

John Conwell, now 82, a resident of Cadiz, still hale and hearty, won promotion in the Mexican as well as the Civil War.

In January, 1813, Cadiz was selected as the County Seat, and the first court was held in private homes. The first jail was a stone smoke house. The first court house cost \$5,695 and was built by John McCurdy in 1819. It was of brick, 42 feet square, and was a hummer for those days, and for nearly 75 years served the purpose.

In 1893 the present handsome structure was erected and cost \$100,000. It is a modern, commodious building, containing the county offices, law library, public library, court room, assembly room and a few private offices.

STATE SENATORS

The following persons have served as State Senators from Harrison County or the district of which this county formed a part:

John McLaughlin, John Dunlap, Samuel G. Berryhill, Matthew Simpson, James Roberts, Daniel Kilgore, Joseph Holmes, Thomas C. Vincent, John Brady, Chauncey Dewey, Robt. H. Miller, John Hastings, Pinckney Lewis, Samuel G. Peppard, David Allen, Charles Warfel, Isaac Holloway, Marshall McCall, Isaac Welch, John C. Jamison, Henry West, James B. Jamison, Samuel Knox, David Waggoner, D. A. Hollingsworth, Solomon Hogue, George W. Glover, Charles N. Snyder, J. W. Nichols, Charles M. Hogg, D. W. Crist, M. N. Duval.

REPRESENTATIVES

Stephen Ford, Robt. Patterson, Andrew McNeely, James Willson, Thos. Elliott, James Moores, William Moore, John Patterson, Ephraim Sears, William Willy, Walter B. Beebe, Joseph Rea, Samuel W. Bostwick, John Gruber, Josiah Scott, William McFarland, Jacob Lemmon, Samuel A. Russell, William Hammond, Marshall McCall, Reynolds K. Price, Ephraim Clark, James Day, William M. McGavran, John Latham, Smith R. Watson, Ingram Clark, Lewis Lewton, Anderson P. Lacey, David Cunningham, Samuel Herron, A. C. Nixon, Jesse Forsythe, Oliver G. Cope, Samuel B. McGavran, Jasper N. Lantz, George M. Patton, Wesley B. Hearn, Robert G. Kean, Samuel K. McLaughlin, William Watson, R. H. Minter, L. H. Scott.

PROBATE JUDGES

Brice W. Viers, Allen C. Turner, Amon Lemmon, E. B. McNamee, J. B. Worley, P. W. Boggs.

AUDITORS

The first Auditor (or Clerk of the Commissioners as the office was then called) was Walter B. Beebe, who held the position until Nov. 4, 1816, and Jared Stinson was appointed, and after that J. S. Hanna. Subsequently the Auditors have been:

Joseph Hervis, Joseph Meek, James Miller, Chas. Patterson, Z. Bayless, J. Sharp, K. Price, Joan Gramfell, S. W. W. H. McCoy, V. O. Potts, T. Henry Spence, Forker, H. B. C. Gray.

TREASURERS

Samuel Osburn, J. S. Lacey, Samuel McCormick, James McNutt, William Milligan, Zephemiah Bayless, Ralph Harcroft, David Hilbert, John Russell, Thomas Richey, Frank Grace, W. S. Poulson, Elias Foust, George A. Haverfield, H. L. Thompson, N. B. Pumphrey, A. J. Harrison, S. A. Moore, N. E. Clendennin, Robert Stewart, S. A. Hines, J. M. Adams.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

Walter B. Beebe, Josiah Scott, Edwin M. Stanton, S. W. Bostwick, Thos. L. Jewett, S. G. Peppard, A. C. Turner, Lewis Lewton, Jesse H. McMath, Amon Lemmon, W. P. Hayes, David Cunningham, John S. Pearce, D. A. Hollingsworth, John C. Given, John M. Carvin, Walter C. Shotwell, William T. Perry, B. W. Rowland, E. S. McNamee.

COUNTY CLERKS

William Tingley, Thomas C. Vincent, Samuel M. McCormick, Charles Patterson, T. C. Rowels, R. M. Lyons, John Fogle, J. M. Garvin, A. W. Scott, E. B. McNamee, M. J. McCoy, E. B. Kirby, H. S. Mills, Frank B. Grove.

