

AMOS HUNTER.

Born in Green township, Ashland county, on the 17th of May, 1856, Amos Hunter is the son of John and Mary (Dowell) Hunter, whose family number seven children. The grandfather, William Hunter, was a native of Ireland, and with his parents came to America in 1811, the family locating in Pennsylvania. Seven years later, in 1818, they became residents of Ashland county, Ohio, where they spent their remaining days. The grandfather of our subject died four months prior to the death of his son, John, and the grandmother died when her son was only thirteen months old, after which John Hunter was reared by an elder sister.

The father of our subject was born in Ashland county on the 14th of March, 1831, and lived within two miles of his birthplace up to the time of his death. After his marriage he located on the homestead which he had purchased some time before, where he resided until about 1860, when he removed to what was known as the De Haven farm in 1871. He located on a farm one and one-quarter miles from Perryville, where he died February 22, 1899. He was a very active and successful business man and acquired eight hundred acres of land. As his financial resources increased he made investments in property, and his sound judgment and keen discrimination enabled him to place his money where it brought him a good return. He voted with the Democratic party and kept well informed on the issues of the day.

John and Mary (Dowell) Hunter became the parents of seven children, all of whom are yet living, namely: John, a farmer of Monroe township; David, the next, who cultivates land in Green township, Ashland county; Amos, of this review; Lewis, a farmer of Green township, Ashland county; Reuben, who follows farming in the same township; Mary, at home; and Jane, the wife of John Rowe, an agriculturist of Green township.

In the common schools Amos Hunter pursued his education through the winter months, while in the summer he worked on the home farm until the time of his marriage. With his practical training, which has fitted him for his business career, and with the comprehensive knowledge of the best methods of general farming, he began work for himself. He was married, in 1881, to Mary Snyder, a native of Ashland county, and a daughter of

Henry Snyder, who was a prominent farmer of that county, but is now deceased. Their union has been blessed with three children: Lewis, Florence and Edison, all of whom are at home.

After his marriage Mr. Hunter located on his farm of one hundred and fifty-three acres, which he purchased from his father, and which has since been his place of residence. He has erected a commodious building with very ample shelter for grain and stock. Well kept fences divide the place into fields of convenient size, and the latest improved machinery enables him to carry on his work in the most approved method. He raises the cereals best adapted to this climate and his fields give promise of golden harvests.

He has no time nor inclination for public life, but keeps well informed on political issues, giving his allegiance to the Democratic party. He belongs to Madison Grange, No. 63, Patrons of Husbandry, and is a member of the Congregational church, in which he is holding the office of deacon. He gives his support to every measure and movement that is calculated to prove of public good, and his worth as a citizen is widely acknowledged. All who know him esteem him highly for his sterling worth, and his circle of friends in the community is extensive.