

### ABRAHAM BUSHEY.

A prominent and influential citizen of Shelby, Richland county, Ohio, is Abraham Bushey, the subject of this sketch. He was born April 14, 1819, a son of Andrew and Mary (Brendle) Bushey, the latter of whom was born in 1793, and the former in 1795, and was of German descent. They were married in 1816 and settled in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where they had a number of children, and next removed to a farm near Shelby, in 1836. Mr. Bushey was a carpenter by trade and his sons learned it also, but engaged in farming after locating in Ohio. The family record is as follows: Hester, Abraham, David, Jacob, Elizabeth (deceased), Andrew, Anna Mary and Anna Catherine. The last named died in 1863; Anna Mary married William Owings, and died in 1888; and David died in 1894.

The marriage of Mr. Bushey took place in November, 1840, to Miss Barbara Firoved, the daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Hawk) Firoved, who were among the early settlers of Richland county, the father being a soldier in the war of 1812 and participating in the battle of Lundy's Lane, where he was wounded. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bushey: Sarah A., who married Henry Wentz; and Mary J., who married

Willard Finical. She now resides at Lima, Ohio. Her husband was a member of the Twentieth Ohio Infantry in the Civil war. Mrs. Bushey died March 27, 1897.

Although now retired from the active business affairs of life Mr. Bushey has been a very energetic and successful man. For a number of years he was engaged by the Big Four Railroad in bridge building, and has worked hard as a farmer, builder and contractor, becoming in age a wealthy and prominent man, secure in a competency earned by his own labor. He has been interested in educational matters and has served on the various school boards with efficiency. The family are valued members of the Lutheran church, where they possess the esteem of all.