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G. L. SEVERCOOL
County Surveyor

The subject of this sketch, Mr. G. L. Severcool, was appointed deputy surveyor under B. J. Green in March, 1907. On Mr. Green's death Mr. Severcool was named County Surveyor to fill out the unexpired term. His work has been most satisfactory to the taxpayers, and his skill as engineer and surveyor is shown in the present bridge and new road work of the county.

Mr. Severcool began his career as an engineer at the age of 20, with the Sains Pro's Coal Company of McCurtain, I. T. He then became assistant city engineer of Pittsburg, Kansas. His next work was with the Harrison Railroad lines in Kansas and Missouri, and later on the Pacific Coast.

His characteristics are industry and painstaking care in all of his work. He has made many friends in Cadiz, and all over the county.



A. W. COLE
County Commissioner

A. W. Cole enjoys the distinction of having served the longest period as County Commissioner of any other man. He is a resident of Freeport. Is the son of William Cole, and was born in Jefferson County, July 13, 1846. He came to Harrison County when quite young, and in 1867 married Eliza J. Host. For 15 years they resided in Franklin township and then purchased a farm in Washington township. Mr. Cole has always engaged in farming and stock raising. He was elected County Commissioner in 1900, and by a change in the law, has served seven years, and in all that time has most faithfully and conscientiously performed the duties of the office. Popular wherever known, genial, kind-hearted, his friends are legion. He is an ardent Republican. Has served on the School Board and township trustee; is public spirited, and active in every movement for the betterment of his county and uplifting of his fellowman. He is a Methodist in religion, but his charity is broad enough to believe in the brotherhood of man.



J. C. STIERS
County Examiner

Is a native of the county, born on the farm April 3, 1878, and is the son of H. B. and Mary Stiers. Educated in District Schools, and in Franklin College at New Athens, Ohio, graduating in 1899 with degree of Ph. B., and in 1903 securing degree of Ph. M. Begun teaching in 1906. Has taught ever since except a few months as civil engineer of the Adena Railroad Company. Has been superintendent of the New Athens schools since 1904, appointed County Examiner in 1906 by Judge Boggs. Married Miss Sarah Margaret Sewell and three daughters bless the union.

Professor Stiers is an ardent Republican, but his active interests are devoted to educational work and problems. He is prominent on the lecture platform and his "Evolution of the Skirt" is an humorous and entertaining discourse, while his "Work of Na-



I. W. THOMPSON
County Examiner

The subject of this sketch is a native of Muscatine county, Ia., where he was born in 1869. His parents were William and Sarah Thompson. I. W. was but one year old when he came to Harrison County. His education was obtained in the public schools, and he then entered Hoped Normal College, taking the classical course. Began teaching and with the exception of three years in Washington, D. C., in the employment of the Government, has taught 20 years in Harrison County, 12 years of which as principal of the Georgetown Graded School. In 1906 Probate Judge Boggs appointed him County Examiner. Professor Thompson married Lorena Jenkins in the county, and who is in the primary de Georgetown school Hazel Kathryn, b

Professor Thompson is a very highly as instructor and County Examiner. He is a staunch Republican, member of the County Central Committee, prominent as K. of P. and a leader in the M. E. church. He is popular wherever known.



EDWARD L. GARNER

Was born Aug. 6, 1872, in Nottingham township, Harrison Co., O. Attended the public schools of the township while serving the regular apprenticeship as chore boy and prepared himself for a teacher. After teaching two years he took a course at the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business Institute, to more thoroughly prepare him for the work. Mr. Garner began teaching in 1891 and with the exception of about four years, has been engaged in that calling ever since. In 1904 Judge Boggs appointed him County Examiner, and in point of service is the senior of the board.

Professor Stiers is a popular and instructive essay. Professor Stiers holds a life certificate obtained in 1907, and is regarded as an educator of force as well as scholarly attainments. Fraternally he is a Mason and a K. of P.