

interested in bee culture, making of this a specialty and meeting with fine success. He was first married February 23, 1837, to Miss Mary Jane Pence. She was born in Champaign County, this State, and was the daughter of Henry and Eva Pence, who were early settlers of that county. This union resulted in the birth of four children, two of whom are living, viz: Eva A., Mrs. Wilson Myrick, a widow, and a resident of Springfield; and Mary C., the wife of Jacob Hatzog, of German Township. Jacob, who served in the Union army during the late war, was a member of the Seventeenth Ohio Battery, and died in the hospital at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, Mo., of measles, which he contracted at Milliken's Bend. Zachary died when less than a year old. The mother of these children departed this life in German Township, July 4, 1847.

Mr. Kiblinger was married a second time, December 12, 1847, to Mrs. Elizabeth Riegel, wife of the late David Riegel, of Clarke County. Of this union there have been born four children, three of whom are living, and residents of Springfield, namely: Lucinda, the wife of Cooper Ludlow; Sylvanus, and Joana, who married Charles Myers; Cornelius died when about nine months old. Mrs. Elizabeth Kiblinger was born January 25, 1823, in Lancaster County, Pa., and is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Buckwater) Groob, who were likewise natives of the Keystone State. Her paternal grandfather was born in Germany.

The Groob family emigrated to Ohio in 1837, locating in Moorefield Township, Clarke County, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Groob died in 1841, in the prime of life. The mother survived her husband for thirty years, dying in 1871. Their daughter Elizabeth was first married to David Riegel in 1842. Of this union there was born one child, a daughter, Sarah E., who died when young. Mrs. Kiblinger spent her early years in Clarke County, where her parents settled when it was comparatively a wilderness. Their family consisted of five children, only three of whom are living, namely: Nancy, who is Mrs. Erter, of Moorefield Township; Simon, of St. Paris, this State; and Mrs. John Kiblinger.

John Kiblinger is a member in good standing of

the Baptist Church, with which he united in 1842. The enterprises calculated to upbuild the community, have uniformly received his cordial support. His farm comprises one hundred and eighty eight acres of choice land, improved with good buildings, and which under good cultivation yields to the proprietor a generous income besides enabling him to lay by something for a rainy day. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and voted for Van Buren in 1836. In those early days people were not so particular as now to wait until exactly twenty-one. For the last eighteen years he has been a member of the Agricultural Board of Clarke County, and is now one of the Directors. He was one of the originators of the Fair, and has done much to promote its growth.



CYRUS ALBIN, a native of Clarke County, born here in pioneer times, the son of an early pioneer family of this region, is closely identified with the industrial interests of Springfield, where he established himself in business as a contracting painter more than forty years ago. Twice he has laid aside his vocation at the call of a higher duty. At one time during the late war he served his country as a soldier, and he abandoned military life only to accept a civic position, filling the important office of Sheriff of Clarke County with signal ability for two terms.

August 2, 1825 our subject was born in Mad River Township in a log cabin which his father had built in the primeval forests on the homestead that he had bought from the government a few years previously. His grandfather, John Albin, and his father, George Albin, who was a native of Winchester, Va., removed from the Old Dominion to this state in 1810, the removal being made with teams. Ohio was at that time very sparsely populated, the rich soil was covered with forests of primeval growth, or open woodlands, prairies and meadows, and in all the land, where the Indian still lingered, and deer, bears and other kinds of wild game were very plentiful, there was but little sign of the approaching civilization that was to

make this one of the proudest commonwealths of this great country. The grandfather of our subject settled in the Southwestern part of Mad River Township, where he made his home till death closed his life at a ripe old age.

George Albin, the father of our subject selected a tract of heavily timbered government land in Mad River Township, and at once built a log cabin on the place to shelter the family. His wife had no stove and used to cook over the fire in the rude fireplace that served to heat the humble abode, and as an adept in all the housewifely arts of the day she used to spin and weave all the cloth used in the family. Mr. Albin cleared quite a tract of land there, and resided on it some years, and then bought a farm four miles west of this city, and in the home that he established there his life was terminated at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He was a man of excellent character and firm principle, was greatly respected by his neighbors and other friends, and was a help in developing the agricultural interests of Clarke County, occupying a worthy place among its pioneers. He had not been in Ohio long when the War of 1812 broke out and he volunteered in the defense of his country, doing good service in the army. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Elizabeth West. She died on the home farm many years ago.

