

SAMUEL ANDREWS.

A man's life and labors make him known to his fellow citizens, and Samuel Andrews needs no introduction to the men and women of Monroe township, Richland county, Ohio, but a man's life and works entitle him to the remembrance of mankind in the generations after he has passed away from the active field of human endeavor, and it is to record the chief incidents in his busy and useful career that this brief biographical sketch has been prepared and is presented in this connection.

Samuel Andrews was born on the farm on which he now lives July 29, 1840, a son of James and Lovina (Carrick) Andrews. His father was a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, married there and in 1823 located in Monroe township, Richland county, on the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of this sketch, which had been purchased from the government by Colonel John Andrews, his father, who had served his country in the battles of the war of 1812, who was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, and who died in Richland county, Ohio. Few improvements had been made on the place when James Andrews took up his home on it. He built a log cabin for a temporary residence and later provided his family with a more comfortable home and made a good farm, on which he died in 1850, aged fifty-four years. James and Lovina (Carrick) Andrews had children

as follows, mentioned in the order of their nativity: John G., who lives at Freeport, Michigan; James, who died in 1898; William, who died in 1892; Mary J., who lives at Beaver Dam, Indiana; David, a sergeant in the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the war of the Rebellion, who died at Vicksburg; Joseph, who served in the Civil war in the Sixty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and now lives at Atchison, Kansas; and Samuel.

Samuel Andrews was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district schools. Like some of his brothers above mentioned, he risked his life in defense of the Union in the great war with the south. October 9, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Sixth Ohio Battery for three years or during the war. He was mustered into the service at Mansfield, Ohio, and went in turn to Louisville, Columbia and Jamestown, Kentucky. At the last mentioned place he helped to guard the approaches to the Cumberland river. From Jamestown he went to Nashville, Tennessee, and thence to Corinth, where he was at the time of the evacuation. He went thence to Huntsville, Alabama, and then to Stephenson, in the same state, and from there back to Louisville, Kentucky, and there he was taken ill and was taken to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was discharged from the service on account of disability, November 2, 1862. He at once returned home and assumed the management of the Andrews homestead, which became his in 1874, when he bought the interest of the other heirs of his father in the same.

Mr. Andrews was married, June 9, 1864, to Miss Amanda Wiles, sister of Rev. Mr. Wiles, a minister of the gospel well and favorably known in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have had children named as follows: Cary S., of Shelby, Ohio; Minnie; Alta, the wife of Frank Inks; Lovina; Lloyd; Herman, who is dead; and another child who died in infancy. In politics Mr. Andrews is a staunch Republican, a consistent voter and worker for the prevalence of the principles of his party, but not an office-seeker and not in the accepted sense of the term an active politician. He ranks with the leading general farmers of his township and is the owner of one hundred and fifty-six acres of good land, one hundred and thirty-five acres of which is under cultivation. He keeps alive the memory of the days when he was a soldier by membership of Swigert Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is one of the honored past commanders, and he is a devoted and generously helpful member of the Lutheran church, upon the services of which he and his family are attendants. In all things he is a good and useful citizen, public-spirited to an unusual degree and with the welfare of his township and county close to his heart.