

### WILLIAM BRADSHAW HAMBLIN.

As a contractor for street paving and grading, William B. Hamblin has been actively identified with the business interests of Mansfield, Ohio, for over a third of a century, and is one of its representative and highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Knox county, this state, July 3, 1839, a son of Rev. Isaac and Luzella (Landerbaugh) Hamblin. The father was

graduated at Knox (now Kenyon) College, at Gambier, Ohio, about 1838, was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and engaged in preaching in Indiana thirty-six years, being sent out by the North American Bible Society. He was a very intelligent man and an able minister, and did effective work as a missionary among the pioneers. He built a church at his own expense on the state road near Jonesboro, Indiana. He died in 1880, at the age of sixty-three years, and the mother of our subject died in 1844, leaving two sons, who are still living: William B., our subject; and Charles, who lives near San Francisco, California.

Our subject's maternal grandfather was Charles Landerbaugh, who removed from Pennsylvania to Knox county, Ohio, about 1820. The paternal grandfather, James Hamblin, was a native of England, and on his emigration to America settled in Connecticut, but later made his home in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and spent his last days in Manchester, Iowa. He entered the land on which that town now stands, and much of the property is still owned by one of his sons, who is a very prominent and influential man in that community. The grandfather was an officer in the war of 1812, under the command of General William H. Harrison, and was taken prisoner during his service.

During his boyhood William B. Hamblin attended the common schools, and on starting out in life for himself engaged in street contracting. At the outbreak of the Rebellion he laid aside all personal interests and offered his services to the government, enlisting April 20, 1861, in Company D, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Second Corps, Army of West Virginia. He remained in the service three years and two months, and participated in a number of engagements, the last being that of Cold Harbor.

In 1859 Mr. Hamblin married Miss Lucinda A. Hult, a daughter of James Hult, of Lucas, Richland county, who was a deacon in the Baptist church and prominent in local matters. By this union were born two children that are still living: Ira, who is in business with his father; and William Dexter, who is now serving as a foreman for his father. The family have a pleasant home in Mansfield, where they have lived for twenty years. The year of his marriage Mr. Hamblin removed to Mansfield, and has since successfully engaged in street paving and grading at that place. He served as a street commissioner four years, from 1889 to 1893, and has laid twenty-five miles of brick pavement in Mansfield. He has also done considerable paving in other cities throughout the state, and now gives employment to thirty men. As a business man he is wide-awake, energetic and

progressive, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and politically is an ardent Republican. In his religious views he is a Baptist and is an earnest supporter of the church.