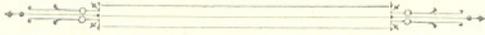
Cyrus Albin passed his early life on the old homestead where he was bred to the life of a farmer. He wished to gain an education and took every opportunity offered to attend winter school. At the age of eighteen he came to Springfield to learn the trade of a painter, and served two and one half years for that purpose. After that he worked under instruction in Cincinnati, remaining there a few months and then returned to Springfield and did "jour" work a short time. His next move was to establish himself as a contractor in the line of his trade, and he continued to carry on that business very profitably till May, 1864. In that month he laid aside his work to go into service to aid in suppressing the rebellion, enlisting in the Fifty-second Regiment, Capt. Bushnell's company, for one hundred days and went at once to the front in West Virginia, and was with his regiment in much

hard service till the expiration of the term of enlistment when he was honorably discharged, having done his duty faithfully at all times whether in camp, or on the march or on the battlefield, and showing excellent qualities for a soldier. While he was thus honorably engaged he was not forgotten at home by his fellow-citizens, who placed his name on the Republican ticket for Sheriff of the county, to which responsible office he was elected in the same fall. By the zeal and sound judgment and wise discretion that he displayed in the discharge of the numerous duties devolving upon him while holding that position he showed himself to be the right man in the right place, and in the fall of 1866 he was re-elected, and served two full terms with distinction. After his retirement from public life Mr. Albin engaged as traveling salesman for the Champion Reaper Company, was with them three years, and at the expiration of that time resumed his old business as a contracting painter, which he has continued to the present time, and has thereby accumulated a comfortable competence.

Mr. Albin's success in life is due in part to the fact that he has a good wife, to whom he was united in marriage in 1850. Her maiden name was Charlotte Wilkes, and she is, like himself, a native of this county, and is a daughter of pioneer parents, Charles and Delitha Wilkes, natives, respectively, of Massachusetts and North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Albin have four children—Belle, Bruce, Rodney and Elmer.

Mr. Albin was a well-known figure on our streets, and his whole course throughout a blameless life that has passed its sixty-fifth milestone has been such as to entitle him to the cordial respect and esteem accorded to him on all hands. It has been his privilege to witness the wonderful growth of this county and of the whole State since his birth, that has transformed the ancient wilderness into a populous and wealthy community, with thriving cities, towns, and villages, and fruitful farms where once stood primeval forests in all their glory, interspersed with open woodlands and beautiful prairies and meadows that were as nature made them when his parents first took up their abode here. Mr. Albin is a popular member of Clarke Lodge, No.

101, A. F. & A. M., Springfield Council No. 17, and of Springfield Chapter No. 48; he is also connected with the G. A. R. as a member of Mitchell Post, No. 45.



JA. BAUMGARDNER. In reviewing the history of the past fifty years and noting the many improvements which have been made in various departments of science and art, that which preserves the lineaments of our loved ones should not pass unnoted. A marked change has taken place in this art and the country is now flooded with photographs, where not many decades since but a few daguerreotypes and ambrotypes were to be seen. It requires mechanical skill and artistic talent to produce pictures which will satisfy the taste of the public in these days, and when we state that the gentleman above named has a fine patronage, it is scarcely necessary to add that he is a master of the art of photography. His studio is pleasant and well furnished, every means being taken by the proprietor to keep up with the times in the conveniences for carrying on this work to the best advantage and adding to the comforts of his patrons.

Mr. Baumgardner is of Swiss lineage, his grandfather having been a native of Berne, Switzerland, in which city he was reared and married. He emigrated to America, settling nine miles north of Lancaster, Ohio, where he was numbered among the pioneers. There his son Henry, the father of our subject, was born. Grandfather Baumgardner died a short time after his settlement in America and his widow ere long removed to Fairfield County, purchasing a tract of land in Berne Township, where she reared her family. She contracted a second matrimonial alliance, becoming the wife of a Mr. Caley. She lived to the age of eighty-five years, dying in the township in which she had resided so long.

The father of our subject was reared on a farm but learned the trade of a blacksmith which he followed some years. He then purchased a farm and is still engaged in farming in Fairfield County. He

married Miss Catherine Crook of that county who has borne him seven children—our subject, Agnes, Hunter H., William, Lizzie, George and Talmage. Both parents are members of the German Reformed Church. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Crook, who was born in 1800 and who died April 27, 1890. He was but a boy when his parents came to the wilds of Ohio and he became one of the pioneers of Berne Township, Fairfield County, where he bought land and tilled the soil. He was very industrious, possessed of sound judgment, and for these reasons accumulated a large amount of this world's goods.

J. A. Baumgardner was born in Berne Township, Fairfield County, January 25, 1851. He was reared on the home farm, like other farmer's sons assisted in farm work and attended the common schools. He remained with his parents until he had reached man's estate and in 1873 went to Iowa, in which State he spent a year. Returning to Ohio he entered a studio at Lancaster in order to learn the art of photography. After serving there eight months his employer sent him to New Lexington, Perry County, to open a gallery. This he did, operating it in their interest sixteen months, after which he engaged in the business on his own account. He remained in that place seven years, after which he came to Springfield, opened a studio and began a business career in this city which has proved remunerative and given him an excellent reputation as an artist and a man of honor in business relations.



JACOB H. HARBINE. This well-known representative of a prominent family in this county, was born at his father's old homestead in Beaver Creek Township, Greene County, and is the son of John and Hetty (Kauffman) Harbine of whom full mention is made in the biography of J. D. Steele which will be found on another page in this ALBUM. He was carefully reared by wise and excellent parents and obtained a good education, attending the High School at Xenia and completing his studies in Oxford University. When twenty-two years of age he and his