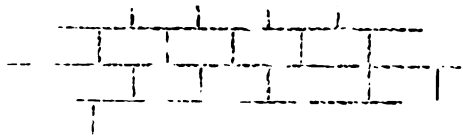

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PREFACE.

THE publishers, with much pleasure, present this beautiful volume to their friends and patrons for whom it is prepared. It will be found to be a valuable work, full of interesting personal and historical reminiscences of many of the leading families and many of the most important occurrences in the eventful past of the two counties. Every individual or family sketch was carefully type-written and submitted by mail to a representative of the family and, in nearly every instance, was corrected and promptly returned to the publishers, thus insuring almost absolute accuracy. If mistakes are found in the few sketches that were not returned, the publishers, as is their custom, stand ready to correct the same by special errata sheet to be sent to every subscriber. The illustrations will be found to add very materially to the value of the book. We are satisfied our work will bear the closest scrutiny and sustain our well-known reputation for accuracy and fidelity.

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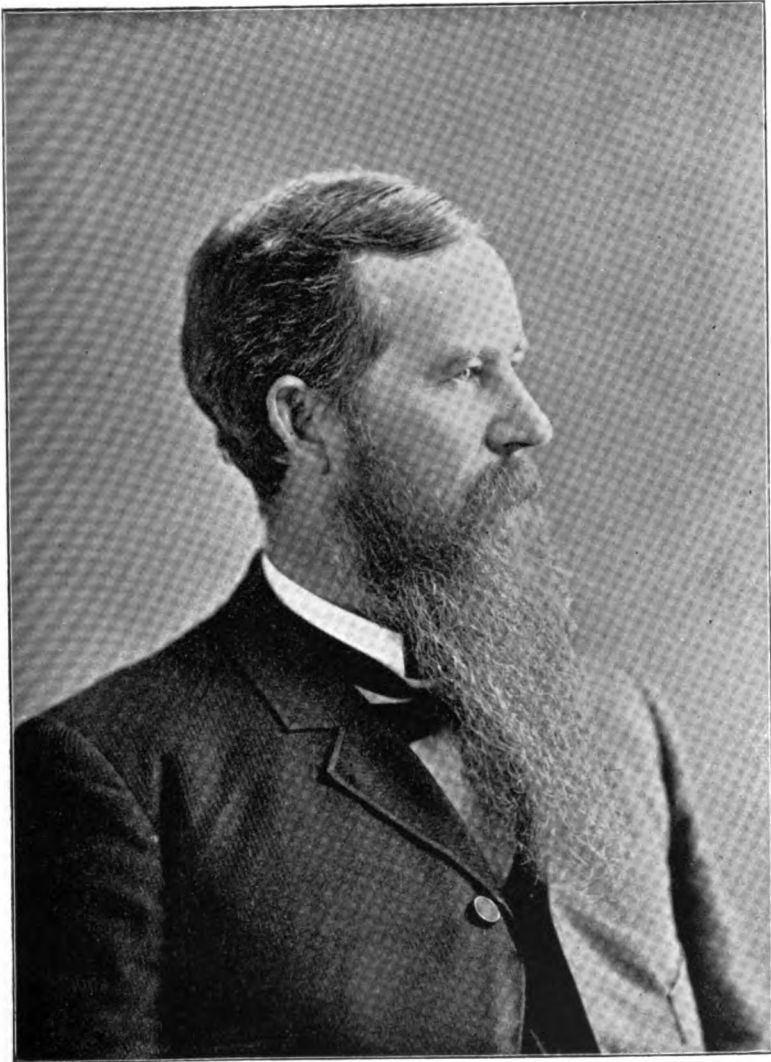
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The name Kizer on page 380 is improperly printed Kiger.

D. B. I. Schafer on page 679 should be D. B. J. Schafer.

In the sketch of Mother Mary of St. Angela, page 377, it should be noted that Gen. Sherman's wife died before he did, and that the establishment at Salt Lake was not compelled to rely upon the protection of the Government.

On page 566, in the sketch of Abijah L. Hubbell, the following additions came too late to be properly corrected. Ruth was born July 19, 1886, and Helen H. was born May 24, 1888.



