

THOMAS B. ANDREWS.

Thomas B. Andrews, Esq., was one of the most prominent men in Richland county in his day and generation. He was the first postmaster at Butler and had the honor of naming the office for General William O. Butler, candidate for vice-president of the United States on the Democratic ticket in 1848. He was a justice of the peace in Worthington township for many years, and was a county commissioner from 1845 to 1851, and during his terms remodeled and enlarged the old brick court-house by adding a story and extending the same beyond the ends of the original building, and for the support of these extensions heavy brick columns were erected, making the edifice more imposing in appearance.

Squire Andrews was of Scotch-English parentage. He was born near Canton, Ohio, May 17, 1807, and came to Richland county in 1823. He married Marilla Pollard in 1829, and they reared a large family of children. He resided upon his farm near Butler, and his home, a commodious

brick building, was always hospitably opened to his friends. His life was an active, earnest one; he was influential in public affairs and enjoyed the respect and confidence of his neighbors. He died February 28, 1889, aged eighty-one years, nine months and eleven days. His widow still survives.