

## JAMES M. BALLIETT.

James M. Balliett was born August 19, 1849, on the old homestead farm in Monroe township, Richland county. His father, David Balliett, was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Schuylkill, but removed to the Buckeye state, where he reared his family. Under the parental roof James M. Balliett spent his childhood days, and his education was acquired in the district schools near his home and in private schools in Lucas. With the exception of one year he always resided on the old home farm, where he was born. Soon after attaining his majority he assumed its management and in the care of the property displayed excellent business ability.

On the 26th of August, 1886, Mr. Balliett was united in marriage to Miss Kate Scully, a native of New York city, whose parents died during her early girlhood. To our subject and his wife were born six children: Cora E., who was born February 5, 1871, and is the wife of Charles Ecker, of Canton, Ohio; Ellie G., who was born August 26, 1872, and is the wife of W. O. Collins, of Lucas; Homer E., who was born December 16, 1876, and

married Miss Emma Barr, of Lucas; Charlie, who was born October 30, 1879, and died October 4, 1885; Edna E., who was born January 4, 1882, and died on the 11th of September of that year; and Howard H., who was born October 3, 1884, and is still with his mother.

Mr. Balliett served as trustee of his township and gave his political support to the Democracy. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and in his conduct with his fellow men exemplified his Christian faith. He was the owner of one hundred and seventy-five acres of land and carried on general farming and stock-raising, following progressive business methods. He was very systematic, and his determined purpose enabled him to overcome all obstacles in his path and work his way upward to a position of affluence. He was broad-minded, liberal in his judgment and public spirited, supporting all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He died May 12, 1886, and in his death the community lost one of its valued citizens, a man whom to know was to esteem and honor. His widow still resides on the old home farm, and she, too, is a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Her circle of friends is extensive and she enjoys the hospitality of many of the best homes in this locality.