

SAMUEL FERGUSON.

Samuel Ferguson, deceased, was for many years one of the honored citizens and successful agriculturists of Washington township, Richland county, Ohio. He was born near Pittsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of August, 1816, a son of Samuel and Wilhelmina (Dye) Ferguson, in whose family were nine children. His father, who was a soldier of the war of 1812, and a traveler to a considerable extent, came to Richland county, Ohio, in 1820, and from the government entered the land upon which our subject's family now reside. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years.

Mr. Ferguson, of this review, was reared on a farm in his native state, and continued to reside there until 1842, when he came to Ohio and took up his residence upon the farm in Washington township, Richland county, which he made his home up to the time of his death. In the original purchase there were three hundred and twenty acres, and the family still own two hundred and twenty acres, which is pleasantly located on section 8, four miles from Mansfield. Of this tract one hundred and forty acres have been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation.

On the 2d of May, 1844, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with

Miss Margaret C. Glasgow, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1820, a daughter of James and Betsey A. (Sleator) Glasgow, both natives of Ireland. Her family moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio by team in 1832, and first settled in Knox county, but a year later came to Richland county. In June, 1834, there was a heavy frost, which did much damage to the crops. Mr. Glasgow purchased eighty acres of land where Joseph Hainley now resides, and erected thereon a log cabin. Here he followed farming for some years, but his last days were spent in Henry county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson began their domestic life in a log cabin on the farm where the family is still living, and there ten children were born to them, namely: James Glasgow, who is mentioned below; Wilhelmina E., the wife of William Lawrence; Samuel, deceased; Jennie, the wife of Ervin Beattie, of Michigan; Lycurgus E., a resident of Hiawatha, Kansas; Ella, the wife of Charles Dean, of Cameron, Missouri; Wilda O. and Rilda A. (twins), the former the wife of John Longshore, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and the latter the wife of John Dean, of Mansfield; Nettie, the wife of Frank Brown, of Kansas; and one who died in infancy. James G., the oldest son, is now successfully carrying on the home farm, and has served as trustee in Washington township for three years. He married Louisa Hiskey, who died October 6, 1900, leaving eight children,—Anna L., Ethel W., John S., Mary O., Nettie M., Alice J., an infant unnamed; and two who preceded her in death,—Josie and Maggie, only five days apart in their decease.

Throughout his active business life Mr. Ferguson followed farming, and his labors met with well deserved success. He was one of the most highly esteemed men of his community, and was called upon to serve as trustee for several years. Politically he was a strong Democrat, and religiously was an earnest member of the United Presbyterian church. He died April 6, 1895. He had won by an honorable, upright life an untarnished name, and the record which he left behind him is one well worthy of emulation.