

SAMUEL MOSES, farmer, resides on section 23, Root Township, where he owns 100 acres of land. He came to Adams County with wife and four children, settling south of Alpha Methodist Episcopal Church, on the Seventeen-mile Creek, where he lived four years, then sold and bought forty acres on section 23, where he lived until March, 1869. The following summer he built his present frame house. The farm was partially improved; a log house had been built and about forty acres cleared. There was also an old log stable and shed. Mr. Moses was born in the township of Shade, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1825, and was seven years old when his parents removed to Carroll County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1853 he left that county and came to this county. He was married November 20, 1845, to Miss Eliza Hunter, who was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and when she was quite young her parents removed to Carroll County, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and married. Her parents were James Hunter and Jane Cochran. The father was born in Ireland, where he was reared and married, then came to America and settled in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his removal to Carroll County, Ohio. There were ten children in the family, and all lived to maturity and were married. Five of the children are living and five deceased. Thomas died in 1864 after his return from the army, and was between sixty and seventy years old. James and Sarah are deceased. Mary is living in Decatur and is eighty-three years old. John lives in Carroll County, Ohio. Nancy died in 1885, aged seventy-seven years. Jane died in 1868 at an advanced age. William lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and George, in Ashland County, Ohio. Eliza, wife of Mr. Moses, is the youngest of the family. Mr. Moses' parents were John and Rebecca (Stoller) Moses. The father was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in October, 1800, and died May 10, 1873, in Carroll County, Ohio. He was reared in Somerset County, and was married there in 1824. In 1832 he removed to Carroll County, Ohio. The mother was born in 1799, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, where she was reared and married. She died in the fall of 1868. Both parents were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and lived in the hope of a blessed immortality. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living - Samuel; Mary A., who died in 1853, in Carroll County, Ohio; Jacob, who lives on the old homestead in Carroll County; Catherine, who died in infancy; William W., United States Express agent at Decatur, this county; Rebecca E., who was drowned in her father's cellar when quite young; John S., who died of consumption when a young man; Martha Jane, who died in 1845; H. S., a hardware merchant and secretary and treasurer of the Canton Car Company, at Canton, Ohio, and Margaret A., who lives in Hamilton County, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Moses have had seven children, five of whom are living - Rebecca J., born August 20, 1846, is the wife of A. E. Ferry and lives in Portland, Indiana; Sarah died in infancy; John S., born January 27, 1851, is living at home; James C., a twin brother of the preceding; Clarissa, born May 8, 1853, died the following August; Clarinda, a twin sister of the preceding, is the wife of M. B. Knouse, and lives in Allen County, this State; Samuel E., born April 22, 1856, lives in Union Township. John S. was married September 23, 1875, to Miss Catherine L. Argo, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, December 3, 1847. Mr. Moses' grandfather, Jacob Moses, was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, and died in Somerset County, same State. His grandmother Moses also died in Somerset County. Their ancestry came from Switzerland. His maternal grandfather, Samuel Stotlar, also died in Somerset County, at the age of ninety-two years. Grandfather Stotlar's mother and a younger brother were taken prisoners at Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, by the Indians, and lived among them seven years, when they were exchanged. The brother was seven years old when taken and died one year after they were exchanged, and the great-grandmother died in 1826.