

SAMUEL C. CLARK.

In this publication, which has to do with those who have been in the past or are to-day prominently concerned in the business, professional, political and social life of Richland county, we are gratified to give a specific consideration to Samuel C. Clark, of Mansfield, for his life has been one of activity and he is widely known throughout the county.

Mr. Clark is a native son of the Buckeye state, having been born in Mount Gilead, Morrow county, July 14, 1850, the son of George Northrup Clark. The latter's father was Samuel Clark, one of the pioneers of Ohio. He was a native of the state of Connecticut, whence he came to Ohio in the early days, locating at Boardman, Mahoning county, where he was one of the first settlers, becoming one of the influential men of that section of the state. He married a Miss Northrup, of the well known old New England family of that name, and they reared two sons and three daughters. His son, George N., the father of the immediate subject of this review, removed from Mahoning to Morrow county, settling in South Woodbury, where he was

engaged in the dry-goods business for many years, being very successful in his endeavors. He was a man of strong intellectuality and inflexible integrity and his prominence and influence in Morrow county were unmistakable, as shown in the fact that he served two consecutive terms in the state legislature, being the first representative that the town of Woodbury had ever had in the general assembly.

At the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion George N. Clark signalized his patriotism and loyalty by enlisting for service, as a member of the Ninety-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he held the office of adjutant. At the close of the war he was elected county auditor, which led to his removal to the county-seat, Mt. Gilead, in 1865, and there he passed the residue of his life, passing away in 1893, at an advanced age and secure in the esteem of all who knew him. He married Mary Lowrey and had five children, of whom three survive: Samuel C., of this sketch; Cyrus C., who is engaged in the crude-oil business in Findlay, Ohio; and Alice C., the wife of Charles Miller, who is a clerk in the freight office of the Pittsburg, Akron & Western Railroad, at Akron.

Samuel C. Clark came to Mansfield in the year 1869. For some twelve or thirteen years he was employed by the S. N. Ford Lumber Company, and then for a period of eleven years he was a railway postal clerk; later was in charge of the Fulton Truck & Foundry Company's business for about two years; for about one year he was the superintendent of the Mansfield water works, and on the 1st of May, 1899, he received from Mayor Brown the appointment to the important and exacting office of chief of the police department of Mansfield, and this position he held till September, 1900. He engaged in the fire and life insurance business in February, 1901, in which he is meeting with success.

Mr. Clark was one of the charter members of Mansfield Lodge, No. 56, B. P. O. E., and is also a member of Madison Lodge, No. 26, Knights of Pythias, maintaining a lively interest in these fraternities. In his political adherency he has always given a staunch allegiance to the Republican party and its principles.

Turning in conclusion to the more purely domestic chapter in the career of Mr. Clark, we record that on February 26, 1880, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Carrie M. Day, a daughter of Sylvanus B. Day, a well-known resident of Mansfield. Mrs. Clark has two brothers,—Lieutenant Willis B. Day, of the United States Navy, who is at present stationed in the government navy yards at Brooklyn, New York; and Benjamin F. Day,

who is connected with the wholesale confectionery establishment of Voegele & Demming, of Mansfield.

Mrs. Clark's grandfather in the agnate line was Benjamin F. Day, who was a native of the historic old state of New Jersey and who came from Chatham, Morris county, that state, to Ohio, about the year 1838, becoming one of the pioneers of the Buckeye state. Of his children we offer the following brief record: Sylvanus B. is the father of Mrs. Clark, as has been already noted. Rear Admiral B. F. Day, of the United States Navy, has the distinction of being the youngest man to occupy that important office in the navy department of our government. He resides on a plantation near Glasgow, Virginia, about three miles from the famous Natural Bridge. Calvin Day, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, is the city passenger agent of the Santa Fe Railroad. Maria became the wife of John Blymeyer, a retired manufacturer of Mansfield. Matilda is the widow of D. A. Beekman and resides at Plymouth, Ohio. Harriet is the wife of Wells Rogers, a retired shoe merchant of Plymouth, this state.