

FRANK M. CLINE.

Frank M. Cline, an agriculturist living on section 3, Franklin township, was born July 15, 1863, on the old Cline homestead which was entered from the government by his great-grandfather, William Foulks, at an early period in the development of Ohio. William Foulks was born in Pennsylvania, a native of Beaver county. When he was only ten years of age he and his younger sister were captured by the Indians, who at the same time killed their elder brother. He was held captive by the red men until he was twenty-one years of age, when he finally made his escape. They allowed him many privileges, permitting him to hunt, and on one such occasion he stole away, rowed over a stream in a stolen canoe, and on the other side met a young lady who assisted him to escape. His romantic history was further heightened by his marriage to the young lady some time afterward. On coming to Ohio he secured wild land on the Indian trail between Sandusky and Pittsburg. It was situated near Hilton, half a mile below the camping ground of the Indians. He afterward took up a claim which he had seen in Ohio when he was with the red men as a captive.

Jacob Cline, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Maryland, near Hagerstown, and married Elizabeth Foulks, the daughter of William Foulks, thus mentioned. About 1815 they came to Richland county. They had eleven children: George F., William, Alfred, Charlotte, Henry, Eli, Standard, Louisa, Pressley, Catherine and Elizabeth. Henry Cline, the father of our subject, was born on the old family homestead in Richland county September 4, 1826, and became a general farmer. His death occurred February 5, 1900. He married Harriet Miller, who was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1830. They had five children: Neotia, born in November, 1855, became the wife of W. H. Morris, of Shelby, and unto them were born five children,—Ada J., wife of William D. Turner, of Shelby; Jeffra C., who married Sarah Roberts and lives in Shelby; Pearl H., Wade H. and Jack S.; George F., the second of the family, died at the age of two years; Carrie O., born July 2, 1861, became the wife of Charles Black, and they had one child, Roy C., who was drowned about three years

ago, at the age of thirteen; Mrs. Black resides with her mother in Shenandoah, Ohio; Frank M. is the next of the family; and Judson J., the youngest, born October 12, 1869, resides in Franklin township. He married Ella Zehner, who was born in Mifflin township, Ashland county, September 6, 1872. They had one child, Martha Lucilla.

Frank M. Cline, whose name introduces this review, obtained his education in the common schools and in Bethany (Virginia) College, where he pursued his studies for one term. He also spent one term in the Geneva (Ohio) Normal School, and after putting aside his text-books he entered upon his business career, engaging in the grain trade in Shelby in connection with his brother-in-law, W. H. Morris, for nearly three years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to farming and has since resided on the old homestead on section 3, Franklin township, where he carries on agricultural pursuits in a very successful manner. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey he chose Miss Anna Lodema Urich, who was born in Weller township October 16, 1863. They now have an interesting little son, Hugh L., who was born January 3, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Cline are widely known in the county of their nativity and enjoy the warm regard of their many friends.