

JOHN BOYLE, one of the thrifty farmers of this county was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1808, son of David and Ann (Furgeson) Boyle, natives of the same country. He learned the trade of weaver (fine muslins, silks, etc.), and was thus employed till he immigrated to America in 1828. He went to Baltimore, after reaching the United States, where he remained about five years engaged in manufacturing (check cottons) and mercantile business with David Stillat. In 1838 or 1839 he came to Rising Sun, from whence he soon began river trading which he continued with success for five years, farming during summer seasons. He then began merchandising in Patriot, but sold out six months later and removed to his present farm, a portion of which was inherited by his wife, and to this he has since added several hundred acres. He has ever since followed agricultural pursuits. Mr. Boyle was married, March 28, 1841, to Mrs. Jean Huston, widow of William B. Huston, and daughter of James and Arabelle (Archibald) Boyle, her parents also natives of Scotland. She was brought when a babe to this country by her parents, who settled back of Rising Sun, where they lived till their deaths. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle have had six children: Jennie, David W., Hugh, Charles, Anna Belle and John. By her first husband, to whom she was married in 1833, Mrs. Boyle had two children, James and Wilson B. The latter died in April, 1863, just as he had about completed a fine medical education at Ann Arbor and the Ohio Medical College. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly esteemed as citizens of their community.

OLIVER BOYD, farmer, York Township, born in this county in 1833, is a son of Elijah and Polly (Haycock) Boyd and grandson of James Boyd, who settled in this county from Kentucky prior to 1820. His father came to this county when fourteen years of age with his parents, and grew to manhood in this locality, married, and here reared children. This wife died, and for his second wife he married a Mrs. Green *nee* Cole, by whom he reared six children. By a third wife, Mary Ross, he had two children, both of whom died infants. He began life in humble circumstances and became one of the thrifty farmers of the county, owning 520 acres of land; he died in 1872; his last wife died about 1875. He was captain of a militia company in this county in early years, and was generally in the front as a defender of the laws of his country. Oliver, our subject, grew up on his father's farm, remaining there till twenty-one. He then worked one year for himself at wages, and after as a partner about five years; he then purchased of his father, and has continued on the farm ever since; now owns 240 acres which he has gradually gained chiefly by his own exertions; deals some in stock and aims to improve the grades as much as possible. Mr. Boyd was married, in 1851, to Frances Pendry, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Wiles) Pendry, both natives of North Carolina, where they were reared and died. By this union there were born three children who are living: John, Kate and Harry—two infants deceased. Mr. Boyd is a member of the F. & A. M., and one of the thrifty farmers of the Township. He is a liberal Democrat, generally casting his vote for the man instead of the party.

DANIEL BOYD, farmer, York Township, born in this county in



1831, is a son of Elijah Boyd, whose history appears above. He grew up on the farm with his parents, and shared the limited advantages of the common schools. In 1854 was married to Laura A. Irby, a native of Indiana, and daughter of Joseph A. and Eliza (Walker) Irby, natives of Tennessee and Indiana respectively. Her parents married in this State and subsequently moved to Illinois, where they now reside at Caving Rock. After his marriage Mr. Boyd began operations for himself; he made his first purchase in 1857, which he sold in 1860, and then purchased his present farm of 113 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, on which he has since resided and has done a general farming business, and has been fairly successful. Mr. Boyd has reared nine children: Fernando, Ology, Angeline, Joseph, Jennie, Emerson, Norris, Daniel and John. The father is a member of F. & A. M. Fernando Boyd married Fannie Israel. Their children are Alfred, Orville and Effie M. Ology married Emma Page, and their children are Dora, Warren, and an infant. Jennie married Wilson Huston; they have one child, Emerson. Joseph married Dora Peters.

JOHN W. BOYD, tinner and stove dealer, Vevay, was born in York Township March 28, 1845, where he received a fair education. His father, James W., was born in city of Cork, Ireland, in 1818; his mother Catharine (Keith) Boyd in York Township in 1820. They married in 1844 and raised six children: John W., James, born January 15, 1847; Edward, born July 10, 1849; Frank, born July 16, 1851; Alfred, born July 3, 1856; George, born January 19, 1859. His father was a tinner and wire-worker, and came to America in 1821 and to Indiana in 1840. He was justice of the peace for years and township trustee; he was a Knight Templar and Odd Fellow, also a member of the Baptist Church; he died March 30, 1860. John W. was married December 12, 1868, to Miss Lydia A. Baldwin, and they have seven children: Florence, Lucinda C., Rhoda, John W., Ruth A., Thomas and Archie. In 1867, Mr. Boyd went to his present trade and branched out in business in February, 1881. He was a member of the city council from Second Ward in 1884; he is a member of Indiana Lodge No. 126 I. O. O. F. and he and his wife belong to the Rebecca Degree Lodge I. O. O. F.

HENRY BOYD, farmer, Jefferson Township, was born in Bracken County, Ky., June 8, 1811. His father, James, was born in Virginia and died January 20, 1852, being one hundred years, five months and fifteen days old; his mother, Phebe (Webster) Boyd was also born in Virginia and died January 2, 1865, eighty-seven years old. They moved to Kentucky in 1790 and to Switzerland County, Ind., in 1819. He was a farmer all his life. The good old people belonged to the Baptist Church. Mr. Henry Boyd was married April 8, 1832, to Miss Lucretia Haycock, who was born in Kentucky, November 14, 1812. Their seven children were Lonsford, born February 2, 1833, died April 3, 1837; Morgan, born January 6, 1835, died August 28, 1875; Parker, born October 14, 1837, died November 11, 1847; Phebe J., born March 11, 1839, Mrs. Funk; Minerva, born October 13, 1841, died September 13, 1854; Clinton, born February 20, 1847; Mary A., born December 27, 1848. Mr. Boyd was school director, clerk and treasurer under the old rule; he has been a member of the Baptist Church for over fifty years, and is now a deacon in the church.