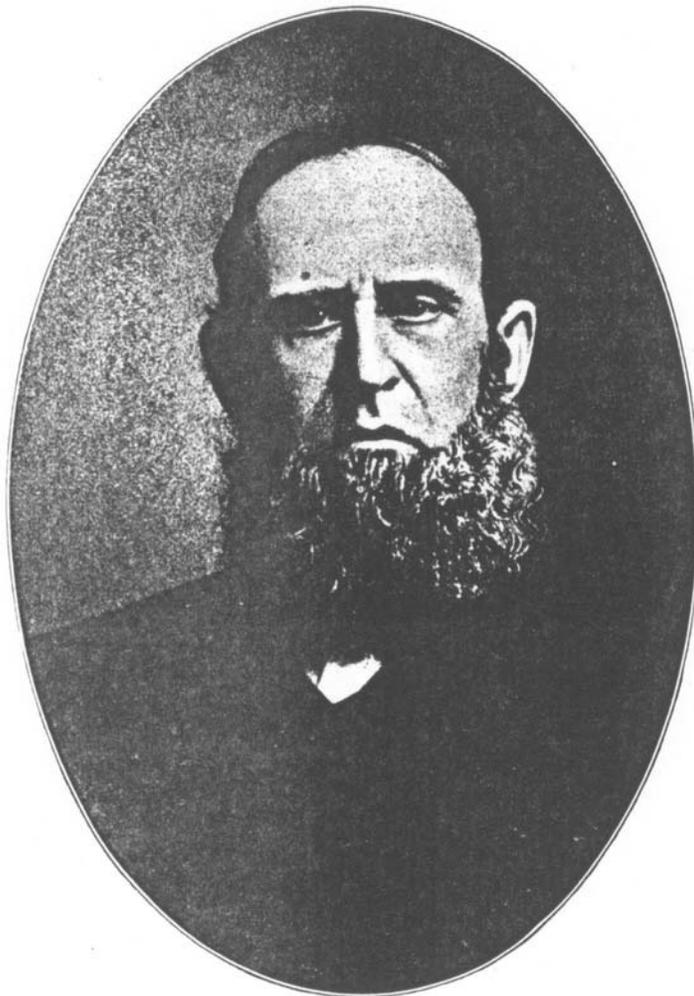


**HOWARD MELVIN LOOKER.**

The farm home of Howard Melvin Looker is pleasantly and conveniently situated about a mile and a half north of Wagram. It has been his place of residence throughout his entire life. Here his birth occurred September 12, 1866, his parents being William M. and Hettie M. (Wickliff) Looker. The father was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, January 28, 1838, and in September, 1854, came to Licking county, Ohio, with his parents, John and Mary Looker, who settled on a farm in the northern part of Lima township, purchasing there a tract of land, which John Looker tilled and cultivated for a number of years. He had one hundred and thirty-five acres of land and as the years passed he transformed this into a productive tract, from which he gathered good harvests. Both he and his wife died on that place. Their children were; Mary, the wife of Alonzo Beem, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; John; and Rachael Ann and Margaret, who died in Virginia before removal of the family to Ohio.



WILLIAM LOOKER

William Looker was a youth of sixteen when he accompanied his parents to this county, after which he spent his entire life upon the farm here. He was married December 7, 1865, to Miss Hettie Wickliff, a daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Huntwork) Wickliff. The father was of Irish parentage and was born soon after his parents, George and Isabella Wickliff, arrived in this

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country from the Emerald isle. The Wickliffs became pioneer residents of Licking county and here spent their remaining days. In the family of Joshua Wickliff were the following named sons and daughters: George, who died while serving in the Union army; Mrs. Looker; Martha Jane; Leah; Joseph; John; Sarah; and Harvey. Of this family Mrs. Looker is still living and now makes her home with her son, Howard. The death of William M. Looker occurred November 26, 1897. He had been for many years respected and valued resident of Lima township and was recognized as a citizen of genuine worth. The family numbered two children: Howard; and William M., who married, has five children and resides in Columbus.

Howard M. Looker has spent his entire life on the farm which is yet his home. It is a tract of eighty-eight acres and in its further development and improvement he displays keen business discernment and unfaltering enterprise. He is a man of resolute purpose, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and is numbered among the progressive agriculturalists of this community.

Miss Sadie Wickliff, a niece of Mrs. Looker, is now the adopted daughter of Mrs. Looker and has resided with the family since her infancy.

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