W. L. McMichael

exception of a part of one year which was spent in traveling through Europe. While in Vienna he studied some special branches of his profession, his trip abroad being for this purpose, as well as sight-seeing, and he has since made a specialty of surgery, in which he is extremely proficient and skillful. Dr. Daugherty has built up a large and lucrative practice and has a handsome and finely furnished office in the Oliver Block. He is surgeon for the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad, the Vandalia Railroad and the Michigan Central. He was elected president of the city school board in 1888, and has held this office continuously ever since, having a short time since been elected for a term of three years. Politically he is a Democrat and socially belongs to the I. O. O. F. He was married in Lakeville, Ind., in May, 1874, to Miss Julia Clay, by whom he has two children: Maud E., aged fourteen years and Helen F., aged one year. Mrs. Daugherty is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN McMICHAEL, of Mishawaka, has long been retired from the active duties of life and is in the enjoyment of the respect of the community wherein he has long resided. He is a native of Northumberland county, Penn., where he was born September 10, 1813, a son of John and Mary (McFee) McMichael, who were also Pennsylvanians and of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfather, Alexander McMichael, crossed the ocean and settled in Pennsylvania, where he became a member of the continental army and participated in the Revolutionary war. Two members of the family were soldiers in the War of 1812. Alexander was a prominent merchant of the continental period and lived to be one hundred and eight years old, dying in Pennsylvania. His wife was blind for twenty years prior to her death. John McMichael, the father of him whose name heads this sketch, came west by wagons in 1833, crossing the black swamps near Cleveland, Ohio, and as there were very few bridges in those days he had to swim his horses across the Maumee River. He came to St. Joseph county, Ind., and located on Harris Prairie, where he purchased eighty acres of land. He erected a hewed-log house, the neighbors turning out for miles around to assist, and in this they lived until better improvements could be made. Their trading point at that time was Niles, Mich., and afterward Bertrand. In order to break sod he used the old wooden mold-board plow, to which were attached three yoke of oxen, and continued thus to till his land until better implements were introduced. Their clothing was all home-made and the women folk were kept busy at the spinning wheel and loom, while the men were employed in cultivating and improving the land. The father died on Harris Prairie about 1843, and the mother near Edwardsburg, Mich. They were the parents of four sons and five daughters, only two of whom are living at the present time: John, whose name heads this sketch, and Margaret Dennis. James, who recently died, served throughout the Civil war in the Mulligan Brigade, Company F, Twenty-third Illinois. John McMichael, the subject of this sketch, was twenty years of age when he came to this country. He had received fair common-school advantages, and having been brought up to the occupation of farming he devoted his attention to this business upon starting out in life for himself. Early in the fifties he had charge of the warehouses on South Race, Mishawaka, where the boats landed, and he continued thus employed, in connection with buying wheat, stock, etc., for a number of years, during which time he did an extensive business and became widely known. He is known as one of the pioneers of St. Joseph county, for he has witnessed the growth of the country from its primitive condition to its present magnificent state of agricultural perfection. For a number of years past he has lived in retirement, and although still active, hale and hearty, he may be said to have earned his holiday. He was first married in 1837 to Miss Mary Lavelle, of Kentucky, who bore him thirteen children, of whom eight survive: William C. (clerk of St. Joseph county), Rachel (Stoy), John A., Alfred R., Margaret E., Adoniram B., Cora A. and James A. (a township clerk, Toledo, Ohio). Mr. McMichael's second marriage took place in 1869, Nancy A. Sisson becoming his wife. She was born in York State, but was

brought to Indiana at the age of eleven years. Both Mr. and Mrs. McMichael are members of the Presbyterian Church, and politically he is a Democrat, and cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren. William C. McMichael, his son, and clerk of St. Joseph county, was born in Harris township of this county April 27, 1841, and received the education usually given the pioneer farmer's boy. He attended school in Mishawaka for four terms and during his vacations worked on the *Mishawaka Free Press*, now the *Enterprise*, where he acquired a practical insight into the printer's art. He became an employe on the South Bend *Forum*, afterward on the *Register*, which was managed by Schuyler Colfax, and for four years was foreman of the *Ave Maria*, of Notre Dame, being connected with this office for five years. While filling this position, his leisure time was devoted to the study of law, and eventually the degree of bachelor of law was conferred upon him. In 1874 he was elected to the State Legislature from St. Joseph and Marshall counties, in which body he served efficiently for one term. At this time he was foreman of the *Register* office of South Bend, and at the expiration of his term as legislator he went to Washington, D. C., and for three years was in the document rooms of the Government printing office, and the following year was in the general postoffice, in the Finance Department, under Postmaster-General Keys. At the end of this time he went to Chicago and read proof on the city directory for a considerable period, then once more became a resident of Mishawaka, and for two and a half years filled the position of deputy recorder. In 1884 he was again elected to the Legislature, and in 1886 began discharging the duties of his present position, to which he was re-elected in 1890. He has been a beau ideal public officer, faithful to every interest of his section, and his career in the political arena has been without a blemish. He has always been a staunch Democrat and is popular with all classes, whether of his political creed or not. He was married in 1881 to Miss Minnie E. Roberts, who is a worthy member of the Episcopal Church.

JOHN Q. SWANGER is an old and highly-respected citizen of the community in which he now resides. His great-grandfather was born in Germany and came to America before the Revolutionary war, in which he afterward became a participant. He settled near Pittsburg, Penn., from there went to Wayne county, Ohio, and in 1833 took up his residence in Richland county of the same State, where he became very wealthy as a tiller of the soil and lived to the advanced age of one hundred and two years, having for a great many years been a believer in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church. Jacob Swanger, his son, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., and was married there to Mary Lasher, to which union thirteen children were given: Peter and Jacob (twins), Elizabeth, Michael, John, Betsey, David, Catherine, George, Susan, Abram, Martha, and one that died young. After the birth of his three eldest children Mr. Swanger moved to Wayne county, Ohio, but in 1833 became a resident of Richland county, where he bought and resided on a farm of 120 acres until 1851, the nine subsequent years being spent in Berrien county, Mich. He then returned to Richland county, Ohio, and there was called from life at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, at which time he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and was with Perry on Lake Erie, also participating in other engagements. He was an industrious man and a good mechanic, besides being a successful tiller of the soil, a practical shoemaker, a good weaver, a manufacturer of cradles for the cutting of wheat and also of wooden mold-board plows, obtaining his material for them from twisted trees. Peter Swanger, his son and father of the subject of this sketch, first saw the light of day on April 21, 1801, in Lancaster county, Penn., but unfortunately received but little education in his youth, his services being required on the home farm. He went to Ohio with his father and was married in Wayne county to Mary Boydson, who died after bearing him two children: John Q. and George W., the latter dying while serving in the Union army during the Civil war. After the death of his wife Mr. Swanger moved to Richland county, Ohio, in 1835, there wedded Martha Johnson and by her became the father